

TOWN OF GHENT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 19, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held January 19, 2017 at the Ghent Town Hall, Route 66, Ghent, NY. Supervisor Benvenuto opened the meeting at 7:05 pm with a pledge to the flag.

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

Also present- about 8 audience members.

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

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

Nays: 0

Mark Leggett- Will the CC Airport numbers be available by the next airport committee meeting?

Supervisor Benvenuto- yes.

Koethi Zan- Can County reports be included at the Town Board Meeting?

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

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

Nays: 0

MOTION #3 TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING ON DECEMBER 15, 2016 ,THE PUBLIC HEARING ON DECEMBER 15, 2016 AND THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ON JANUARY 4,2017 made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

COORESPONDENCE:

Food Pantry numbers for December 2016- Families- 98 Children 92, Adults 180, Seniors 34, New Clients 5 and 4173 pounds of food.

MOTION #4 TO ACCEPT CORRESPONDENCE made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

DEPARTMENTS:

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

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

Nays: 0

MOTION #6 TO ACCEPT THE BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION #7 TO ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

PLANNING, ZONING AND COMMITTEES:

MOTION #8 TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING BOARD MINTUES FROM NOVEMBER 2, 2016 made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

ZONING REVIEW COMMITTEE:

MOTION #9 TO ENTER AN CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH NAN STOLZENBURG PAID FOR THROUGH THE GREENWAY GRANT made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

BROADBAND COMMITTEE:

Dave Berman reports they are waiting for the State to announce the second round of grants. Awaiting on information regarding the Fairpoint merger from the PSC.

CLIMATE SMART COMMITTEE:

A report was submitted to the Board. Energy Code Enforcement Training has begun, Charging stations locations visited, Benchmarking Resolution was completed.

DOG CONTROL:

MOTION #10 TO ACCEPT DCO REPORT FOR DECEMBER made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

HIGHWAY:

We have been busy with poor weather ice we have installed new auto chains on two of the trucks which came in very handy with icy roads this past week. We continue to cut back over growth through roads we are looking to resurface this upcoming season and mow back with road tractor. We are in the middle of rebuilding the undercarriage of our 2005 excavator to replace worn out system and fresh in it up with paint. Spent many months and hours drawing up specs for the new equipment which we are looking now getting ready to move forward on. Bid set up for loader and excavator.

MOTION #11 TO APPROVE THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR VARIOUS EQUIPMENT made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #15 FOR THE YEAR 2017:

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF GHENT HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT HAS INDICATED THAT THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IS IN NEED OF A VOLVO L90H LOADER AND A KUBOTA KX057-4R3AP EXCAVATOR IN CONNECTION WITH MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE TOWN ROADS; WHEREAS, GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 103(16) AUTHORIZES POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS SUCH AS THE TOWN OF GHENT TO PURCHASE APPARATUS, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, AND TO CONTRACT FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, OR REPAIR OF THOSE ITEMS, THROUGH THE USE OF CONTRACTS LET BY THE UNITED STATES OR ANY AGENCY THEREOF, ANY STATE, OR ANY OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR DISTRICT THEREIN; WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF GHENT IS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE ("NJPA"), A DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OFFICE, POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA PROVIDING COOPERATIVE PURCHASING SOLUTIONS FOR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES; WHEREAS, THE VOLVO L90H LOADER IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THROUGH NJPA CONTRACT NUMBER 032513-VCE WITH VANTAGE EQUIPMENT LLC AT A COST OF \$188,011.00; WHEREAS, THE KUBOTA KX057-4R3AP EXCAVATOR IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THROUGH NJPA CONTRACT NUMBER 042815 WITH ABELE TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO., INC. AT A COST OF \$70,847.26; WHEREAS, THE TOWN BOARD HAS AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF A BOND IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$530,000.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PURPOSES, INCLUDING THE VOLVO L90H LOADER AND A KUBOTA KX057-4R3AP EXCAVATOR; AND WHEREAS, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT, THE TOWN BOARD HAS DETERMINED THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE TOWN TO PURCHASE THE VOLVO L90H LOADER AND THE KUBOTA KX057-4R3AP EXCAVATOR THROUGH THE NJPA CONTRACTS REFERENCED HEREIN. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT, THAT THE TOWN SUPERVISOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH THE PURCHASE OF THE VOLVO L90H LOADER THROUGH NJPA CONTRACT NUMBER 032513-VCE WITH VANTAGE EQUIPMENT LLC AT A COST OF \$188,011.00 USING PROCEEDS FROM THE BOND ISSUANCE REFERENCED HEREIN; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT, THAT THE TOWN SUPERVISOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH THE PURCHASE OF THE KUBOTA KX057-4R3AP THROUGH NJPA CONTRACT NUMBER 042815 WITH ABELE TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO., INC. AT A COST OF \$70,847.26 USING PROCEEDS FROM THE BOND ISSUANCE REFERENCED HEREIN.

MOTION#12 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #15 FOR THE YEAR 2017 made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #16 FOR THE YEAR 2017:

WHEREAS, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD BEFORE THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT ON JANUARY 19, 2017 AT 6:55 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL FOR THE TOWN OF GHENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR FIRE PROTECTION WITH THE WEST GHENT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR THE AREA KNOWN AS THE "WEST GHENT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT"; WHEREAS, THE MATTER IS NOW BEFORE THE TOWN BOARD FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL; AND WHEREAS, IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN OF GHENT TO SECURE FIRE PROTECTION THROUGH THE WEST GHENT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR THE AREA KNOWN AS "WEST GHENT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT" IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT THAT THE TOWN OF GHENT SHALL ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR FIRE PROTECTION WITH THE WEST GHENT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR THE AREA KNOWN AS THE "WEST GHENT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT" FOR A SIXTH (6) MONTH TERM, COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2017 AND TERMINATING ON JUNE 30, 2017, THE PROPOSED PAYMENT TO THE WEST GHENT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR THE CONTRACT TERM IS \$55,000.00.

MOTION#13 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16 FOR THE YEAR 2017 made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION # 14 TO REAPPOINT KEITH KANAGA TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION # 15 TO APPROVE SUPERVISOR BENVENUTO TO SIGN THE 2017 AGREEMENT WITH PATTISON, KOSKEY, HOWE AND BUCCI made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Nelson 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	\$32103.41
S.L.	\$787.62
Highway DB	\$29606.76
TOTAL:	\$57674.67

MOTION# 16 TO PAY ALL AUDITED BILLS AND ACCEPT THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION #17 TO OPEN THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT LIMITED TO THE TOPICS DISCUSSED AT MEETING made by Supervisor Benvenuto, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

Resident: If we are currently served by Verizon, will we not get Broadband?

Councilwoman Matheney- Not true, maps have not been seen yet.

MOTION #18 TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT AND ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AT 7:45pm made by Supervisor Benvenuto seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION #19 TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:41 PM made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort, approved unanimously.

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

Nays 0

MOTION #20 TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:42 PM made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort, approved unanimously.

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

Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Radley
Town Clerk

