

Town of Norfolk
Norfolk Town Board
July 11, 2024

The Norfolk Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Norfolk Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Charles Pernice, Deputy Supervisor Eric Molnar, Councilwoman Jean Gang and Councilman Martin Blair Sr.

Not Present: Councilman Richard Bump

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 6/13/2024 Town Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Molnar. All in Favor – Carried

The minutes of the 6/13/2024 Public Hearing – Office of Constable were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Molnar and Councilman Blair. All in Favor – Carried

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

- Matthew Tessier (Raquette River Racing) thanked the Town Board for continuing to support their annual marathon race event (which is a USATF Boston certified qualifier). He gave an overview of the growth in participants they've seen over the last 3 years and asked for Norfolk's support again for the March 29, 2025 event.
 - Decision to provide Raquette River Racing with police support and the use of a port-a-john at the turnaround point on River Road in Raymondville on March 29, 2025 was approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor – Carried

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE (*continued*)

- Supervisor Pernice asked that since the current staff of the Norfolk Housing Development Fund (1 E High St) no longer wish to continue in their positions, would the Norfolk Housing Authority (3 E High St) consider taking over both buildings? There was discussion.
 - Decision to hold a Public Meeting with the Norfolk Town Board and Board of Directors of both Norfolk Housing Development and Norfolk Housing Authority on Wednesday July 31, 2024 5:00pm at the Norfolk Town Hall was approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Deputy Supervisor Molnar. All in Favor – Carried.
- Supervisor Pernice noted that he requested and received the Town Attorney's (Eric Gustafson) opinion regarding what action the Town should/could take regarding the property at 4 Remington Avenue. A signed release, to clean up the property, has been received from the daughter of the owners. (both are in the nursing home and not expected to ever be able to return to the residence) Eric's opinion was that we should obtain a court order before taking action to do anything other than clean up the property around the residences. There was discussion. There was agreement that the condition of the property is so bad that it's a Public Hazard.
 - Decision to move forward to obtain 3 quotes to clean up the property was approved with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Molnar and seconded by Councilman Blair. Motion Carries with a vote of 3 Yes and 1 No.
 - Vote was as follows:

○ Councilwoman Gang	Yes
○ Councilman Blair	Yes
○ Deputy Supervisor Molnar	Yes
○ Supervisor Pernice	No
- Supervisor Pernice noted that Richard Bump has resigned as Norfolk Town Councilman effective immediately 7/11/2024.
 - Decision to accept, with regret, Richard Bump's resignation as Norfolk Town Councilman was approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Deputy Supervisor Molnar. All in Favor - Carried

REPORTS

*Monthly Police Report: The monthly report of OIC Jose Colon was reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Molnar. All in Favor – Carried

*Monthly Code Enforcement Report: The monthly report of CEO Tim Wunder was reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Blair and Councilwoman Gang. 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 Deputy Supervisor Molnar. All in Favor – Carried

*Monthly Dog Control Officer Report: The monthly report of Dog Control Officer Maurice LaRock was reviewed and approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Molnar. 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 Blair and Deputy Supervisor Molnar. All in Favor – Carried

*Annual Arena Report: The annual arena report was reviewed and approved by Deputy Supervisor Molnar and Councilman Blair. All in Favor – Carried

*Highway Report from Highway Superintendent Peter Darabon:

- Cut trees on Hepburn Street
- Hauled for Norwood and Stockholm
- 220 feet of 2-foot culvert
- 40 feet 18-inch culvert
- 50 feet 15-inch culvert all pipes are changed on Adams Road
- Water leak at 51 Grantville Road
- Pump One is back in at the water treatment plant
- Truck 9's hydraulic tank sprung a leak, went to the junkyard and got the one off Old Truck 8
- Jared started round 3 of mowing roadsides
- Clarifiers at the Sever Plant were cleaned out again

was approved with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Molnar and Councilman Blair. All in Favor - Carried

*Decision to appoint Travis Villnave as Town Councilman to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councilman Richard Bump (effective 7/11/2024) was approved with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Molnar and Councilman Blair. All in Favor - Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ACTION ITEMS

*Decision to set the Public Hearing for Proposed Zoning District changes on West Hatfield and SH56 for Thursday August 8th 5:30PM at the Norfolk Town Hall was approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor – Carried

*Decision to set the Public Hearing for Camper/RV Moratorium for Thursday August 8th 5:45PM at the Norfolk Town Hall was approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Deputy Supervisor Molnar. All in Favor – Carried

*Resolution #12-2024 Budget Transfers as follows:

General Fund B

From	State Grant Funds	3089.2	\$130,667.23
To	Police Grant Fund EQ	30102.2	\$130,667.23

was approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Blair.
All in Favor - Carried

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Blair – none

Deputy Supervisor Molnar – none

Councilwoman Gang – none

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The July Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$76,043.47 as reviewed by the finance committee along with the following vouchers:

CST Group \$1555.50	ABCD Sanitation \$275.00
UDIG NY \$10.00	Gillee's \$963.16
GALL'S \$60.00	Fastenal \$121.02
Tisdal Associates \$4,620.75	Northshore \$1,323.00
Pease & Gustafson \$30.00	LINSTAR \$51.20

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

County Legislator John Burke noted that the county plans to contract with a company to repave W Main St.

Charlie Sipos expressed concern about the condition of the trees on Joy Road and at the park in Raymondville. He also offered his services to work for the Town Highway Department during the winter months.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Supervisor – Charles Pernice
Deputy Supervisor – Eric Molnar
Councilman - Richard Bump
Councilwoman – Jean Gang
Councilman – Martin Blair Sr.

Dated: July 24, 2024

Jill M. Molnar – Norfolk Town Clerk