

TOWN OF GHENT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held October 18, 2014 at the Ghent Town Hall, Route 66, Ghent, NY. Supervisor Benvenuto opened the meeting at 7:30 pm with the pledge to the flag.

Present:	Michael Benvenuto	Supervisor
	Charles Wood	Councilman
	Peter Nelson	Councilman
	Richard Sardo	Councilman
	Mallory Mort	Councilman
	Ben Perry	Highway Superintendent
	Theodore Guterman	Town Attorney

Present: Patti Schrom, Tom Runyon, and a reporter

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

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

Nays: 0

Patti Schrom: Thanked the Town Board members who attended the IDA Public Hearing on Ginsberg's held in Claverack. Ask if the Board has considered taking a position on the granting of the PILOT to Ginsberg's, which Taconic Hills School District and Superintendent Howard are prepared to do. The tax burden will fall on Ghent and Claverack residents. Who decides on PILOTS and can a company gets a second PILOT? Feels Ghent did not get a fair chance at first Public Hearing since only one member of the IDA showed up. This is a large project, and the residents should be getting transparency and clear figures and accurate numbers. As for other concerns, would like clarification on the zoning issues in regards to height restrictions and a review of section 190-28.

Supervisor Benvenuto- Expressed disappointment on the first held Public Hearing and lack of attendance by the IDA board. Felt the hearing in Claverack was better presentation of the facts. As for his position at county level, he supports Chairman Pat Grattan on seeking reimbursement from the CEDC for the purchase of the land being used for Ginsberg's site. As for 190-28, clarification will be given.

Councilman Sardo- Against IDA's in principle. They create unfair deals, and is clearly against.

Tom Runyon- Is the attorney reviewing section 190-28 of the Zoning Code representing the Town on the Ginsberg issue?

Supervisor Benvenuto- Attorney Joe Castiglione is representing the Town of Ghent in regards to Ginsberg's. The ZBA findings regarding Ginsberg's and its variance as well as clarification of section 190-28 can be found in the ZBA determination letter.

MOTION #2 TO CLOSE THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilman Sardo and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION #3 TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2014 made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilman Sardo and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

MOTION #4 TO ACCEPT THE ASSESSORS, BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND TOWN CLERKS REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Sardo and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

PLANNING AND ZONING:

MOTION #5 TO ACCEPT MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ZONING BOARD FOR AUGUST 13TH AND 26TH 2014 AND SEPTEMBER 9TH 2014 made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

LOCAL LAW #3- Public hearing held and closed. Will be before the Town Board at November's meeting, pending Columbia County Planning Board approval.

CODE CORRECTION LC/B ZONE-

Attorney Guterman addressed the Town Board in regards to an issue in the current codebook, and the need to make a technical amendment to the Zoning code regarding the maximum height for the LC/B zone. When the new codebook was printed, it was misinterpreted by the printing company and a section was mistakenly printed blank regarding the maximum height for LC/B.

MOTION #6 TO PROCEED WITH AMENDING THE CODE BOOK AT NOVEMBERS TOWN BOARD MEETING

made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Sardo and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

HIGHWAY:

Completed our paving for the year we were able to resurface 9.6 miles using 4,400 tons of stone and over 63,000 gallons of oil. We have used all of our chips money now filing all the paper work for reimbursement .We have shouldered and ditched over 26 miles of road out of 152 as of today we will continue to shoulder and ditch as long as the weather holds out. We have laid 1,041' of underground drainage. Picked up our new Dodge last week and sander equipment we are starting to put truck together waiting on body from Texas. Moving onto prepping for next year resurfacing jobs.

RESOLUTION #29 FOR THE YEAR 2014:

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Superintendent has indicated the need to purchase a Tilt Trailer to be pulled behind a pick-up truck in connection with the maintenance and repairs to the Town Highways; and, WHEREAS, in accordance with the Town of Ghent Procurement Policy, the Highway Superintendent has obtained two different quotes for said trailer; and, WHEREAS, the quote from B-Wise/Bri-Mar Company, for the amount of \$6,946.90 is the lowest bid; and, WHEREAS, the Tilt Trailer offered by this Company meets all required specifications and the Highway Superintendent has recommended the purchase of said Tilt Trailer from this Company for the aforesaid price.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ghent that the Town shall purchase a Tilt Trailer from B-Wise/Bri-Mar Company, which has provided the lowest bid for said trailer, and which bid complies with all the required specifications, for the sum of \$6,946.90, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Highway Superintendent and/or the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to take all steps necessary in connection with completing this purchase.

MOTION #7 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #29 FOR THE YEAR 2014 made by Councilman Sardo, seconded by Councilman Nelson and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

JOHNSON ROAD- Attorney Guterman reports reviewing correspondence from Mr. Clearman. He advised the Board the next step is to meet with County officials for their input, then proceed to Public Hearing.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESCUE SQUADS

MOTION #8 TO APPROVE THE TOWN OF GHENT ENTERING INTO A CHARGEBACK AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF COLUMBIA payment to rescue squads providing services to the Town of Ghent in the amount of \$115895.00 divided out as follows : Chatham Rescue, \$76500.00 Greenport Rescue, \$29547.00 and Valatie Rescue \$9848.00 made by Councilman Mort seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.

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

Nays: 0

