

Town of Norfolk
Norfolk Town Board Meeting
March 11, 2021

The Norfolk Town Board held its Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2021 at 6:00 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 2/11/2021 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 noted that it is expected that we will be receiving \$490,000 as a part of the COVID Relief Bill. It cannot be used to lower taxes. It can be used for infrastructure repairs/improvements (water/sewer/sidewalks/roads). There was discussion about potential uses for the funds. No decisions were made.

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

- Police Chief Dan Holmes recommended new Police Officer James Gibson. James is currently enrolled in the police academy and set to graduate this May with a degree in Criminal Investigation. There was discussion. Recommendation to hire James Gibson as a Town of Norfolk Police Officer was approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Deputy Supervisory Harvey. All in Favor – Carried.
- Supervisor Pernice noted that the Police will no longer be fueling up the police vehicles at NNCS but rather at the local town pump.

*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

- Supervisor Pernice noted that Engineer Aaron Jarvis is working on getting ready to go out to bid for work on the Debien and Smith properties.

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

*Monthly Dog Control Report: None – there were no dogs calls in the month of February.

*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

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

- ✓ No word yet on the status of CHIPS money for this year.
- ✓ The 2012 Int'l truck broke down again. Quote was \$7,500 to fix it for same problem it had 2 years ago. Decision was made not to fix it. Options are being explored for how to best recover as much value as possible. (sell, keep for spare parts, etc.)

COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

County Legislator John Burke was in attendance. There was discussion about Northside Energy's 180 megawatt solar project. Legislator Burke commented that he would like to make sure that the three municipalities (Norfolk, Brasher and Massena) get their share of the \$ available. Current advice from council is that we not opt out of the PILOT. It's still early in the process, negotiations still to occur in the future.

ACTION ITEMS

*Time Warner Cable Adjustments to tax bills: Time Warner Cable pays the Town of Norfolk franchise fees annually. So each year they submit their payments of taxes excluding the Town of Norfolk lines. (bill #43 \$91.14 & bill #2589 \$671.76) This year's total adjustment is \$762.90. This was approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

*Resignation of Mike Ward as Town of Norfolk Assessor was accepted with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Harvey and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor – Carried

*Appointment of Lena Kanitz as Acting Assessor was approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Paige. All in Favor - Carried

*Second Notice Fee of \$2.00 per parcel for unpaid taxes was approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Harvey. AIF - Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Request by Supervisor Pernice to go into executive session to discuss matters regarding the employment status of a particular person was approved with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Harvey and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor - Carried

No action was taken.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The March Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$84,461.40 was reviewed and approved for payment with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Harvey and Councilman Paige. All in Favor – Carried

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Councilwoman Gang 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, 2021
Jill M. Molnar – Norfolk Town Clerk