

Town of Ghent
Organizational Meeting
January 4, 2021

The Organizational Meeting of the Town Board was held January 4, 2021 via zoom at 11:00am.
Supervisor Benvenuto opened the meeting at 11:00 am.

Present were: Michael Benvenuto	Supervisor
Charles Wood	Councilman
Patti Matheney	Councilwoman
Mallory Mort	Councilman
Koethi Zan	Councilwoman
Ben Perry	Highway Superintendent

RESOLUTION #1 TO SET THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING FOR THE 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 PM. INFORMATIONAL PLANNING AND WORK SESSIONS AT 6PM ON THE 3rd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

MOTION # 1 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #1 made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION #2 FIXING THE SALARIES OF ALL ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS, RATES OF WAGES OF HOURLY EMPLOYEES AND TO SET PAYMENT SCHEDULE OF SAID EMPLOYEES.

MOTION #2 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #2 made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilwoman Zan and approved unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION #3-AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT OF MILEAGE. THE RATE WILL BE .56 CENTS PER MILE FOR THE USE OF THEIR OWN AUTOMOBILES IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES, .16 CENTS PER MILE DRIVEN FOR MEDICAL OR MOVING PURPOSES AND .14 CENTS PER MILE DRIVEN IN SERVICE OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.

MOTION #3 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #3 made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION#4 DESIGNATING THE OFFICAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE TOWN OF GHENT AS THE REGISTER STAR. ALTERNATEWILL BE THE COLUMBIA PAPER.

MOTION #4 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #4 made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION#5 DESIGNATING THE BANK OF GREENE COUNTY CHATHAM BRANCH AS THE OFFICAL DEPOSITORY FOR THE TOWN FUNDS AND THE COMMUNITY BANK, CHATHAM BRANCH AS ALTERNATE DEPOSITORIES.

MOTION #5 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #5 made by Councilwoman Zan, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #6 AUTHORIZING THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO MAKE PURCHASES WITHOUT TOWN BOARD APPROVAL NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000 EACH.

MOTION #6 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #6 made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Zan and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #7 TO EMPOWER THE SUPERVISOR TO MAKE EARLY PAYMENT OF UTILTY, POSTAGE, ACCOUNTING BILLS AND MEDICAL INSURANCE PREMIUM.

MOTION #7 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #7 made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #8 AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICERS TO ENDORSE CHECKS.

MOTION #8 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #8 made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilwoman Zan and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #9 TO ESTABLISH AN INVESTMENT POLICY

MOTION #9 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #9 made by Councilwoman Zan, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #10 NAMING ANY INTERESTED TOWN BOARD OFFICAL AS DELGATE TO THE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS ANNUAL MEETING AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF HIS ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES.

MOTION #10 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #10 made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #11 ESTABLISHING A PETTY CASH FUND OF \$200.00 FOR THE CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR.

MOTION# 11 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #11 made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #12 AUTHORIZING A \$2.00 SERVICE CHARGE TO COVER THE EXPENSE OF MAILING OUT A NOTICE OF DELIQUENCY TO TAXPAYERS.

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

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

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #13 TO MAKE VARIOUS APPOINTMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2021 RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN BOARD

MOTION #13 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION # 13 made by Councilwoman Zan, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #14 THE TOWN BOARD HAS AUTHORIZATION AND DISCRETION TO APPOINT ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE TOWN OF GHENT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND TOWN OF GHENT PLANNING BOARD. APPOINTMENTS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AS ALTERNATES ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN, PLANNING BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN. APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT AS ALTERNATES ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, ZONING BOARD CHAIRMAN , ZONING BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN.

MOTION #14 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #14 made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION #15 TO REAPPOINT STEPHANIE LAZAR TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD AND FERN FLECKMAN AND JACK FENN TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Zan and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Zan, Matheney, Mort
Nays: 0

MOTION #16 TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:25 AM made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilman Wood, approved unanimously.
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Zan, Matheney, Mort
Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Radley