

Town of Norfolk
Norfolk Town Board Meeting
February 11, 2021

The Norfolk Town Board held its Monthly Meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 6:00 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.

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 1/14/2021 Organizational Town Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Paige and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Health Care Policy –

Changes to the Health Care Policy (see attachment) for town employees and elected officials were proposed by Supervisor Pernice and approved with a motion by Councilman Paige and Councilwoman Gang. All In Favor – Carried

Town Hall Boiler –

Supervisor asked the board for authorization to seek out quotes to have the old boiler in the basement of the Town Hall replaced due to the ever increasing costs associated of maintenance and repair. The request to proceed with obtaining quotes to replace the old boiler with a new one was approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis. All In Favor – Carried.

REPORTS

*Monthly Police Report: The report of the Police Department was reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilwoman Gang 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 Councilman Purvis and Supervisor Pernice. 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 Officer Report: The monthly report of Dog Control Officer James McConkey was reviewed and approved with a motion by Councilman Paige 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 Deputy Supervisor Harvey and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

*Annual Rescue Report: The annual report of the Norfolk Rescue Squad was received.

*Verbal Highway Report: Highway Superintendent Peter Darabon offered the following updates:

- A special thank you and appreciation to the highway crews of Norwood and Brasher for assisting with plowing while we had 3 highway crew members out in Covid-19 quarantine
- One (1) 6” water main break on Elm Circle was repaired
- Blowers 1 & 2 are down again at the sewer plant. Discussions regarding the situation are being held with Aaron Jarvis (Tisdell Associates Engineer) to figure out how to reduce the excessive failure rate and high costs to repair/replace these pumps.
- We will not be getting our customary Extreme Weather Recovery \$30,000 CHIPS money from the state this year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

none

ACTION ITEMS

*Resolution #3-2021 County Hold Harmless Agreement was approved with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Harvey and Supervisor Pernice. All in Favor - Carried

*Resolution #4-2021 Standard Work Day was approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor - Carried

*Marcia Wing's resignation from the Museum Board was accepted with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Harvey and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor - Carried

*Contract with the NN Figure Skating Club for \$650.00 was approved with a motion by Councilman Paige and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor - Carried

*The following Board Appointments:

- Martin Bregg – Zoning Board of Appeals Chair (01/01/21 – 12/31/25)
- Jayden Pernice – Zoning Board of Appeals Member (01/01/21 – 12/31/25)
- Katherine Lavigne – Zoning Board of Appeals Member (01/01/21 – 12/31/25)
- Thomas Brothers – Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate (01/01/21 – 12/31/25)
- Kate Chepeleff – Planning Board Chair (01/01/21 – 12/31/25)
- Theresa Dumas – Town Historian & Museum Curator (01/01/21 – 12/31/23)
- Mitzy Shatraw – Museum Board Member (01/01/21 – 12/31/23)

were approved with a motion by Councilman Paige and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor – Carried

*Debien House - The request by Supervisor Pernice to move forward with remedying the situation with the abandoned and falling down house at 8693 SH 56 was approved with a motion by Councilman Paige and Councilwoman Gang. All In Favor - Carried

*LED Upgrade – Supervisor Pernice presented an option from National Grid to replace all the interior lighting fixtures in town buildings with more cost efficient LED lights for \$2,394.00. The project was approved with a motion by Councilman Paige and Councilman Purvis. All In Favor - Carried

*USDA – A USDA Rural Development \$50,000 loan grant program was approved to help fund the purchase of a new truck for the Highway Department with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Harvey. All In Favor - Carried

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Purvis asked Highway Superintendent Darabon to remind the crew to slow down while driving the equipment through town. Multiple instances of them traveling too fast.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

*The February Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$123,913.65 along with vouchers from Steve Siddon (\$3,666.80) for January 2021 Water/Sewer Plant Operations, the invoice \$1,390.00 from Roger Butler for installation of new laminate flooring and old carpet tear out & dump and voucher refunding \$30.00 to Adam Saumier for Building Permit #1-2021 that was revoked were reviewed and approved for payment with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Harvey and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor – Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

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: February 11, 2021
Jill M. Molnar – Norfolk Town Clerk