

Town of Norfolk
Norfolk Town Board

April 10, 2019

The Norfolk Town Board held a monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at the Norfolk Town Hall at 07:00 PM.

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

PLEDGE

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 March 13, 2019 Town Board meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Supervisor Pernice had no updates to share at this time.

REPORTS

***Police:** The monthly report of Officer in Charge Dan Holmes was reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Councilman Paige. All in Favor – Carried

Officer Holmes noted that the grant for the new vehicle has been approved. Officer Colon explained that the grant is for \$17,000.00 in cash and a loan for \$20,000.00.

Councilman Purvis noted that the trucks are speeding down Main Street again. The Police will look into it. Supervisor Pernice suggested that they put the speed trailer out.

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

Councilman Paige asked a question on how the Planning Board voted on a zoning issue. CEO Halpern explained the vote.

Councilwoman Gang asked about the zoning request on West Main St. There was discussion about the resident selling items and putting out a sign. CEO Halpern noted that the resident is planning to file an Article 78 concerning the decision of the Zoning Board.

***Town Clerk:** The monthly report of Town Clerk Kathy Emlaw was reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Paige and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

***Dog Control:** The monthly report of Dog Control Officer Jim McConkey was reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Paige. All in Favor – Carried

Councilwoman Gang asked if DCO McConkey's reports could be typed. Supervisor Pernice noted he will ask him.

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

Supervisor Pernice noted that the Court Clerks have been chasing down unpaid fines and the amount of the report has increased.

***Highway Verbal:** Highway Superintendent Peter Darabon reported that the Town will not receive any extra CHIPS funds this year for the Extreme Winter Recovery program unless Governor Cuomo adjusts the budget. The Highway Crew has repaired a water leak on the bridge. The sludge at the sewer plant is too thick. Steve Siddon is looking into that issue. The Highway Crew has repaired four water shut offs. The new lawn mower is in. Mr. Darabon also asked for approval to reimburse St. Lawrence Gas \$175.00 for

training on May 2nd. (\$25.00 per Crew Member) A motion was made to approve this by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Paige.
All in Favor – Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Paige and Councilwoman Gang to go into an Executive Session to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation.
All in Favor – Carried

The meeting reconvened and no action was taken.

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Pernice had no communications to share at this time.

ACTION ITEMS

*Resignation: A motion was made by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis to accept the resignation of Lucas Smith from the Police Department.
All in Favor – Carried

*Donation: A motion was made by Councilman Purvis and Councilman Paige to approve a maintenance donation in the amount of \$250.00 to the Hale Cemetery. All in Favor – Carried

*Appointment: A motion was made by Councilman Paige and Councilman Purvis to approve the appointment of Martin Bregg to the Zoning Board.
All in Favor – Carried

COUNCIL COMMENTS

*Councilwoman Gang asked Mr. Darabon if he has looked into the possibility of installing a walking path on River Road. Mr. Darabon noted that he is looking into it. There was discussion.

*Councilman Purvis has received complaints about the dog poop on Furnace Street. There was discussion. Officer Colon noted he will check with DCO McConkey and look into it. Councilwoman Gang noted that residents are letting their dogs loose in the ballpark too. Supervisor Pernice asked if there are “No Dogs” signs at the ballpark. There was discussion. Supervisor

Pernice also noted that the Highway Crew will be cleaning up the downtown park before the scheduled Easter Egg Hunt.

*Councilman Purvis also noted that the Housing Authority has purchased a new generator for 3 High Street. The gas line is located near the well building. The Housing Authority will have their own meter but will be hooking into the gas line.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Supervisor Pernice noted that there are two abstracts to review and approve this month due to the Bookkeeper's vacation. The abstract of vouchers for April, 2019 in the amounts of \$48,109.81 and \$34,747.84 were reviewed and approved for payment with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Todd Murray asked the Board about his Building Permit that was issued and then revoked. There was discussion. The permit is not revoked so Mr. Murray gave the refund check back to the Town. Mr. Murray noted that the reason given for revoking the permit was that he did not have 100 ft. of road frontage. That requirement could not be found in the code book so the issuance of the permit remained valid. The property is located on VanKennan Road. This is not a road that is maintained by the Town of Norfolk. Mr. Murray noted that he has had contact with the County Engineer who stated that the VanKennan Road is a Town road. There was more discussion. Supervisor Pernice stated he has done research on the issue and the road was never taken over by the Town therefore it cannot be abandoned if it was never dedicated. Mr. Murray would like to trim some brush on the sides of the road to make access easier and would like clarification of who does own it. There was much discussion and the issue was not resolved.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Dated: April 10, 2019

Kathy M. Emlaw – Norfolk Town Clerk

