

TOWN OF GHENT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 25, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held July 25, 2017 at the Ghent Town Hall, Route 66, Ghent, NY. Supervisor Benvenuto opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with a pledge to the flag followed by a moment of silence in memory of Mark Leggett.

Present were: Michael Benvenuto	Supervisor
Charles Wood	Councilman
Peter Nelson	Councilman
Patti Matheney	Councilwoman
Mallory Mort	Councilman
Ben Perry	Highway Superintendent
Matthew Cabral	Attorney for Town

Also present- 5 audience members.

MOTION #1 TO OPEN THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Mort, Matheney

Nays: 0

No Comment

MOTION #2 TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT AND OPEN MEETING made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Matheney, Wood

Nays: 0

MOTION #3 TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING ON JUNE 15, 2017 made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort, Nelson

Nays: 0

DEPARTMENTS:

MOTION #4 TO ACCEPT THE ASSESSORS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort

Nays: 0

MOTION #5 TO ACCEPT THE BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort

Nays: 0

MOTION # 6 TO ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERK REPORT FOR JUNE made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort

Nays: 0

PLANNING, ZONING AND COMMITTEES:

MOTION #7 TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES FROM MAY 3, 2017 made by Councilwoman Matheney seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort

Nays: 0

GZRC- Currently working on definitions and terms. Reviewing Air BB as well.

BROADBAND- Charter is currently working in the village to modernize the current system. Consolidated and Fairpoint merger is progressing. The PSC extricated penalty from Charter due to a missed deadline.

CLIMATE SMART- Councilman Mort met with Mayor Curran and others to discuss the placement of the charging station. A location was agreed upon and Attorney Cabral will draw up an agreement between the Village and the Town for everyone to review. Karen Mort was reappointed to the EMC.

YOUTH, PARKS AND RECREATION:

Tennis court estimates where received by Copeland Coating. The Town Board will review and discuss further.

DOG CONTROL:

MOTION #8 TO ACCEPT THE DCO REPORT FOR JUNE made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort, Nelson

Nays: 0

HIGHWAY:

Paved Leggett and Snyder Roads just over 7 miles putting down over 3500 tons of stone. Also chip sealed 14 miles of roads in late June as well which has put us over 20 miles mark for resurfacing for the year and we still have some more to do later this summer. We have resurfaced 82.11 lane miles out of 152 lane miles in 4 years and we have not completed this season yet. We are on our second round of mowing. We have started a second road of ditch work for upcoming years resurfacing process. It was brought to my attention the end of June the Angell Hill Bridge top had been depressed by a large truck. Upon inspecting the bridge I called county Engineers and Barton & Loguidice Engineering Firm at county Engineer Dean Knox recommendation, The three of us meet and deemed bridge unsafe to all traffic which lead to us closing bridge to all traffic. I have many in depth discussion with Barton & Loguidice on what we are needing to do to get this bridge back up and in service. We are now at a place we're we need to move forward to getting real numbers to see we're and how we are going to approach this critical repair to the highway system.

MOTION #10 TO APPROVE TO EXPEND \$9100.00 FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF THE ANGELL HILL ROAD BRIDGE REPAIR PENDING APPROVAL FROM ACCOUNTANTS made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION # 24 FOR THE YEAR 2017:

