

Town of Norfolk
Norfolk Town Board Meeting
March 10, 2022

The Norfolk Town Board held its Monthly Meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Norfolk Town Hall.

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

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 2/17/2022 Town Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Deputy Supervisor Bump. All in Favor – Carried

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

- None

REPORTS

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

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

- Code Enforcement Officer Leonard Halpern noted a special thank you to the Norfolk Fire Department for their assistance to the homeowners on SH 310 who experienced extensive damage to their home as the result of a gas explosion. Deputy Supervisor Rick Bump gave an overview of the circumstances. Luckily no one was injured.

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

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

*Monthly Court Report: The monthly report of the Norfolk Justice Court for January & February was reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Paige and Deputy Supervisor Bump. All in Favor – Carried

*Annual Norfolk Hepburn Library report was reviewed and accepted with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Councilman Paige. All in Favor - Carried

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

- Acknowledged that Sober Street is in terrible condition and that it's a good thing is going to be paved this summer.
- There was a water service line break repaired in front of the Post Office in Raymondville.
- Several culverts have been repaired.
- Several areas of roads have been patched.
- Due to the severe increases in fuel costs the town will be getting additional funds from the county.

- Supervisor Pernice noted special acknowledgment to Highway Superintendent Pete Darabon on the excellent job he's doing with managing the towns' resources through this winter season. One specific example being that we've had more bad weather than in recent years such that other surrounding towns have run out of sand. We still have a good supply left.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

County Legislator John Burke was in attendance.

- He noted that the county is getting \$21M in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. General comments from the attendees were that those funds should be used by the county for highway/paving and bridges.
- He also noted that the county received \$1.6M from the Opioid Settlement. There was discussion about how hard the county and our communities have been effected. Many lives lost due to overdoses. There is a great need for local treatment options. The county is moving forward with plans to bring a methadone clinic to the Human Services Center in Canton.

Alan Sweet requested the Town provide assistance in helping him resolve (clean up) the property he owns at 80 Grantville Rd. by having the town formally condemn the structure. Code Enforcement Officer Leonard Halpern noted that he could declare it unsafe. When asked why he didn't evict the tenant Alan stated that he didn't want to incur the cost (\$2,500) of doing that. Supervisor Pernice noted that he would seek council from the town's attorney to see what options may be available.

ACTION ITEMS

*Resignation of Norfolk Police Officer Brandon Tavernia was accepted with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Paige. All in Favor – Carried

- Supervisor Pernice noted that he's going to work for the Tribal Police and they would be buying some of the equipment (~\$4,000) that we'd purchased for him.

*Second Notice Fee of \$2.00 per parcel for unpaid taxes was approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Bump. AIF - Carried

*Time Warner Cable Adjustments to tax bills: Time Warner Cable pays the Town of Norfolk franchise fees annually. So each year they submit their payments of taxes excluding the Town of Norfolk lines. (bill #44 \$86.45 & bill #2591 \$669.67) This year's total adjustment is \$756.12 and was approved

with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Deputy Supervisor Bump. All in Favor – Carried

*Resolution #7 Loan Resolution Authorizing and Providing for a Portion of the cost of the 2023 Plow Truck was approved with a motion by Councilman Paige and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

*Public Hearings for:

- Proposed Open Burn Code in the Residential Hamlet District of Norfolk set for April 14, 2022 @ 5:30pm at the Norfolk Town Hall
- Proposed Special Use for Fuel Terminal / Trans Loading Terminal for transfer of Liquid Petroleum in the Commercial Industrial District of Norfolk set for April 14, 2022 @ 5:45pm at the Norfolk Town Hall

were approved with a motion by Councilman Paige and Deputy Supervisor Bump. All in Favor - Carried

*Resolution #6 Budget Transfer:

General Fund

From: ARPA Funds \$ 2,500.00

To: Engineering CE 14404.1.4 \$ 2,500.00

This is for the survey we had done for Remington Ave. for a potential road improvement project due to the increase in tractor trailer traffic.

was approved with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Bump and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

*Request from Town Clerk Jill Molnar that, to avoid being late with our payment every month because of the timing of when the bills are generated and received, authorization was granted to Town Supervisor Pernice to approve the monthly bills for:

- MVP \$10,570.27 (current town employees' group MEDICAL insurance)
- MetLife \$ 546.75 (current town employees' group LIFE and AD&D insurance)

as a “pre-paid” such that they can be approved and submitted for payment if needed in the weekly payroll check run, was approved with a motion by Councilman Gang and Councilman Paige. All in Favor - Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Request by Supervisor Pernice to go into executive session to discuss matters regarding the employment status of a particular person was approved with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Bump and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor - Carried

No action was taken.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The March Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$70,807.59 was reviewed and approved for payment with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Harvey and Councilman Paige. All in Favor – Carried

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Dated: March 11, 2022

Jill M. Molnar – Norfolk Town Clerk