

TOWN OF GHENT  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
September 15, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held September 15, 2016 at the Ghent Town Hall, Route 66, Ghent, NY. Supervisor Benvenuto opened the meeting at 7:00 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 5 audience members.

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

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

Nays: 0

Chris Jones- Could we please have more information on the reports that are accepted?

Supervisor Benvenuto- Brief summaries will be given and the reports are also available at the Town hall before and after meetings.

**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 AUGUST 25, 2016** made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

COORESPONDENCE:

Food Pantry numbers for August 2016- Families- 95 Children 83, Adults 143, Seniors 34, New Clients 3 and 5496 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 ASSESSORS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST** made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.  
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort  
Nays: 0

**MOTION #6 TO ACCEPT THE BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST** made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.  
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort  
Nays: 0

**MOTION #7 TO ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERK REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST** made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.  
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort  
Nays: 0

PLANNING, ZONING AND COMMITTEES:

**MOTION #8 TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING BOARD MINTUES OF MAY 4, 2016, JUNE 22, 2016 AND JULY 6, 2016** made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.  
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney, Mort  
Nays: 0

Councilman Mort reported the Zoning Review Committee meeting went well, lightly attended, but still on track to make some recommendations to the Town Board in November.

Dave Berman reported from the Broadband Committee the latest pole survey done by Charter and Fairpoint show the maps are not accurate. Currently inventorying all equipment for accurate information. County committee meets with the Sate Broadband committee September 29<sup>th</sup> in Albany for phase two of the funding.

Supervisor Benvenuto announced the Charter office in Chatham will be closing in October.

Councilman Mort reported on the Climate Smart Committee. Robyn Reynolds spoke to the Town Board at their workshop recommending to look into several actions that could be taken to make the Town eligible for funding for projects. Next month the Board will peruse by resolution and benchmarking with a Local Law.

DOG CONTROL:

**MOTION #9 TO ACCEPT DCO REPORT FOR AUGUST** made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.  
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Nelson, Mort, Matheney, Wood  
Nays: 0

HIGHWAY:

We are busy with black top work. Working on finishing up shoulder and ditch work on Leggett Road with realigning ditches, guardrails also adding in more guardrails to make a stretch of the hill safer. Just about done with our mowing season concentrating on some over growth areas before we switch over to our boom mower. Our plow truck rebuild is going back together. We will be doing the second half of the fog sealing process on the roads that are being covered under warranty by the paving company next week. We have done our part which we were required to do, which was chip seal now they will encapsulate the roads with fog seal process and our warranty begins.

**MOTION #10 TO ACCEPT THE HIGHWAY REPORT FOR AUGUST** made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT:

**MOTION #11 TO APPROVE SUPERVISOR BENVENUTO TO SIGN THE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH TEAMSTERS LOCAL #294 FOR MEDICAL, DENTAL AND VISION** made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #28 FOR THE YEAR 2016:

WHEREAS, THE TOWN HAS FOR MANY YEARS MAINTAINED A CAPITAL RESERVE FUND KNOWN AS "H878 CAPITAL RESERVE PARKS AND REC" CONTAINING AN UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF APPROXIMATELY \$47,331.08; WHEREAS, THE TOWN BOARD DESIRES TO TRANSFER \$35,000.00 FROM SAID CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TO THE TOWN'S GENERAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND KNOWN AS "A878001 CAPITAL RESERVE"; AND WHEREAS, SUCH PROCEDURE IS SUBJECT TO A PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, PURSUANT TO GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 6-C AND ARTICLE 7 OF THE TOWN LAW. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT, THAT THE TOWN BOARD DOES HEREBY APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$35,000.00 FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUND "H878 CAPITAL RESERVE PARKS AND REC" TO THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND "A878001 CAPITAL RESERVE"; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION IS SUBJECT TO A PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 6-C AND ARTICLE 7 OF THE TOWN LAW, AND SHALL AUTOMATICALLY TAKE EFFECT THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER ITS ADOPTION, WITHOUT ANY FURTHER PROCEEDINGS BEING NECESSARY BY THE TOWN, UNLESS A PETITION IS PRESENTED TO THE TOWN CLERK, CONFORMING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TOWN LAW, SEEKING A PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF THE THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD PROSCRIBED BY THE TOWN LAW, THE TOWN SUPERVISOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH THE TRANSFER OF THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS AS DESCRIBED HEREIN.

**MOTION # 12 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION # 28 FOR THE YEAR 2016** made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

PAYMENT OF AUDITED BILLS AND ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT:

AUDITED BILLS:

General A \$9447.85

S.L. \$787.62

General B \$53.61

Highway DB \$23442.03

TOTAL: \$33731.11

**MOTION# 13 TO PAY ALL AUDITED BILLS AND ACCEPT THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS** made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

**MOTION #14 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

Tana Strom- Had charging stations been discussed with Climate Smart committee?

Councilman Mort- They have, and are still be considered.

**MOTION #15 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 #16 TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:50PM** made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort, approved unanimously.

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

Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Radley