

Town of Norfolk
Norfolk Town Board
March 12, 2012

A monthly meeting of the Norfolk Town Board was held on Monday, March 12, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Norfolk Town Hall.

Present were Supervisor Charles Pernice, Deputy Supervisor Kevin Enslow, Councilman Donald Purvis, Councilwoman Jean Gang and Councilman Robert Harvey.

PLEDGE

The pledge was said by all present.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Pernice called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*The minutes of the previous Town Board meeting of February 13, 2012 were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Councilman Harvey. All in Favor – Carried

*The minutes of the informational meeting on the West Hatfield Water Project held on February 13, 2012 were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Harvey. All in Favor – Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Mr. Billy White and Mr. Peter Darabon of the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department were present and asked the Board again about the status of the guard rails required by NYS Regulations to be installed on Clinton Street. If this is not done, the Fire Departments racing team will not be able to continue to practice or race and they will be forced to eliminate their Labor Day fundraiser. Supervisor Pernice stated that many of the users of the arena are against having the guard rails installed and parking is an issue already. There was much discussion on the issue. Costs are a concern. The Board does not want the installation to cost the taxpayers in any way. Mr. White stated they have all of the guard rails, the necessary parts and that Mr. Mickey Fiacco will do the installation. He has the plans. There was more discussion.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Enslow and Councilman Purvis to approve the installation of the guard rails on Clinton Street on a trial basis for one year with no cost to the taxpayers and per the engineer's drawings.

All in Favor – Carried

REPORTS

*Monthly Police Report: The monthly report of Police Officer in Charge Scott Bennett was reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Harvey. All in Favor – Carried

Officer Bennett had submitted a letter with his report with information on the purchase of a new police vehicle. Supervisor Pernice stated he has researched vehicles available as well. The choices and figures were reviewed. Councilwoman Gang stated that if the cost exceeds the amount budgeted, there is some money available in the Police Equipment Budget to cover the remainder. A motion was made by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Harvey to approve the purchase of a Dodge Charger. All in Favor – Carried

Officer Bennett also requested that three cadets be approved for sponsorship in the Academy. This was approved with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Enslow and Councilman Harvey. All in Favor – Carried

*Monthly Court Report: The monthly report of the Norfolk Justice Court was reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor

Supervisor Pernice noted that the Norfolk Court has dropped to fifth in the County.

*Monthly Town Clerk Report: The monthly report of Town Clerk Kathy Emlaw was reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Enslow. All in Favor – Carried

*Monthly Code Enforcement Report: The monthly report of CEO Leonard Halpern was reviewed and approved with a motion by Councilman Harvey and Deputy Supervisor Enslow. All in Favor – Carried

Councilman Harvey asked Mr. Halpern about the two shops in Town and the number of parked cars located there. CEO Halpern stated that the one on West Main Street is in compliance and the one on SH 56 is not. He will be contacting the owner of the one on SH 56.

Councilman Harvey also asked about the house on Remington Ave. CEO Halpern stated that it has been cleaned up to the Judges order and is secured. Councilman Harvey also asked about the Debien property in Raymondville that is collapsing. CEO Halpern stated he sent them a notice in December and has not received any response. There was discussion on this. Mr. Halpern has spoken with the Town Attorney on the issue. Supervisor Pernice stated that the Attorney stated it is not the Town's responsibility.

*Monthly Dog Control Report: the monthly report of Dog Control Officer Matt Kroeger was reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Enslow and Councilman Harvey. All in Favor – Carried

*Monthly Highway Report: Highway Superintendent Larry Villnave stated that one of his employees will be retiring on May 10, 2012 and he would like to hire a mechanic to begin working on March 26, 2012. A motion was made by Supervisor Pernice and Councilwoman Gang to approve the hiring of an employee to fill the position of mechanic to begin work on March 26, 2012 when Mr. Villnave completes the interview process. All in Favor – Carried

Roadside Tractor: Mr. Villnave stated that money has been budgeted to purchase a roadside tractor with a boom mower on it for this year. There is no state contract pricing available and Mr. Villnave would like to put out for bids. He stated that last years state contract price on the equipment was \$77,000.00. There was discussion on the use and details of the equipment. Councilman Harvey asked if the equipment could be rented instead of buying it. Mr. Villnave stated that rental is very expensive. A motion was made to approve getting bids on the equipment by Councilwoman Gang and Supervisor Pernice. All in Favor – Carried

Mower: Mr. Villnave stated that the crew lost the rear end in one of the mowers last year and that money has been budgeted for a new mower. A 60” mower will cost approximately \$12,000.00. There was discussion. A motion was made to approve the purchase of the new mower by Supervisor Pernice and Councilman Harvey. All in Favor – Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was not required at this time.

ACTION ITEMS

*Clean Up: There was discussion among the Board on whether or not to continue the Spring Clean up days. A motion was made by Councilman Purvis and Councilwoman Gang to approve having it this year. All voted yes except Deputy Supervisor Enslow who voted no. Carried

Mr. Villnave stated it will be held on Thursday May 3rd, Friday May 4th, and ½ of Saturday May 5th.

*Public Hearing on the West Hatfield Water Project: A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Enslow and Councilman Purvis to approve the scheduling of a public hearing of the West Hatfield Water Project for March 26, 2012 at 6:00 PM. All in Favor – Carried

*Planning Board Appointment: Supervisor Pernice has received notification from Mr. Greg Hart expressing interest in becoming a member of the Planning Board.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis to approve the appointment. All in Favor – Carried

*Housing Authority Appointment: Supervisor Pernice has received notification from Natalie Todd expressing interest in becoming a member of the Housing Authority. A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Enslow and Councilwoman Gang to approve the appointment. All in Favor – Carried

*AED Purchase: Supervisor Pernice has researched pricing on AEDs and found two for \$2250.00 which includes a 1st responder kit, signs, and a wall mounted box with alarms and has a 5 yr. battery life. Deputy Supervisor Enslow has also checked on pricing and found them to be around \$1300.00 each. A motion was made by Councilman Harvey and Deputy Supervisor Enslow to purchase two AEDs for the arena and town hall for \$2250.00. All in Favor – Carried

COUNCIL COMMENTS

*Deputy Supervisor Enslow noted that the newly renovated ball field in Raymondville is scheduled for use April 1, 2012. He will get it ready and set up for use. He also noted that a NYS Hockey Tournament was held at the arena a few weeks ago and it was a great success. He received many compliments from city teams on what a great facility we have here for a small town. Also the recent Ice Show was a success.

*Supervisor Pernice noted that the Hockey Association is raising funds for the Richards boy who just had brain surgery.

APPROVE PAYING OF BILLS

A motion was made by Councilman Harvey and Deputy Supervisor Enslow to approve payment of claims #31 – 48 in the amount of \$21,189.15 for the Highway Abstract and claims #117 – 187 in the amount of \$51,476.48 for the Regular Abstract. All in Favor – Carried

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned with a motion made by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Enslow. All in Favor – Carried

Supervisor – Charles Pernice
Deputy Supervisor – Kevin Enslow
Councilman – Donald Purvis
Councilwoman – Jean Gang
Councilman – Robert Harvey

Dated: March 12, 2012
Kathy M. Emlaw – Norfolk Town Clerk