

TOWN OF GHENT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 17, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held March 17, 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.

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 10 audience members.

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

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

Nays: 0

NO COMMENTS

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 AND PUBLIC HEARING FROM FEBRUARY 18, 2016 made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Matheney and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Benvenuto read aloud a letter form NYSDOT reducing the speed limit on a portion of County Route 9 in the Town of Ghent from 55 mph to 45mph.

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

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

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

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

PLANNING AND ZONING:

MOTION #8 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE PLANNING BOARD FROM FEBRUARY 3, 2016 AND THE ZONING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 9, 2015 AND JANUARY 13, 2016 made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

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

LOCAL LAW # 2 FOR 2016:

A Public Hearing and Special Meeting on April 7, 2016 at 6:30pm at the Ghent Town Hall for the purpose of considering the adoption of Local Law #2 for the year 2016.

MOTION #9 TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

DCO REPORT:

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

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

HIGHWAY:

Superintendent Perry will submit his report next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION # 11 TO ALLOW SUPERVISOR BENVENUTO ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN TO SIGN THE CONTRACT BETWEEN CHATHAM RESCUE SQUAD AND THE TOWN OF GHENT FOR THEIR SERVICES

made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION #12 TO APPROVE NYPF TRAINING FOR ZONING BOARD MEMBER KEITH KANAGA made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Nelson and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION #13 TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE WEST GHENT ATHLETIC FIELDS BY NCCLL FOR THE UPCOMING BASEBALL SEASON made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION # 14 TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE TOWN OF GHENT CONTRACT WITH VIRIDAN AS THE TOWNS ENERGY SUPPLIER 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	\$17690.15
S.L.	\$785.55
General B	\$5371.76
Highway DB	\$50687.68
TOTAL:	\$74535.14

MOTION# 15 TO PAY ALL AUDITED BILLS AND ACCEPT THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS made by Councilman Nelson, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION #16 TO OPEN THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT LIMITED TO THE TOPICS DISCUSSED AT MEETING made by Supervisor Benvenuto, seconded by Councilman Matheny and approved unanimously.

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

Mr. Coon- Did the Viridan contract go through a bid process?

Attorney Cabral- No, it is a renewal of an existing contract.

Carmen Nero- Regarding Local Law # 2, is there time for public comment?

Supervisor Benvenuto- Comments will be accepted by the Town Clerk until March 30, 2016.

MOTION #17 TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT AND ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AT 7:26PM made by Supervisor Benvenuto seconded by Councilwoman Matheny and approved unanimously.

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

MOTION #18 TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:59 PM made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheny, approved unanimously.

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

MOTION #19 TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:00 PM made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort approved unanimously.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Radley