

Town of Norfolk
Norfolk Town Board
September 08, 2014

The Norfolk Town Board held a monthly meeting on Monday, September 08, 2014 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 of Allegiance was said by all present.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Pernice called the meeting to order.

SEWER PROJECT

Town Engineer Aaron Jarvis gave an update on the sewer project. The expenditures of the project to date were reviewed and discussed. He noted that progress is good and they have been pouring a lot of concrete. Mr. Jarvis also noted that T. J. Fiacco is under budget with contract 5 and there was discussion on other repairs that can be added to the project. T. J. Fiacco is getting some estimates on repairs to some manholes.

Change order #2 to Contract 5: T.J. Fiacco has been delayed installing the grinder pumps due to problems acquiring easements. An alternate route is being researched on Mrs. Enache's property in order to stay off of the neighbor's property. There was discussion on the time frame and aspects of the project. A motion was made by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Harvey to approve a thirty day extension to the contract with T. J. Fiacco. All in Favor – Carried

Approve Payment of Bills to Date: A motion was made by Councilman Harvey and Councilwoman Gang to approve payment of \$3,165.00 to Pease and Gustafson, LLP for Legal and Bond Counsel; \$33,000.00 to Tisdale Associates for Engineering Services; 403,943.51 to Danko

Construction Corporation for Contract 1; \$147,569.20 to Perras Excavating, Inc. for Contract 2; \$5,092.00 to Watson Electric, Inc. for Contract 4; \$341,010.84 to T. J. Fiacco Construction, LLC for Contract 5; and \$5965.00 to Atlantic Testing Laboratories, Ltd. For testing. All in Favor – Carried

POTSDAM HUMANE SOCIETY

Ms. Alysia Maynard and Mr. Tim Donahue of the Potsdam Humane Society reviewed the new contract for 2015 between the Town and the shelter. Supervisor Pernice noted that it is a 15% increase over the 20% increase of the 2014 contract. Ms. Maynard and Mr. Donahue discussed new programs and noted that they are trying to keep the costs down as much as possible and fair among the Town's that use the shelter. The fees are based on the number of dogs brought into the shelter. There was discussion.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Harvey to approve the 2015 Contract with the Potsdam Humane Society in the amount of \$8,475.00. All in Favor – Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 11, 2014 Town Board meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Councilman Harvey. All in Favor – Carried

The minutes of the September 04, 2014 Town Board Budget Work Session were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Harvey and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

*Cook Street Water: Supervisor Pernice gave an update on the Cook Street Water Project. It is a vital project. The next step is to complete the application to get the costs. A Motion was made by Councilman Harvey and Councilman Purvis to spend up to \$1,000.00 for water testing. All in Favor – Carried

*Solar Project: Supervisor Pernice noted that the forms are up and ready to pour for the first stage of the project. The engineer moved the base as it was not originally located in the right area.

REPORTS

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

*Monthly Dog Control Report: The monthly report of Back up Dog Control Officer Jim McKonky was reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Harvey and Deputy Supervisor Enslow. All in Favor – Carried

*Monthly Code Enforcement Report: The monthly report of Code Enforcement Officer Leonard Halpern was reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Councilman Harvey. All in Favor – Carried

*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

*Verbal Highway Report: Highway Superintendent Larry Villnave was not present due to illness.

COMMUNICATIONS

*St. Lawrence County Self Insurance Plan: Supervisor Pernice noted that Workman's Compensation insurance for Fire and Police is now covered through the County and will save the Town money.

*Grant: A grant in the amount of \$5,785.80 has been acquired by Supervisor's Secretary Rita Lavigne from Creating Health Places to purchase a wooden boat for the Raymondville playground. The Town will need to provide rubber mulch to go around it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was not required at this time.

ACTION ITEMS

*Resignation of Marvin J. Laffin: A motion was made by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Enslow to accept the resignation of Marvin J. Laffin from the Police Department. All in Favor – Carried

COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no council comments at this time.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Vouchers #131 – 139 in the amount of \$11,701.24 for the Highway Abstract and vouchers #556 – 627 in the amount of \$875,945.28 for the Regular Abstract were approved for payment with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Enslow and Councilman Harvey. All in Favor – Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Denise Dorey of the Tiernan Ridge Road asked the Board about the complaint filed by Barb White concerning a hay elevator that is parked next to the road on her property. The complaint was filed formally by letter to the Supervisor. Supervisor Pernice stated that the elevator is located in the Town Right of Way and is governed by Highway Law section 319. He offered to give Ms. Dorey a copy of the law and stated that he turned the issue over to Highway Superintendent Larry Villnave. There was discussion. Ms. Dorey asked if there have been any more complaints. Councilman Harvey stated that he feels she should move the elevator as it is a safety hazard.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Councilman Harvey. All in Favor – Carried

Supervisor – Charles Pernice

Deputy Supervisor – Kevin Enslow

Councilman – Donald Purvis

Dated: September 08, 2014

Councilwoman – Jean Gang

Kathy M. Emlaw – Norfolk Town Clerk

Councilman – Robert Harvey