

TOWN OF GHENT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 21, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held November 21, 2019 at the Ghent Town Hall, Route 66, Ghent, NY. Supervisor Benvenuto opened the meeting at 7:10 pm with a pledge to the flag.

Present were: Michael Benvenuto	Supervisor
Charles Wood	Councilman
Peter Nelson	Councilman
Patti Matheney	Councilwoman
Mallory Mort	Councilman
Ben Perry	Highway Superintendent
Matthew Cabral	Attorney for Town

Also Present: 4 audience members

MOTION #1 TO OPEN THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort, Nelson

Nays: 0

NO COMMENT

MOTION # 2 TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT AND OPEN MEETING made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort, Nelson

MOTION #3 TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON OCTOBER 10, 2019 AND THE TOWN BOARD MEETING ON OCTOBER 17, 2019 made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort, Nelson

Nays: 0

DEPARTMENTS:

MOTION #4 TO ACCEPT THE ASSESSORS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort

Nays: 0

MOTION #5 TO ACCEPT THE BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort

Nays: 0

MOTION #6 TO ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERK REPORT FOR OCTOBER made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort

Nays: 0

PLANNING, ZONING AND COMMITTEES:

MOTION #7 TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 2, 2019 made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort

Nays: 0

Climate Smart- The lighting at the Highway garage is done, paid receipts have to be submitted to NYSERDA for approval.

MOTION # 8 TO APPROVE TO NEW RFP FOR SOLAR WORK AT THE TOWN GARAGE made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort, Nelson

Nays: 0

MOTION # 9 TO ACCEPT THE HISTORIANS REPORT OCTOBER made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort

Nays: 0

YOUTH PARKS AND RECREATION-

MOTION # 10 TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM CARPET ONE FOR THE FLOORING AT THE WGCC AND REISSUE THE RFP FOR THE ENTRYWAYS WEATHER PERMITTING made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort, Nelson

Nays: 0

MOTION #11 TO ACCEPT THE DCO REPORT FOR AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort

Nays: 0

HIGHWAY:

Took trip to Canada to Everest .We have been busy dealing with little snow - slush storms. We have been doing some ditch work and have been out putting up snow fence. Did some clean up around the facility took load of scrap to scrap yard which I have a check for \$674.38 to be used for future purchases for the Highway Dept. We have been working on the new trailer setting up our leave vac unit which has been tested and works, quit as the weather has not been very nice for us to use it properly. We are gearing up for what is looking to be the beginning of a long winter. The lights in the garage are wonderful and now we can move forward on putting lights on auction for sale what was bad has been dis carded already. Radio antenna replacement due to faulty cable.

MOTION # 12 TO ACCEPT HIGHWAY REPORT made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort
Nays: 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MOTION # 13 TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2019 ON DECEMBER 19, 2019 AT 6:30 PM FOLLOWED A PULBIC HEARING FOR GHENT FIRE COMPANY AT 6:50PM AND CHATHAM FIRE COMPANY AT 6:55 PM made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort
Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 28 FOR THE YEAR 2019:

WHEREAS, RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF GHENT HAVE SUBMITTED A PETITION REQUESTING A SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION FOR STOCKPORT ROAD WITHIN THE TOWN; ANDWHEREAS, STOCKPORT ROAD CURRENTLY HAS NO POSTED SPEED LIMIT AND THEREFORE HAS A DEFAULT SPEED LIMIT OF 55 MPH; ANDWHEREAS, STOCKPORT ROAD IS A CURVING ROADWAY WITH MANY HOUSES AND A PREVALENCE OF CHILDREN; AND WHEREAS, THE GHENT TOWN BOARD HAS DETERMINED THAT A REDUCED AND POSTED SPEED LIMIT FOR STOCKPORT ROAD WOULD IMPROVE SAFETY ON THE ROADWAY. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT, THAT THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY REQUESTS POSTING OF A REDUCED SPEED LIMIT FOR THAT PORTION OF STOCKPORT ROAD LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN OF GHENT; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE SENT TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NYSDOT) AND THE COLUMBIA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD, WITH A REQUEST THAT THE NYSDOT AND THE COLUMBIA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH REVIEWING THIS MATTER, TOWARD THE GOAL THAT THE SPEED LIMIT BE REDUCED AND POSTED AS REQUESTED HEREIN.

MOTION #14 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION # 28 FOR THE YEAR 2019 made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION # 15 FOR THE YEAR 2019:

WHEREAS, RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF GHENT HAVE SUBMITTED A PETITION REQUESTING A SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION FOR PACH ROAD WITHIN THE TOWN; AND WHEREAS, PACH ROAD CURRENTLY HAS NO POSTED SPEED LIMIT AND THEREFORE HAS A DEFAULT SPEED LIMIT OF 55 MPH; AND WHEREAS, THE GHENT TOWN BOARD HAS DETERMINED THAT A REDUCED AND POSTED SPEED LIMIT FOR PACH ROAD WOULD IMPROVE SAFETY ON THE ROADWAY NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT, THAT THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY REQUESTS POSTING OF A REDUCED SPEED LIMIT FOR PACH ROAD LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN OF GHENT; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE SENT TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NYSDOT) AND THE COLUMBIA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD, WITH A REQUEST THAT THE NYSDOT AND THE COLUMBIA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH REVIEWING THIS MATTER, TOWARD THE GOAL THAT THE SPEED LIMIT BE REDUCED AND POSTED AS REQUESTED HEREIN.

MOTION #15 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION # 29 FOR THE YEAR 2019 made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort

Nays: 0

MOTION # 16 TO ACCEPT THE COLUMBIA GREENE HUMANE SOCIETY CONTRACT FOR THE YEAR 2020 made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort

Nays: 0

PAYMENT OF AUDITED BILLS AND ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT:

AUDITED BILLS:

General A \$67646.35

S.L. \$371.23

General B

Highway DB \$76488.42

TOTAL: \$144,506.00

MOTION # 17 TO PAY ALL AUDITED BILLS AND ACCEPT THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort

Nays: 0

No Public Comment

MOTION # 18 TO ADJOURN MEETING MADE AT 8:00 PM made by Councilwoman Matheney seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Matheney, Wood

Nays: 0

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Radley
Town Clerk