

Town of Norfolk
Norfolk Town Board Meeting
May 12, 2022

The Norfolk Town Board held its Monthly Meeting on Thursday, May 12, 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.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Pernice called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 4/14/2022 Town Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Deputy Supervisor Bump. All in Favor – Carried

The minutes of the 4/14/2022 Public Hearing for Norfolk Town Code revisions to add Fuel Terminal/Fuel Transfer Station as an approved Special Use in Commercial Industrial (C-I) zone were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Bump and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor – Carried

The minutes of the 4/14/2022 Public Hearing for Norfolk Town Code revisions to add Open Burning Permit Regulations in Residential Hamlet (R-H) zone were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Paige and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

The minutes of the 4/28/2022 Special Town Board Meeting for the Bond Resolution for new Truck purchase and appointment of court clerks were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Bump. All in Favor – Carried

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

- Supervisor Pernice noted that in reviewing the most recent survey of the section on of W Main Street where Memorial Park is located, it turns out that some of the “park” is actually on surrounding owners’ property and the existing pavilion (built after the survey was done) appears to have been built only partially on town owned property. The Norfolk Concert Series organizers have mentioned the possibility of expanding that structure. There was unanimous agreement by the board members to have the surveyor update the survey to include structures that have been added as a good next step before any other changes occur. The issue of risk/liability will need to be addressed as well.

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

- Police Chief Dan Holmes noted that there is discussion about getting the Neighborhood Watch program back up and running, now that COVID is subsiding.

*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

*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 Deputy Supervisor Bump. 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 Councilman Paige and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

*Monthly Court Report: None submitted.

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

- 450 ft culvert replaced so far this spring
- Fixed water leak at Café 56
- Fixed digester leaking gasket on pump at water plant

- Hauling blacktop for Stockholm
- Would like to put the 1982 Gradeall and 2005 Int'l truck on Auction's International – the board agreed.
- All roads in the country have been swept.
- Water on a section of SH56 in Raymondville from just after Bethel's Garage to the old paper mill will be shut off from midnight Tuesday night until ~ 5am Wednesday morning to help Brookfield identify where the water is coming from (around the old mill structure). Residents affected (~ 13) will be notified either in person or with a flyer left of their doors.
- Fuel Prices are skyrocketing. Having significant impact on the cost of paving material and expected to continue. Will most likely impact the amount of roads that will be able to be paved this year. For example: Sober Street will only be shimmed this year and topping will have to wait till next year.
- Given the extended lead times and parts shortages it seems like we should get the next truck on order (currently 2 years out). There was discussion.

*Decision to start the process of getting the next truck (for delivery in 2024) on order immediately was approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor - Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ACTION ITEMS

*Resolution #9 New York State Standard Work Day Resolution for Employees approved with a motion by Councilman Paige and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor – Carried

*Resolution #11 Budget Transfer as follows:

From: Federal Aid / ARPA Funds	4089.1	\$3,439.00
To: Sewer Treatment/Disposal EQ	81302.9	\$3,439.00

(1st payment to the contractor for the Knapps Station Sewer Pump Station Emergency Generator Project)

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

*Public Hearing for:

- Proposed addition to Town Code for the Keeping of Domestic Poultry in the Residential Hamlet (R-H) District of Norfolk set for June 9, 2022 @ 5:45pm at the Norfolk Town Hall

was approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Deputy Supervisor Bump. All in Favor - Carried

*Agreement to Spend Highway Funds was approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Paige. All in Favor - Carried

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

- The May Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$57,963.89 along with the following:
 - Voucher for \$16.00 (Clear Data Solutions Invoice)
 - Voucher for \$6,195.00 (Office of the State Comptroller – Justice Court Fund December 2019 Invoice)
 - Voucher for \$3,439.00 (Tisdell Associates Invoice)

were reviewed and approved for payment with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Bump. All in Favor – Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- County Legislator John Burke noted:
 - That there is a DANC study on sludge drying fields regarding new technology that may enable the final product to be Class A fertilizer rather than the Class B fertilizer that is currently produced. Could potentially result in significant cost savings if proven to be viable.
 - That the county has \$3M in Federal ARPA Funds for water/sewer projects. We can put in for some of this.

- Raymondville residents Michael and Tammy Murray asked about the status of solving the issues they are having with their water at 4 Fairlawn Ave. The challenge is that water quality is fine at the source but reading excessively high levels of iron at the faucet inside their home. With no maps to show the location of the lines it is nearly impossible to identify the source of the issue. Given reports of what the other neighbors on the street are experiencing, evidence is pointing to possibility that the main may be dead headed at the end of Fairlawn at SH56 (rather than connected and looped around) and perhaps this is what the issue is. Highway Superintendent Pete Darabon is going to contact Rural Water to see if they may have equipment to help locate the lines in the area. He is also going to continue to work on the issue at the site. Supervisor Pernice agreed to reach out to Steve Siddon (Valley Water – Water/Sewer Plants Operator) and Aaron Jarvis (Tisdell Associates – Engineer) to see about options for longer term solutions.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Dated: May 16, 2022

Jill M. Molnar – Norfolk Town Clerk