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF GHENT FROM TIME TO TIME HAS THE NEED TO CONTRACT FOR CERTAIN MATERIALS IN CONNECTION WITH HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE, INCLUDING DIESEL FUEL, #2 FUEL OIL, KEROSENE, GASOLINE, AND LIQUID PROPANE; AND WHEREAS, GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, SECTION 103, SUBDIVISION 3, AUTHORIZES A MUNICIPALITY TO CONTRACT FOR SUCH SERVICES THROUGH THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MUNICIPALITY IS LOCATED; AND WHEREAS, THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA HAS RECEIVED BIDS FOR DIESEL FUEL, #2 FUEL OIL, KEROSENE, GASOLINE, AND LIQUID PROPANE, WHICH ARE COMPETITIVE AND WILL PROVIDE GOOD VALUE TO THE TOWN OF GHENT; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF GHENT HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT HAS REQUESTED THAT THE TOWN ACCEPT THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA BIDS FOR DIESEL FUEL, #2 FUEL OIL, KEROSENE, GASOLINE, AND LIQUID PROPANE; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN BOARD AGREES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE TOWN TO DO SO. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT, THAT THE TOWN OF GHENT HEREBY ACCEPTS THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BID #17-005 FOR DIESEL FUEL, #2 FUEL OIL, AND KEROSENE MADE BY KOSCO, WHICH WAS AWARDED BY THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA TO SAID COMPANY BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION #257-2017. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT, THAT THE TOWN OF GHENT HEREBY ACCEPTS THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BID #17-006 FOR GASOLINE MADE BY VALLEY ENERGY, WHICH WAS AWARDED BY THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA TO SAID COMPANY BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION #256-2017. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT, THAT THE TOWN OF GHENT HEREBY ACCEPTS THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BID #17-007 FOR LIQUID PROPANE MADE BY NOLAN BOTTLE GAS INC., WHICH WAS AWARDED BY THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA TO SAID COMPANY BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION #254-2017. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN OF GHENT HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT THE BIDS OF SUCH VENDORS FOR DIESEL FUEL, #2 FUEL OIL, KEROSENE, GASOLINE, AND LIQUID PROPANE IN CONNECTION WITH MAINTENANCE OF THE TOWN OF GHENT HIGHWAYS.

MOTION #11 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 24 FOR THE YEAR 2017 made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort

Nays: 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion was held regarding Local Law #2 for the Year by the Board. It was determined to table the vote. The CCPB suggestions warrant further review. The board will review this again at the next workshop.

MOTION #12 TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE WEST GHENT FIRE DEPT FOR RENEWAL OF THEIR CONTRACT ON AUGUST 24, 2017 AT 6:45PM AND CHANGE THE TOWN BOARD MEETING FOR AUGUST FROM AUGUST 17TH TO AUGUST 24, 2017 AT 7PM made by Councilman Mort seconded by

Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #25 FOR THE YEAR 2017:

WHEREAS, E-MAIL HAS BECOME AN ESSENTIAL MEANS OF COMMUNICATION FOR TOWN OF GHENT OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN TOWN BUSINESS; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN BOARD BELIEVES THAT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE TOWN OF GHENT TO REQUIRE ALL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN TO USE AN ASSIGNED TOWN OF GHENT E-MAIL ACCOUNT WHEN ENGAGED IN TOWN BUSINESS; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN BOARD BELIEVES THAT WHEN USING THEIR TOWN OF GHENT E-MAIL ACCOUNT TO CONDUCT TOWN BUSINESS THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF GHENT SHOULD ADHERE TO CERTAIN STANDARDS OF CONDUCT; AND WHEREAS, TO THIS END, THE TOWN BOARD DESIRES TO ESTABLISH A MUNICIPAL POLICY TO ENSURE THAT THE TOWN'S E-MAIL SYSTEM IS USED TO SUPPORT TOWN BUSINESS AND TO ADVISE TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES WITH REGARD TO THE USE OF TOWN E-MAIL. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT THAT THE FOLLOWING E-MAIL USE POLICY SHALL BE, AND HEREBY IS, ESTABLISHED BY THE TOWN OF GHENT.

MOTION #13 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 25 FOR THE YEAR 2017 made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort

Nays: 0

PAYMENT OF AUDITED BILLS AND ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

AUDITED BILLS:

General A \$63926.29
S.L. \$807.62
General B \$6674.29
Highway DB \$147898.13
TOTAL: \$219306.53

BUDGET AMENDMENT #1 FOR THE YEAR 2017

	Increase	Decrease
H878		\$26875.00
A878001	\$26875.00	

MOTION# 14 TO PAY ALL AUDITED BILLS, ACCEPT THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS BUDGET AND APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Nelson, Wood, Matheney, Mort
Nays: 0

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION #15 TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:10 PM made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort, approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Mort, Matheney
Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Radley
Town Clerk