

Town of Norfolk
Norfolk Town Board Meeting
March 11, 2020

The Norfolk Town Board held its Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7:00 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 2/12/2020 Town Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Councilman Harvey. All in Favor – Carried

The minutes of the 2/12/2020 Public Hearing for Local Law #1-2020 Cold War Veterans Exemption were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Harvey. All in Favor – Carried

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

- Supervisor Pernice noted that the owner of the Norfolk Bakery has reached an agreement with the county regarding back taxes on the property and intends to keep the business open at it's current location at 1 South Main Street.
- Supervisor Pernice also noted that a water main break had occurred and was repaired by the highway crew on Grantville Road in Raymondville. There was discussion and general agreement amongst

the board members acknowledging that the water main that runs from Highway 56 under the river to River Road needs to be assessed for viability. A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Harvey that we hire resources to see what the existing situation is and recommend options accordingly. There was discussion. No second was made and no action was taken.

REPORTS

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

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

- ✓ A water main break on Grantville Road had been fixed.
- ✓ 2 pumps @ HWY 56 Pumpstation failed and are back up and running (rebuilt the pumps rather than buying new at a substantial cost savings).
- ✓ Had to fix the blowers that push air through the digesters at the sewer treatment plant again.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Massena Library's intention to establish themselves as a Massena School District Library: Supervisor Pernice noted that he had spoken with both the Louisville and Brasher Town Supervisors and they are willing to kick in \$ along with us to hire a lawyer to investigate the legality of this. Our attorney Eric Gustafson (Pease & Gustafson) is still trying to find an attorney that would be willing to take up the cause. Supervisor Pernice also noted that he intends to send out a letter to all our taxpayers making them aware of the situation and potential tax increase implications.
- COVID-19 Impact: At this time the local colleges and universities are sending the students home. It is a rapidly changing situation.
- Proposed legislation regarding 2nd Amendment Rights currently being considered by the NYS legislature: List and commentary was offered by Will Gray.
- County Sales Tax Update: County Legislator John Burke noted that as of this date, the City of Ogdensburg had not agreed to any of the offers put forth. The County Legislators are not in consensus. There may possibly be a final decision by the end of June.
- Update on Town of Norfolk Solar Regulations: The proposed regulations created by the Planning Board have been sent to the County for their input and are slated to be discussed at their upcoming 4/9/2020 meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The proposed acquisition of real property was discussed. No action was taken.

ACTION ITEMS

* Approval of the NN Youth Basketball contract for \$650.00 for year 2020 was approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Harvey. All in Favor - Carried

- * Cook Street Water. Supervisor Pernice proposed that additional dollars to Cook Street Water bills to cover additional cost. We have to have a generic water law in place first, therefore no action was taken.
- * Contract with Steve Siddon for water/sewer services was approved with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Harvey and Councilwoman Gang. AIF – Carried.
- * Sexual Harassment Training: Kate Chepeleff (CITEC Business Solutions – Business Advisor) let the board know that the cost for the training is \$300 for a 1.5 hour session. She has sent the written proposal to Town Supervisor Pernice. Approval to move forward with the training was made with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Harvey. AIF – Carried
- * Solar Moratorium Extension: There will be a Public Hearing scheduled for Wednesday 4/8/2020 6:45pm to extend the Solar Moratorium.
- * Resolution #6-2020 Budget Transfer from B4389 Federal Aid and other Public Safety to 31202.2 Police and Constable EQ \$37,000.00 was approved with a motion by Councilman Paige and Deputy Supervisor Harvey. All in Favor - Carried
- * Resolution #7-2020 NYS Bail Reform Concerns was approved with a motion from Deputy Supervisory Harvey and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried
- * Resolution #8-2020 Repeal the Green Light Law was approved with a motion from Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried.
- * It is declared that the Town of Norfolk Police will fully cooperate with all Federal Agencies with a motion by Deputy Supervisory Harvey and Supervisory Pernice. All in Favor – Carried.
- * Resolution #9-2020 Support of The 2nd Amendment was approved with a motion from Councilman Paige and Councilwoman Gang. Roll call vote was requested by Supervisor Pernice and taken by Town Clerk Jill Molnar: Supervisor Pernice AYE, Councilwoman Gang AYE, Councilman Purvis AYE, Deputy Supervisory Harvey AYE and Councilman Paige AYE. All in Favor – Carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

2020 Census Update: Councilwoman Gang noted that on 3/12 PIN's would be sent out to enable individuals to complete the census on line. If they don't receive your information this way they will then send a census taken to your place of residence to collect the information.

Overgrown Brush: Deputy Supervisor Harvey noted that brush and a large lilac bush at the intersection of Tiernan Ridge Road and Marsh Road needs to be cut back. It's causing a safety hazard for drivers.

Court Report: Councilwoman Gang noted that the court report would be forthcoming.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The March Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$148,165.27 was reviewed and approved for payment along with a change to the February 12, 2020 abstract to correct the total amount to \$189,832.64 (\$500.00 less due to a clerical error) with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Harvey and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor – Carried

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Dated: March 12, 2020
Jill M. Molnar – Norfolk Town Clerk