

Town of Norfolk
Norfolk Town Board Meeting
August 11, 2022

The Norfolk Town Board held its Monthly Meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Norfolk Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Charles Pernice, Deputy Supervisor Richard Bump, Councilwoman Jean Gang, Councilman Donald Purvis and Councilman Paul Paige.

PLEDGE

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 July 14, 2022 Town Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Bump. All in Favor – Carried

2023 BUDGET

Budget Officer William Dashnaw gave an overview of the upcoming budget process and requested preliminary salary data so he can begin putting together the spreadsheet. There was discussion.

- General agreement to adjust the police salaries employing a 3 step structure.
- General agreement to adjust the arena manager salary.
 - Decision to go with a 3% across the board increase for town employees (non-elected) was approved with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Bump and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor - Carried
- Motion for the Town Board Members to not take a salary increase this year was made by Deputy Supervisor Bump. There was no second.

- Decision to give the Town Board Members a 3% increase was approved with a motion by Councilwoman Jean Gang and Councilman Paul Paige. Vote was as follows:
 - Councilwoman Gang yes
 - Councilman Paige yes
 - Councilman Purvis yes
 - Deputy Supervisor Bump no
 - Supervisor Pernice abstained
- Next budget working session will be Thursday September 8, 2022 at 5:00pm at the Norfolk Town Hall.

SUPERVISOR’S UPDATE

- Hough Road Gate – Supervisor Pernice noted that the locked gate at the end of Hough Rd is causing concern with some of the neighbors (some of whom were in attendance). There was discussion. Documents readily available initially indicate that the town owns a section that’s 66’ wide from the end of Hough Road all the way over to Brouse Road. The history of its use/access is unclear.
 - Decision to have the property surveyed was approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor – Carried.

The topic was tabled so that further investigation/research could be done. Follow up next meeting.

- Memorial Park Pavilion –
 - Norfolk Concert Series Organizer Chris Paige would like the town to use covid relief money to upgrade the pavilion. There was no further discussion.
 - Vern Wolf and Rick Coller volunteered to upgrade the electrical.
- IT Provider CST Group provided a written update report. They are almost complete with the on-boarding process. Currently 12 computers identified and being monitored. At least one or two more still need to be brought on-line.

REPORTS

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

*Monthly Code Enforcement Report: The monthly report of CEO Leonard Halpern was not available.

*Monthly Building Inspector Report: The monthly report of Building Inspector Timothy Wunder was reviewed and approved with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Bump and Councilman Purvis. 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 Councilman Purvis and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor - Carried

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

*Monthly Court Report: none

*Verbal Highway Report: Highway Superintendent Peter Darabon noted the following:

- Water main break at 18 W Main repaired.
- Price of blacktop now \$68/ton (up from \$52/ton last year)
- Doing work at Hale Cemetery
- Hydrant and valve project in Raymondville complete.
- Change 220 feet of culvert on Joy Road in preparation for paving for next year.
- Total culverts change for this year 1,252 feet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ACTION ITEMS

* Contract with NNCS Trap Team for \$650.00 for 2022 was brought up by Supervisor Pernice. Councilwoman Gang asked if this was a school sanctioned organization, Supervisor Pernice said that it was. Councilwoman

Gang pointed out that the town does not give financial support to any other school sanctioned group and expressed concern that if we contribute to this one, we'll start getting requests from all the rest. No action was taken.

* Decision to appoint Terri Bump to the Norfolk Housing Board was approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Councilwoman Gang. Vote was 4 yes and Deputy Supervisor Bump abstaining. Carried

* Voucher for Adirondack Storage Barns (large boat) was approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Bump. All in Favor - Carried

* Resolution #16-2022 Budgetary Transfers for as follows:

General Fund A

From:	ARPA	4089.1	\$ 1,194.00
To:	Engineering CE	14404.1	\$ 1,194.00

(\$893.25 bidding assistance on the water project and \$300.00 professional services for the Knapps Station Rd generator installation)

was approved with motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

* Decision to accept Dog Officer James McConkey’s resignation as of September 1, 2022 was approved with a motion Councilman Purvis and Deputy Supervisor Bump. All in Favor – Carried

* Statewide Aquastore for CP replacement. There was discussion. No decision at this time.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Jean Gang – Asked if we ever got paid from the county for the demolition expenses on the Debien House and George’s Tavern. Supervisor Pernice said that we did.

Donald Purvis – Brought up the continuing problem of the trucks speeding on W. Main Street.

Deputy Supervisor Bump – Asked if the county was planning to pave W. Main Street this year. County Legislator John Buke (who was in attendance) said he didn’t know but would find out.

Councilman Paige – Asked if we could do something to thank Melissa Stark for the new “Welcome to Raymondville” signs.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The July Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$144,802.53 along with a voucher for Clear Data Solutions (\$16.00) and The Hartford (\$84.93) were reviewed and approved for payment with a motion by Councilman Paige and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

County Legislator John Burke noted that the county was awarded a \$1 million dollar grant from the Howard Buffett Foundation to be used over the next 3 years. Will provide for full time detective.

Norfolk Rescue Squad President Terri Bump gave a brief update on staffing and funding issues (both short term and long term) facing the squad and asked if the Town would be willing to take a look at the situation with her. Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Bump both volunteered to work with her on this.

Organizers for an upcoming event to provide school supplies to families in the area asked for a donation from the town. Supervisor Pernice explained that the town couldn't donate to organizations unless they were formally organized as a non-profit.

Museum board member Bill VanKennen noted that there was a potential opportunity for the town to acquire one of the train engines that used to be in use in Norfolk. It is currently located at Steamtown USA in Scranton, PA. He and Supervisor Pernice plan to take a trip down there to see it and get more details on what would be required.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Bump. All in Favor – Carried

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

Dated: September 7, 2022

Jill M. Molnar – Norfolk Town Clerk