

Town of Norfolk  
Norfolk Town Board  
April 11, 2024

The Norfolk Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 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 3/14/2024 Town Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Molnar and Councilman Blair. All in Favor – Carried

The minutes of the 3/14/2024 Public Hearing were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Molnar. All in Favor – Carried

**SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE**

- **Darabon House (7 W Main St)** Supervisor Pernice noted that this property has asbestos. The town has funds set in reserve for site preparation and he would like to move forward with this project.
  - Decision to get quotes for asbestos remediation on the house located at 7 W Main St was approved with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Molnar and Councilman Blair. All in Favor - Carried

## **SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE *(continued)***

- **Raymondville & 420 Community Halls** Supervisor Pernice noted that these two buildings are in need of attention. He suggested that the Board Members each take time to go take a look for themselves. There was discussion. No action taken.
- **Bail Reform** Supervisor Pernice asked that Town Justice Derek Stevenson give an update on what our local Justice Court is experiencing. Judge Stevenson noted that given the current laws, there is basically no good way to enforce the payment of fines for traffic violations and it's causing the loss of thousands of dollars that would otherwise be collected revenue.

## **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 Councilwoman Gang 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 Deputy Supervisor Molnar and Councilman Blair. 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 Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor – Carried

\*Verbal Highway Report from Highway Superintendent Peter Darabon:

- Been boom mowing out in the country
- Country roads are now swept
- Sewer cleared at 10 E High
- Hydrants and new valves have been delivered

- Automatic flushers (to address the high iron content being experienced by some residents in that area) came in and will be installed Monday & Tuesday
- Took ice out at the arena
- Shouldered the Grantville Rd
- Did work on the Mill Rd bridge
- Cut trees on Regan Rd and Mill Rd
- Roads are ready for paving (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May)
- Danny and Pete found more main shut off valves that aren't on the 3738 maps.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

none

**ACTION ITEMS**

\*Resignation of Timothy Opdyke from the Norfolk Library Board was accepted with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor – Carried

\*Appointment of Jennifer Lauzon as member of the Norfolk Library Board was approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Supervisor Pernice. All in Favor - Carried

\*Resolution #7-2024 Budget Transfers – Budget transfers made in Resolution #2-2024 in the amount of \$20,843.50 for fingerprint and palm live scan equipment is rescinded because the reimbursement from the Department of Justice came quicker than anticipated thus making the transfer unnecessary. New Budget Transfer as follows:

From	Federal Aid/ARPA	4089.1	\$30,187.50
To	Hwy Machinery EQ	51302.3	\$30,187.50

*(This is to pay for the large trash pump we purchased. This exhausts the American Rescue Plan Aid we were given and the account has been closed.)*

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

\*Resolution #8-2024 Holding Harmless the County of St Lawrence for Providing Service for 2024 was approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Molnar. All in Favor – Carried

\*Agreement to Spend Highway Funds was reviewed and approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Molnar. All in Favor – Carried

\*Adaptive Reuse Code was reviewed and approved with a motion by Councilman Blair and Deputy Supervisor Molnar. All in Favor - Carried

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Jean Gang – There will be a rabies clinic on May 9 at the arena.

Councilman Martin Blair Sr. – Asked about the status of the leaky roof at the museum.

- Decision to get quotes to fix the roof was approved with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Molnar and Councilman Blair. All in Favor – Carried

Deputy Supervisor Eric Molnar – none

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

The April Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$104,193.60 along with:

1 voucher for US Postal Service for \$136.00 (stamps)

1 voucher for US Postal Service for \$421.30 (envelopes)

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Planning Board Chair Kate Chepeleff asked the board where they were on putting a moratorium in place for Battery Storage Systems. There was discussion.

- Decision to move forward with putting a formal moratorium in place for Battery Storage Systems was approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Councilman Blair. All in Favor - Carried

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS *(continued)***

Planning Board Chair Kate Chepeleff also noted the following:

APC Paper will be doing their annual Electronics Recycling event again this year at the Paper Mill (100 Remington Ave) April 21-24. They are also sponsoring a clean up day at the Park in Raymondville.

There was a request for the highway crew to help clean up road damage from the snow plows (this past winter) in and around the circle at the end of Riverside Dr in Raymondville. Highway Superintendent Pete Darabon said they would.

## **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: April 12, 2024

Jill M. Molnar – Norfolk Town Clerk