

Town of Norfolk  
Norfolk Town Board  
August 14, 2019

The Norfolk Town Board held a monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 07:00 PM at the Norfolk Town Hall.

Present were Supervisor Charles Pernice, Councilwoman Jean Gang, Deputy Supervisor Robert Harvey, 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 July 10, 2019 Town Board meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Harvey. All in Favor – Carried

**SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE**

Supervisor Pernice noted that SLIC Network Solutions has filed a lawsuit with the Town to obtain a lower assessment. Town Attorney Eric Gustafson represents other Towns and is working with the County to fight this. The franchise is eight years old now and they would like to reduce the taxes. There was discussion.

**REPORTS**

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

Officer in Charge Dan Holmes explained the current Stone guard Project. The Department will obtain \$22,000.00 in funds through the project next year.

Councilwoman Gang asked about the previous Neighborhood Watch meeting. Two residents showed up and nobody was there. Officer Holmes explained the mix up. The next meeting will be on 09/04/2019 at 06:00 PM at the Raymondville Hall.

Supervisor Pernice noted that the Department is not tracking annual hours for Civil Service requirements instead of twenty hours weekly.

Officer Holmes noted that struts are being replaced on one of the vehicles. The parts are warrantied but not the labor.

Officer Holmes asked about obtaining a track phone for the Patrolmen to carry when on duty. This would enable residents to call the Police directly and not have to go through dispatch. There was discussion. A decision was tabled.

**\*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

Councilwoman Gang asked if the Town will have any liability if the Debien house in Raymondville were to fall on another property. Supervisor Pernice stated he has spoken with the Town Attorney and the Town will not have any liability.

There was discussion on the issue of the buses on S. Main Street.

**\*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 DCO Jim McConkey was reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Harvey and Councilman Paige. All in Favor – Carried

Councilwoman Gang noted she would like to see more details on the report. Supervisor Pernice will speak to DCO McConkey about it.

**\*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

Supervisor Pernice noted that Town Justice Grubee would like to hire and train another part time Court Clerk for 15 hours per week. One Clerk is working evenings now for 15 hours per week and the other is working daytime for 29 hours per week. If the daytime Clerk takes a vacation, there will not be anyone to do the work. There was discussion. Supervisor Pernice noted he will get the approval of Town Justice Wilcox then proceed.

**\*Verbal Highway Report:** Highway Superintendent Peter Darabon noted that the paving will be completed on Thursday and he thanked Officer Holmes for the Police assistance with traffic control. Some of the Neighborhood Watch Program signs have been installed and the rest will be done soon. The Crew has repaired a water break on Furnace Street and they have been working at the Sewer Plant to get it ready for inspection. There was discussion on repairs still needed. Mr. Darabon recently went to Rochester for a pre-inspection on the new truck. There were a few changes needed. He asked the Board what they would like to do with the three phase generator that the Town received from the school three years ago. There was discussion.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was not required at this time.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications to share at this time.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**\*Alan Sweet Water Bill:** Supervisor Pernice reviewed a letter from Mr. Sweet requesting a reduction in is water extension billing for a property he purchased in March 2019 and located at 45 Grantville Road. The property has been vacant for a few years and Mr. Sweet did not rent it until July. A motion was made by Councilman Paige and Councilwoman Gang to approve crediting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters of 2019. All in Favor – Carried

**\*Bass master Donation:** A donation request from Bass master was reviewed. There was discussion. A donation was denied.

**\*Sewer Rates:** Supervisor Pernice shared a handout with the Board to review on Sewer. He noted that the past few year's revenues for Sewer have not been adequate and fund balances have been used to offset expenses. There was discussion on increasing sewer rates.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

There were no further Council comments at this time.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

The August Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$43,197.62 was reviewed and approved for payment with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Harvey and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor – Carried

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no Public comments at this time.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Supervisor – Charles Pernice  
Deputy Supervisor – Robert Harvey  
Councilwoman – Jean Gang  
Councilman – Paul Paige

Dated: August 14, 2019

Kathy M. Emlaw – Norfolk Town Clerk