

Town of Norfolk
Norfolk Town Board Meeting
July 08, 2020

The Norfolk Town Board held its Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, July 08, 2020 at 3:00 PM at the Norfolk Town Hall.

Present were Supervisor Charles Pernice, Councilman Donald Purvis, Councilwoman Jean Gang, and Councilman Paul Paige. Deputy Supervisor Robert Harvey was not present.

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 6/10/2020 Town Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor – Carried

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

- Supervisor Pernice gave an update on the water usage issue that occurred and referred to the letter put together by Steve Siddon – Town of Norfolk Water & Sewer Plant Operator, that described the situation further. Key points:
 - Daily water usage of 512,000 gallons occurred on June 18th/19th creating a critical situation. Normal daily average usage is 220,000 gallons.... (~ 300 gal per household per day)
 - Thorough effort and resources were dedicated to searching for leaks in the system that could have accounted for the spike in usage. None were found.
 - It was determined that the extended time of hot and dry weather accounted for the spike in usage.

- There was discussion and ideas about how to better communicated the need for water conservation during times like this to residents in the future.
- There was also discussion about the potential to implement a water metering system. Most communities have already installed meters. The initial cost (~\$500,000) has been a key consideration in the past for not doing the project, however, it may become unavoidable in the future if usage that exceeds safe levels becomes a more frequent reality.

REPORTS

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

- Councilman Purvis brought up the hazardous situation with the commercial trucks speeding down through W. Main Street in both directions. Requested that Police Chief Dan Holmes adjust the duty schedule to have officers on duty occasionally to address the problem.

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

*Monthly Town Clerk Report: The monthly report of Town Clerk Jill Molnar was reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Paige. All in Favor – Carried

*Monthly Dog Control Report: The monthly report of Dog Control Officer James McConkey was reviewed and approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

*Monthly Court Report: The monthly report of the Court was reviewed and approved with a motion by Councilman Paige and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

*Verbal Highway Report: Highway Superintendent Peter Darabon noted the following:

- Culvert work continues. ~ 1,000 ft of culvert has been replaced so far this year. There are 6 driveways still to be done.
- They will start making asphalt mulch soon. Shoulder machine coming next week.
- Paving work for the year has been completed.
 - Councilwoman Gang asked about the condition of River Road and if anything would be done this season. Highway Superintendent Darabon noted that paving funds have been used for this year. He also noted that there are three (3) box culverts under River Road that need to be considered.
 - Supervisor Pernice noted that there was no new news regarding status of CHIPS funds.
 - Councilman Paige brought up the poor condition of the Furnace Street bridge. Some spots are so worn that the wire mesh is expose. Supervisor Pernice noted that the County has been notified of the situation.
 - Highway Superintendent Darabon noted that Sober Street is in rough shape also. It was crack sealed in 2014. Word has it that The Norwood Salt Barn (Mike Knowlton) had gotten both the county and state contracts for salt this upcoming season. The resulting increased truck traffic is a concern.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ACTION ITEMS

* Acceptance of Natalie (Todd) LaBarge's resignation from the Town Zoning Board of Appeals was approved with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor - Carried

* Proposed Local Law #2 of 2020 to Regulate Solar Energy Facilities in the Town was approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Supervisor Pernice. All in Favor – Carried.

* Agreement to retain Pease and Gustafson as legal counsel for the Town of Norfolk in matters related North Side Energy’s Solar Energy Project (all costs to be paid by North Side Energy) was approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Councilman Paige. All in Favor - Carried

* Authorization for Barton & Loguidice to provide Engineering Services to review and evaluate the potential environmental, engineering and socio-economic impacts associated with the construction and operation of the 180-megawatt (MW) photovoltaic (PV) solar energy generation facility being proposed by NextEra Energy Recourses, LLC (North Side Energy’s Solar Energy Project) in the Towns of Norfolk, Massena and Brasher (all costs to be paid by North Side Energy) was approved with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor - Carried

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The July Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$ **48,607.58** was reviewed and approved for payment with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Dated: July 09, 2020

Jill M. Molnar – Norfolk Town Clerk