

TOWN OF GHENT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 21, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held July 21, 2016 at the Ghent Town Hall, Route 66, Ghent, NY. Supervisor Benvenuto opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with a moment of silence and the pledge to the flag.

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| 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 7 audience members.

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

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

Nays: 0

Mark Johnson- Asked about regulations on signs that are put on the side of the road and at intersections for advertisements. Is there laws regulating those signs?

Attorney Cabral- Will review with Walt, Zoning Enforcement Officer for the Town.

Chris Jones- Is there an update on the Talerico Road old dump in regards to water testing?

Supervisor Benvenuto- A letter was sent to the County and DEC. DEC will begin testing on July 25, 2016.

Chris Jones- Will they also be doing a testing of the air around of the site?

Supervisor Benvenuto- Will ask DEC when he contacts them.

MOTION #2 TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT AND OPEN MEETING made by Councilman Wood 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 16, 2016 made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from NYSDOT regarding the reduction of the speed limit on a portion of 21C to 40 mph per the request via petition submitted to the Town Board in February 2016. A letter from NYSDEC congratulating the Town of Ghent on adopting the Climate Smart Communities Pledge. Veterans Post 5933 informed the Town Board their liquor license had been renewed for two years. NYSEG announced the beginning of the work process for the CC Transmission Project. This information is also on the Town's website. Food Pantry numbers for June 2016- Families- 84, Children 80, Adults 144, Seniors 12, New Clients 0 and 3292 pounds of food.

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

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

Nays: 0

DEPARTMENTS:

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

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

Nays: 0

MOTION #6 TO ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

PLANNING AND ZONING:

MOTION #7 TO ACCEPT THE ZONING BOARD MINTUES OF JUNE 9, 2016 made by Councilwoman Matheney seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION #8 TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF ZBA MEMBER JOHN POHODZAY made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

Supervisor Benvenuto thanked Mr. Pohodzay for his years of service to the Town of Ghent.

MOTION #9 TO APPOINT KOETHI ZAN TO THE ZBA TO FILL JOHN POHODZAY REMAINING TERM made by Councilwoman Matheney seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

Councilman Mort gave a brief overview of the GRZC meeting held last month. The application for the Greenway grant was presented to the committee for review. The next meeting is July 25, 2016 at the Town Hall.

MOTION #10 TO ACCEPT THE GHENT ZONING REVIEW COMMITTEE UPDATE made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

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

Councilwoman Matheney gave a Broadband committee report. Merged with County Committee. Awaiting plan for from the Charter/ Time Warner merger to move forward. Next meeting is Monday, July 25th at 401 State Street.

MOTION #11 TO ACCEPT THE BROADBAND COMMITTEE REPORT made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

YOUTH, PARKS, RECREATION

Supervisor Benvenuto reported the summer camp program is operational and running smoothly.

DOG CONTROL:

MOTION #12 TO ACCEPT DCO REPORT FOR JUNE made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

HIGHWAY:

Superintendent Perry reports that they have completed a great deal of chip sealing around Town, just under 31 miles with more to do in the next week around 2.5 miles .We have been busy with shoulder work and prepping for black top jobs . We have started out rehab on one of our truck changing the dump body. We have reclaimed 3 roads just under 2.5 miles which is a process to start all over from ground up the cost is a third of what it would cost us to patch and would still have the same poor base.

MOTION #13 TO ACCEPT THE HIGHWAY REPORT FOR JUNE made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MOTION #15 TO APPROVE THE USE OF WGRC TO THE MS FOUNDATION ON SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2016 made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

West Ghent Fire Department six month contract is expiring. Attorney Cabral informed the Board that some financial information was received, but the audit is still pending and those findings have yet to be finalized. Attorney Cabral suggest the Board move forward with renewing another six month contract with the department the same contract as previous expiring at the end of the year.

MOTION #16 TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON AUGUST 11, 2016 AT 7PM FOR THE WGFD CONTRACT AND SPECIAL MEETING FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVING THE CONTRACT made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION # 17 TO MOVE THE TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP TO AUGUST 11, 2016 AT 7PM AND THE TOWN BOARD MEETING TO AUGUST 25, 2016 AT 7PM made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION #18 TO APPROVE THE USE OF WATER STREET PARK FOR NC POP WARNER PRACTICE made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved.

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

Nays: 0

PAYMENT OF AUDITED BILLS AND ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT:

AUDITED BILLS:

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| General A | \$40781.44 |
| S.L. | \$787.62 |
| General B | \$3376.01 |
| Highway DB | \$182173.73 |
| TOTAL: | \$227118.80 |

MOTION# 19 TO PAY ALL AUDITED BILLS AND ACCEPT THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION #20 TO OPEN THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT LIMITED TO THE TOPICS DISCUSSED AT MEETING made by Supervisor Benvenuto, seconded by Councilman Matheney and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION #21 TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT made by Supervisor Benvenuto seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION #22 TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:50 PM made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney, approved unanimously.

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

Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Radley