

TOWN OF GHENT  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
September 21, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held September 21, 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.

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

Two audience members

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

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney

Nays: 0

No Comment

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

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney

Nays: 0

MOTION #3 TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON AUGUST 24, 2017 made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Nelson

Nays: 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

An email from Route 203 resident Jane Fulton regarding last year's denied request for a lower speed limit on Route 203. Volunteers are needed for the Ghent Food Pantry and Meals on Wheels delivery drivers are also needed. Please contact the Town Hall if interested.

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

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney

Nays: 0

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

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney  
Nays: 0

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

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney  
Nays: 0

MOTION # 7 TO ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERK REPORT FOR AUGUST made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney  
Nays: 0

PLANNING, ZONING AND COMMITTEES:

MOTION #8 TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES FROM JUNE 6, 2017 made by Councilwoman Matheney seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney  
Nays: 0

GZRC- No meeting last month, next meeting September 25, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

BROADBAND- Trucks are out all over the Town updating the equipment.

CLIMATE SMART-

MOTION #9 TO APPROVE RFP FOR CHARGING STATION made by Councilwoman Matheney seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney  
Nays: 0

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE- Photographs are being sought out from residents for the journal to be published for the bicentennial. Ad requests were also sent to local businesses. On September 30 members will be at Town Hall interviewing residents who have stories to share.

DOG CONTROL:

MOTION #10 TO ACCEPT THE DCO REPORT FOR AUGUST made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Nelson  
Nays: 0

We have been concentrating on black top patchwork to get us through this winter. We have completed our second round of mowing getting ready to put boom mower on tractor to start cutting over growth back. The Harlemlville Road Bridge was shut down Monday for repairs by County should be reopened shortly. Spoke with engineers in regards of the bridge on Angell Hill they have come back to me with info regarding Phase 1 for costs to replace top section. We posted Carpenter Road to the speed limit of 40MPH.

MOTION #11 TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO MOVE INTO PHASE 2 OF THE ANGELL HILL ROAD BRIDGE REPAIR made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney

Nays: 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MOTION #12 TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #2 FOR 2017 ON OCTOBER 19,2017 AT 6:45PM made by Councilwoman Matheney seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 27 FOR THE YEAR 2017

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF GHENT HAS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS GRANTED THE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING CENTER, INC. A SERIES OF ANNUAL LICENSES TO USE THE WEST GHENT RECREATION CENTER FOR CLASSES AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, AND WHEREAS, THE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING CENTER, INC. HAS REQUESTED TO ENTER INTO A SIMILAR LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF THE WEST GHENT RECREATION CENTER BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 2017 AND MAY 2018 AND HAS REMITTED THE REQUISITE \$500.00 FEE, AND WHEREAS, THE ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN HAS PREPARED SAID LICENSE AGREEMENT AND IS SATISFIED WITH ITS CONTENTS; AND WHEREAS, THE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING CENTER, INC. HAS PROVIDED THE TOWN WITH PROOF OF INSURANCE NAMING THE TOWN AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED, AS REQUIRED BY THE LICENSE AGREEMENT; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN BOARD HAS DETERMINED THAT THE EXECUTION OF THE LICENSE AGREEMENT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF GHENT.

MOTION #13 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 27 FOR THE YEAR 2017 made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION # 28 FOR THE YEAR 2017

WHEREAS, THE TOWN BOARD HAS DETERMINED THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE TOWN OF GHENT TO APPOINT A DEPUTY BUILDING INSPECTOR TO ASSIST THE BUILDING INSPECTOR WITH THE EXECUTION OF HIS DUTIES; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN BOARD HAS DETERMINED THAT ERIN COSTA IS AN APPROPRIATE CANDIDATE FOR THIS POSITION AND THAT SHE IS WILLING TO SERVE THE TOWN IN THIS CAPACITY; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN BOARD WISHES TO APPOINT ERIN COSTA DEPUTY BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR THE TOWN OF GHENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR 2017. NOW, THEREFORE, UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, IT IS RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT, THAT ERIN COSTA BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPOINTED DEPUTY BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR THE TOWN OF GHENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR 2017, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT THAT THE DEPUTY BUILDING INSPECTOR SHALL BE PAID BI-WEEKLY AT THE RATE OF \$17.00 PER HOUR.

MOTION #14 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 28 FOR THE YEAR 2017 made by Councilman Wood seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Matheney

Nays: 0

The Town of Ghent 2018 Tentative Budget was presented to the Town Board by the Town Clerk.

PAYMENT OF AUDITED BILLS AND ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

AUDITED BILLS:

General A \$20932.02  
S.L. \$807.62  
General B \$1657.51  
Highway DB \$83955.09  
TOTAL: \$107352.24

BUDGET AMENDMENT #2 FOR THE YEAR 2017

	Increase	Decrease
DB915		\$33454.08
DB5112.2	\$33454.08	

MOTION# 15 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: 4 Benvenuto, Nelson, Wood, Matheney

Nays: 0

Clarie- Who is installing the Broadband? Spectrum and Charter have contracted in out.

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

Ayes: 4 Benvenuto, Wood, Nelson, Mort, Matheney

Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Radley  
Town Clerk