

Town of Norfolk
Norfolk Town Board
May 9, 2024

The Norfolk Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Norfolk Town Hall.

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

Not Present: Councilman Richard Bump and Councilwoman Jean Gang

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 4/11/2024 Town Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Blair and Deputy Supervisor Molnar. All in Favor – Carried

The minutes of the 4/11/2024 Public Hearing were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Molnar and Councilman Blair. All in Favor – Carried

The minutes of the 4/23/2024 Special Town Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Blair and Deputy Supervisor Molnar. All in Favor – Carried

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

- **Massena Library** – Supervisor Pernice noted that property owners in the Town of Norfolk & Massena School District (~ 650 parcels) will incur a new tax (in addition to the tax they already pay for the Norfolk Hepburn Library) if voters agree to change the status of the Massena Library. The vote is May 21st.
- **Norfolk Museum Roof** – CEO Tim Wunder noted that he's still waiting for quotes.

REPORTS

*Monthly Police Report: The monthly report of OIC Jose Colon was reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Molnar and Councilman Blair. 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 Deputy Supervisor Molnar and Councilman Blair. 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 Blair 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 Deputy Supervisor Molnar and Councilman Blair. 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

*Verbal Highway Report from Highway Superintendent Peter Darabon:

- Automatic flushers have been installed in Raymondville (one set for 9am & 7pm and the other for 10pm & 3am). So far, this seems to have solved the problem.
- Jared has been out in the boom mower on Grantville, Gladding and Old Market Roads.
- All trucks have been unharnessed.
- Water leak at 46 W Main St fixed.
- Set culvert on O'Brien Rd.
- Sewer at Sabad's Restaurant cleared.
- Graded the dirt roads.
- Automatic greasers have been installed the sewer plant.
- Black top (paving) should be completed Monday.
- Tracing water lines that weren't on our maps (in the Furnace St, Elm Circle, SH56 area)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Decision to go into executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person was approved with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Molnar and Councilman Blair. All in Favor – Carried

No Action Taken

ACTION ITEMS

*Resignation of Lori Queor from the Norfolk Planning Board was accepted with regret with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Councilman Blair. All in Favor – Carried

*Appointment of Gary Bandy as member of the Norfolk Planning Board was approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Deputy Supervisor Molnar. All in Favor - Carried

*Resolution #9-2024 Justice Court Audit for 2023 was approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Councilman Blair. All in Favor – Carried

*Agreement to Spend Highway Funds (*amended 5/9/2024*) was reviewed and approved with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Molnar and Councilman Blair. All in Favor – Carried

*Resolution #10-2024 Increase CHIPS Revenue and Appropriation in the 2024 Budget as follows:

Increase DB 3501.4 CHIPS Revenue by	\$117,166.86
Increase DB 51122.4 Permanent Improvement CE by	\$117,166.86

was reviewed and approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Councilman Blair. All in Favor – Carried

*Local Law #1-2024 Moratorium on all Energy Storage System Development Operating Within the Town was adopted with a motion by Councilman Blair and Deputy Supervisor Molnar. All in Favor – Carried

*Local Law #2-2024 to Opt Out Of The Exemption From Taxation For Certain Energy Systems Under Real Property Law §487 was adopted with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Molnar and Councilman Blair. All in Favor – Carried

Town Justice Stevenson: noted that there were still unresolved issues regarding court security. There was discussion. Supervisor Pernice noted that work is proceeding on finding solutions to the issues.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Martin Blair Sr. –

- Status of the pavilion in Memorial Park on W Main St.? Supervisor Pernice noted that after examination by code enforcement the recommendation was not to invest any additional resources into the current structure.
- Brought up the condition of the roof on the arena, he noted that he may have a person willing to assist with seeking grant money to use for a new roof.

Deputy Supervisor Eric Molnar – none

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The May Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$166,667.78 as reviewed by the finance committee along with:

1 voucher Gall's for \$135.73

1 voucher Pease & Gustafson for \$720.00

1 voucher CST Group for \$1,530.50

1 voucher Merriman's for \$646.32

1 voucher Charles Pernice \$459.78 for envelopes, stamps, labels for public mailing for all Norfolk residents residing in the Massena School District.

were reviewed and approved for payment with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Molnar and Councilman Blair. All in Favor – Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Officer in Charge Jose Colon presented Certificates of Appreciation to Officer Chris Radel (who was in attendance) and Officer Carl Ford (who was not in attendance).

County Legislator John Burke noted the following:

- There will be a Public Hearing regarding 911 surcharges (proposed new tax) on local phones
- Probation Officers will now be able to carry weapons
- DEC (Lands & Water) will be moving into our area soon to begin removing trees infested with or killed by with emerald ash borer beetle

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Dated: May 24, 2024

Jill M. Molnar – Norfolk Town Clerk