

Town of Norfolk
Norfolk Town Board
July 12, 2017

The Norfolk Town Board held a monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 07:00 PM at the Norfolk Town Hall.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Pernice called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*The minutes of the 06/14/2017 Town Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Harvey and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

*The minutes of the 06/20/2017 Public Informational Meeting on the Cook Street Water Project were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Harvey. All in Favor – Carried

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

*Cook Street Water Project: The Amended Order Establishing Hearing On Water District Pursuant To The Town Law Of The State Of New York was reviewed and adopted with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Paige. All in Favor – Carried

Supervisor Pernice noted that 55.6% of assessed property owners have signed a petition. The hearing has been scheduled for 07/26/2017 at 06:00 PM at the Norfolk Town Hall. The Town Clerk will submit the paperwork to the Courier.

REPORTS

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

Supervisor Pernice noted that Corey Williams would like to be re-hired by the Norfolk Police Department to work part time. There was discussion. This was approved with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Harvey and Councilman Paige. All in Favor – Carried

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

*Monthly Dog Control Report: The monthly report of Dog Control Officer Adam Smith was reviewed. There was discussion. The Board may decide to look for a back-up Dog Control Officer. The report was approved as submitted with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Harvey and Councilman Purvis. 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 Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Paige. All in Favor – Carried

2nd Court Clerk: Supervisor Pernice noted that a background check was conducted on Kristin Molnar and was good. There was discussion on the hours she will work. A motion was made by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Paige to approve hiring her for 15 hours a week at \$11.00 per hour for a 6 month probationary period and revisiting the issue of the hours in a month. All in Favor – Carried

*Highway Verbal Report: Acting Highway Superintendent Peter Darabon noted that the County is behind in paving due to all of the rain.

Mr. Darabon asked for approval to move Austin Ames from part time to full time to replace Tom Frego. There was discussion. The position will be 40 hours at \$12.00 per hour with health benefits after 6 months and with one year probation. This was approved with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Harvey and Councilman Paige. All in Favor – Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was not required at this time.

COMMUNICATINS

*National Grid Rate Increase: Supervisor Pernice reviewed a Public Service Commission letter concerning a proposal for rate increases for National Grid. They are looking for input. There was discussion.

ACTION ITEMS

*Bids for Front Steps: The low bid for the replacement of the front steps was for \$25,580.00 from Lupini Construction. There was discussion. The bid was awarded to Lupini Construction with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Harvey. All in Favor – Carried

*Water / Sewer Refund: Supervisor Pernice reviewed a request from Matt and Molly Trim to credit the water / sewer billing for 2017 for their 55 South Main Street property. The home is being remodeled and the water was shut off on 07/11/2017. There was discussion. The credit was approved with a motion by Councilman Paige and Deputy Supervisor Harvey. All in Favor – Carried

COUNCIL COMMENTS

*Deputy Supervisor Harvey asked Mr. Darabon about trimming an oak tree on Fairlawn Ave.

*Councilman Paige asked about having the County paint the lines for the sidewalks on the bridge. There was discussion. Mr. Darabon will look into it.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The July Abstract of vouchers in the amount of \$87,368.29 was reviewed and approved for payment with a motion by Councilman Paige and Deputy Supervisor Harvey. All in Favor – Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Mrs. Sherry Smith of 42 Woodland Drive spoke to the Board about a drainage problem in her basement. Several of her neighbors were also present. The gully behind her house is falling in and eroding. She has had some work done to repair the gully. With the recent rains her basement flooded and has never flooded before. Mr. Darabon went down to look into the issue to be sure the problem was not on Town property. There is a catch basin in the road and it has two lines going into it. A pipe from it apparently runs through Mrs. Smith's property and drains in the gully behind her house. Mr. Darabon was able to unplug the line treating the issue as an emergency and the water is no longer in Mrs. Smith's basement. Supervisor Pernice is doing some research on the

location of the lines and right of ways as the Town cannot legally work on private property. There was much discussion. Mrs. Smith was not happy and did not want to speak with Supervisor Pernice. Supervisor Pernice told her that it may take a few days to get more information as the system was installed by Mr. Frank Danko approximately 50 years ago.

*Town Justice Don Lustyik asked the Board about having the elevator repaired as it sometimes does not work properly. It is supposed to be inspected annually and it will be looked into.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Supervisor – Charles Pernice

Deputy Supervisor – Robert Harvey

Councilman – Donald Purvis

Councilwoman – Jean Gang

Councilman – Paul Paige

Dated: July 12, 2017

Kathy M. Emlaw – Norfolk Town Clerk

