

Town of Norfolk
Norfolk Town Board
October 15, 2013

The Norfolk Town Board held a meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Norfolk Town Hall.

Present were Supervisor Charles Pernice, Deputy Supervisor Kevin Enslow, Councilman Donald Purvis, and Councilwoman Jean Gang.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Pernice called the meeting to order.

BEN TODD – SMOKING CESSATION PRESENTATION

Mr. Ben Todd presented the Board with some updated information on tobacco sales in St. Lawrence County and what some Towns are doing about it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 09, 2013 Town Board meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

*Supervisor Pernice noted that several attended the Local Government Conference today held at SUNY Potsdam.

*Supervisor Pernice noted that the Town audit on the Water Project is complete and on file. The only complaint is that the bookkeeper works at home. An audit of 2013 will also be required.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none at this time.

REPORTS

*Monthly Police Report: The monthly report of Police Officer in Charge Karla Trimm was reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Enslow and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

Councilman Purvis asked Officer Dan Holmes if there were really twenty one sex offenders located near here. Officer Holmes stated that their locations are listed on the website.

Supervisor Pernice noted that our Local Police Department has become more involved with the school.

*Monthly Court Report: The monthly report of the Norfolk Justice Court Clerk Lindsay Cota was reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Enslow. All in Favor – Carried

*Monthly Dog Control Reports: The monthly reports of Dog Control Officer Matthew Kroeger and Jim McKonky were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis.
All in Favor – Carried

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

Councilman Purvis asked if the issue with Mr. Brown in Raymondville was resolved and CEO Halpern stated that it is.

*Monthly Town Clerk Report: The monthly report of Town Clerk Kathy Emlaw was reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Enslow and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor – Carried

*Highway Verbal Report: Highway Superintendent Larry Villnave noted that the crew has been doing some crack sealing on Sober Street with the extra funds.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were none at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was not required at this time.

ACTION ITEMS

*Approve CHIPS Resolution: A motion was made by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Enslow to adopt Resolution #16 of 2013 increasing revenue and appropriation in the 2013 Town of Norfolk Budget due to receiving an additional \$30,101.00 in CHIPS reimbursement funds from New York State for road repair and improvement. All in Favor – Carried

*Local Law #2 of 2013 – Tax Cap Override: Supervisor Pernice noted that the Public Hearing notification was filed and the hearing was held. A motion was made by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis to adopt Local Law #2.
All in Favor – Carried

*Water & Sewer Rates: Supervisor Pernice noted that the new water plant is costing approximately \$1000.00 more per month for electricity. He suggested

that the water rates be increased another \$5.00 per quarter for a total increase of \$20.00 per year. There was discussion. Supervisor Pernice also noted that sewer rates have been increased gradually not the residents are not hit all at once. A payment on the sewer bond will be due in 2014 and a sewer increase may also be needed. A motion was made by Councilman Purvis and Deputy Supervisor Enslow to hold a Public Hearing on November 12, 2013 at 06:45 PM to hear Public input on the proposed increases. All in Favor – Carried

*Solar Project: Supervisor Pernice noted that several Board members have been to Russell and Gouverneur to see their solar project sites. He feels that this is a great project but has concerns about the costs of the Library roof project. Supervisor Pernice has spoken with Fourth Coast and they have offered to submit the application to NYSERTA without cost at this time. There was discussion. Mr. Timothy Opdyke reviewed the project financial plan to date again with the Board. A motion was made by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis to approve submitting the application to NYSERTA. The vote was three in favor and one (Deputy Supervisor Enslow) opposed. Carried

COUNCIL COMMENTS

*Deputy Supervisor Enslow noted that the new lighting in the arena is good and brighter than the old. Supervisor Pernice noted that some re-wiring is needed but the new lighting is more consistent and an obvious power savings.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Enslow and Councilwoman Gang to approve payment of bills #154 – 170 in the amount of \$67,597.53 for the Highway Abstract and bills #509 – 599 in the amount of \$128,849.13 for the Regular Abstract. All in Favor – Carried

ADJOURNMENT

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

Supervisor – Charles Pernice
Deputy Supervisor – Kevin Enslow
Councilman – Donald Purvis
Councilwoman – Jean Gang

Dated: October 15, 2013
Kathy M. Emlaw – Norfolk Town Clerk