

Town of Norfolk
Norfolk Town Board
November 08, 2017

The Norfolk Town Board held a monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 08, 2017 at 07:00 PM at the Norfolk Town Hall.

Present were Supervisor Charles Pernice, Deputy Supervisor Robert Harvey, Councilman Donald Purvis, 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 October 11, 2017 Town Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Deputy Supervisor Harvey. All in Favor – Carried

*The minutes of the October 11, 2017 Budget Work Session were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Harvey and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

*The minutes of the October 23, 2017 Special Meeting of the Town Board were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Deputy Supervisor Harvey. All in Favor – Carried

Karen Bage: Complete Streets

Ms. Karen Bage of the St. Lawrence County Health Initiative and Ms. Nicole Allen of the Leberge Group presented a new chapter to the Town's Community Development Plan pertaining to completing streets within the town. There was discussion. The new chapter will be reviewed and adopted by resolution at the next meeting.

Supervisor Pernice noted that he has not yet received any information from NY State on the River Road speed reduction.

Kevin Feuka: Cook St. Water Project Update

Mr. Feuka showed the board a map of all of the projects progress to date. There was discussion. He noted that he feels the crew is working slowly. Deputy Supervisor Harvey noted that there has been lots of ground water which may have set them back. Mr. Feuka stated that the projected finish date for the project is December 8th. Some residents are already hooked up to Massena water.

Mr. Feuka also tried to explain to the board how the increase in his contract has been set up. The board approved an increase of \$20,000.00 at the October 23rd special meeting. In addition to that amount, there is a \$25,000.00 increase in the connection fee with the Village of Massena that will be taken out of the Contingency fund for the project. This will not increase the cost of the project at all. There was discussion. A decision on this was tabled.

Supervisor's Update

*Tiernan Ridge Road Bridge: Supervisor Pernice asked acting Highway Superintendent Peter Darabon to give an update on the Tiernan Ridge Road Bridge Project. Mr. Darabon stated that the fill in will be completed tomorrow.

Reports

*Monthly Police Report: The monthly report of the Norfolk Police Department was reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Paige and Deputy Supervisor Harvey. 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 Councilman Purvis and Councilman Paige. 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 and approved as submitted with reservation with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilman Paige and Deputy Supervisor Harvey to go into an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person, or matters leading to the dismissal or removal of a particular person. All in Favor – Carried

The meeting reconvened and no action was taken at this time.

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

*Verbal Highway Report: Mr. Darabon had nothing to report at this time.

Communications

There were no communications at this time.

Action Items

*Approve the 2018 Budget: A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Harvey and Councilman Paige to approve the 2018 budget as modified. All in Favor – Carried

*Proposal for Wireless Panic System Installation: There was discussion on purchasing a wireless panic system for the Police Department and the Justice Court. The cost will be approximately \$900.00. The purchase was approved with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Deputy Supervisor Harvey. All in Favor – Carried

*Approve Re-levies: A motion was made by Councilman Paige and Deputy Supervisor Harvey to approve the re-levy of unpaid water and sewer from 2016 and 2017 to the 2018 Town and County taxes in the following amounts:

Norfolk Water: \$33,759.00

Water Extension: \$28,097.00

Norfolk Sewer: \$43,406.00

Louisville Water: \$7265.73

All in Favor – Carried

*Approve T.J. Fiacco's Invoice: A motion was made by Councilman Paige and Councilman Purvis to approve the payment of \$20,777.00 to T.J. Fiacco for the removal of the Tiernan Ridge Bridge. All in Favor – Carried

*Resignation: A letter of resignation has been received from Gary Bandy from the Planning Board. There was discussion. A decision was tabled with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Councilman Paige. All in Favor – Carried

*Resolution #14 of 2017: A resolution to approve a budget modification for the Highway DB fund increasing appropriation 5114.04 General Repairs \$21,000.00 and increasing revenue 1120.4 Sales Tax \$21,000.00 was made by Councilman Paige and Deputy Supervisor Harvey. All in Favor – Carried

*Appointment: A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Harvey and Councilman Purvis to appoint James McConkey as the Dog Control Officer. All in Favor – Carried

*Termination: A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Harvey and Councilman Purvis to terminate Adam Smith as Dog Control Officer. All in Favor – Carried

Council Comments

*Deputy Supervisor Harvey asked acting Highway Superintendent Peter Darabon about the Tiernan Ridge Bridge project. There was discussion on guard rails and binder and more improvements to be completed next year.

Approval of Bills

The November Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$353,501.62 was reviewed and approved for payment with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Harvey and Councilman Paige. All in Favor – Carried

Public Comments

*Mr. Keith LaDue of Raymondville stated that with the removal of the Tiernan Ridge Bridge, the Town has landlocked his property. He noted that a cement culvert should have been installed. He was using the old railroad bed as a right of way to get to his property. There was discussion. Deputy Supervisor Harvey noted that he did not understand Mr. LaDue's complaint. There was more discussion. Supervisor Pernice noted that he was advised by the Town

Attorney to go ahead with the project. Mr. LaDue stated he will be talking to his attorney.

*Mr. Angus LaDue asked the board for a reduction in his water/sewer bill as he has four apartments that are vacant. There was discussion. Mr. LaDue did not know for sure how much money he was requesting be reduced. Supervisor Pernice noted that the Water Ordinance states that no reductions in billings will be granted unless the water has been shut off. There was more discussion.

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

Councilman – Paul Paige

Dated: November 08, 2017

Kathy M. Emlaw – Norfolk Town Clerk