

Town of Norfolk
Norfolk Town Board Meeting
February 17, 2022

The Norfolk Town Board held its Monthly Meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Norfolk Town Hall.

Present were Supervisor Charles Pernice, Councilman Donald Purvis and Councilwoman Jean Gang.

Councilman Paul Paige and Deputy Supervisor Richard Bump were not present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Pernice called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 1/13/2022 Organizational Town Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor – Carried

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

- Proposed Outdoor Burning Code. Kate Chepeleff – Planning Board Chair, gave an overview of the proposed outdoor burning code and requested that the Town Board review and provide feedback as soon as possible. Also, requested that the Board determine what the permit fee and fine amounts will be. It was noted that Deputy Supervisor (and Fire Chief) Rick Bump will be the primary point of contact between the Town Board / Planning Board and the Norfolk Fire Department on this matter.
- Supervisor Pernice noted the following:
 - There is grant money available that should be able to be used to create a new water district in the Yaleville area. He asked the Board if these was interest in pursuing this.

- The closed bid process for the Emergency Generator project has been awarded to NextEra with the lowest bid of \$33,000. Current estimated lead time to get the equipment for the project is approximately 40 weeks.
- The Engineering Survey on the curved section of Remington Avenue has been completed. Work continues on the establishment of method by which NGL will be taxed and creation of the Special Use Permit for the proposed project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill White addressed the Board asking that they support his effort to try to stop the Verizon cell tower planned to be built at 1909 SH420. He and some of the other neighbors have concerns about health issues related to 5G technology, destruction of wetland areas on the property and quote “Do not want it built in their back yard”.

- Planning Board Chair (Kate Chepeleff) gave a summary of what the Planning Board considered in their decision to approve the Special Use Permit.
- Town Clerk (Jill Molnar) noted that the Special Use Permit was approved as submitted by the Planning Board with 3 stipulations. All understand that (per Town Code) the Town Board does not have the authority to override the decision of the Norfolk Planning Board in their approval of Verizon’s Special Use Permit for the tower. The building permit will not be issued until such time as the stipulations are adequately met (confirmed by Code Enforcement Officer Leonard Halpern).
- Supervisor Pernice reiterated that per our code the Town Board does not have the authority to overrule the Planning Board and that any attempt to delay or stop the project would need to be done with an appeal to the Supreme Court for review by a proceeding under Article 78.

REPORTS

*Monthly Police Report: The report of the Police Department was reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

- Supervisor Pernice noted that he and Chief Dan Holmes met with NNCS Superintendent Jamie Cruickshank to discuss providing a Police presence at the school. It was agreed to and the schedule has been adjusted accordingly until school is out for summer break (at which time the duty schedule will be adjusted back to evening coverage in town).

*Monthly Code Enforcement Report: The monthly report of CEO Leonard Halpern was reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor – Carried

*Monthly Town Clerk Report: The monthly report of Town Clerk Jill Molnar was reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

*Monthly Dog Control Officer Report: The monthly report of Dog Control Officer James McConkey was reviewed and approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

*Monthly Court Report: none. Councilwoman Gang noted that she and Deputy Supervisor Rick Bump are still working to get the court audit done.

*Norfolk Rescue Squad Report: The 10/4 – 12/31/2021 report of the Norfolk Rescue Squad was reviewed and accepted with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor – Carried.

*Verbal Highway Report: none
Highway crew was working on what is thought to be a water main break and not available.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

none

ACTION ITEMS

*Resignation of Stephanie Wilcox as Town Justice was accepted with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

- Supervisor Pernice noted that we are looking to find a replacement.

*Norfolk-Norwood Minor Hockey 2022 contract for \$650.00 was approved with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Councilman Gang. All in Favor – Carried

*Resolution #5 the following budget transfers:

General Fund

From: Contingency 19904.1.4 \$ 1,831.00

To: Town Board CE 10104.1.4 \$ 1,831.00

From: Contingency 19904.1.4 \$ 2,970.00

To: Ambulance CE 45401.1.4 \$ 2,970.00

From: ARPA Funds \$ 7,700.00

To: Engineering CE 1444.1.4 \$ 7,700.00

This is for the engineering on the water valve replacement project.

From: ARPA Funds \$ 1,062.00

To: Sewer Equipment 813.02.9 \$ 1,062.00

This is for the mats covering the digesters at the sewer plant.

were approved with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Councilman Gang. All in Favor – Carried

*Supervisor Pernice’s request that funds for retirees’ 2022 insurance premiums (total monthly amount \$930.58) be paid directly to each individual retiree via check each month so they can each make their payments directly to the insurance providers (*thus eliminating the extra step of having each retiree bring their payment coupons into the office to be included in the monthly abstract which causes the payments to be late each month*) was approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor - Carried

*Appointment of Thomas Emburey to the Planning Board was approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor - Carried

*Decision to accept Martha Monroe’s donation of 5 acres of land on Mill Road (with the condition that the property remain undeveloped) was approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

*The February Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$131,702.63 was reviewed and approved for payment with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

Supervisor – Charles Pernice
Deputy Supervisor – Richard Bump
Councilman – Donald Purvis
Councilwoman – Jean Gang
Councilman – Paul Paige

Dated: March 2, 2022
Jill M. Molnar – Norfolk Town Clerk