

Town of Norfolk
Norfolk Town Board Meeting
September 8, 2022

The Norfolk Town Board held its Monthly Meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 6:45 PM (*45 min later than scheduled due to 5:00pm 2023 Budget Mtg running late*) 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 August 11, 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

- Rescue Squad Data – Supervisor Pernice noted that the St. Lawrence County Office of Emergency Services Bureau of Emergency Medical Services has begun furnishing monthly reports on call volume and turnover statistics by Agency. (Norfolk Rescue Squad being one of the agencies on the report)
- New Truck Grant - Supervisor Pernice noted that we will be applying for a grant for the next new Highway Department truck (looking to take delivery in 2 years). Budget Officer Bill Dashnaw agreed to assist in that process.

- Elm Circle Playground – The new boat has arrived and has been put in place. Playground will re-open early next week.

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

*Monthly Code Enforcement Report: The July and August monthly reports of CEO Leonard Halpern were reviewed and approved with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Councilman Paige. All in Favor - Carried

*Monthly Building Inspector Report: The monthly report of Building Inspector Timothy Wunder was reviewed and approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang 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 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

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

- Blacktop is done, including Sober Street
- Hauled blacktop for Brasher
- Worked out at Hale Cemetery
- Hauled blacktop for Louisville
- Supervisor Pernice also noted that The Village of Massena has informed him that the water hydrants in the Cook Street district all have to be taken apart and plug bleeders because of high water levels. The Town of Norfolk will be responsible for the cost of this work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ACTION ITEMS

* Appointment of Tamara T. Rizk and Eric Ochraneck as members of the Norfolk Museum Board was approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Paige. All in Favor – Carried.

* Declaration of the week of September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week was approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried.

* Contract with the NNCS Trap Team for \$650.00 was approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor - Carried

* Resolution #17-2022 Budgetary Transfers for as follows:

General Fund A

From: ARPA Funds 4089.1 \$ 2,915.00

To: Engineering CE 14404.1 \$ 2,915.00

(\$2,615.00 to Tisdell for professional services on the water (hydrant/valve) project and \$300.00 professional services for the Knapps Station Rd generator installation)

From: Insurance Recovery 2680.2 \$14,860.00

To: Playground/Rec EQ 71402.2 \$14,860.00

(to pay for the new playground boat structure at \$7,666.00 and mulch & border \$7,194.00)

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS

none

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The September Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$144,802.53 along with vouchers for:

- Clear Data Solutions (\$16.00)
- NNCS Trap Team (\$650.00)
- Gilee's Auto (\$5,468.66)
- Barrett, NYNorth (\$226,069.67)
- Young Explosives Corp (\$4,000.00)

APPROVAL OF BILLS (*continued*)

- Enhanced Business Systems (\$1,000.00)
- NNCS Tax Collector (M. Monroe property on Mill Rd) (\$91.61)

were reviewed and approved for payment with a motion by Councilman Paige and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

NNCS Trap team representatives Chris Beckstead and Matt Nolan gave an overview of what the trap team is, membership and how it's organized.

Resident Tammy Murray noted that because of all the water quality issues that she's been having she had not paid anything on her 2022 water bill prior to the June 1st deadline and therefore had received a late fee notice. She stated that due to all the expenses incurred to replace household items ruined by poor water earlier in the year, she would like a credit for the 1st & 2nd qtrs. as well as the \$25.00 late fee. She has since paid for 3rd & 4th qtrs.

Supervisor Pernice responded that water samples had been taken at four other locations on the system (including 2 neighbors very close to her) and all tests came back from the lab as well within limits with no issues reported by those homeowners. It was also noted that as part of the water (hydrant/valve) project completed earlier this summer it was discovered that the water main did not dead end at the end of Fairlawn Ave as suspected but rather loops around back to Woodland Ave at the section closest to the bridge. It was decided to install a new hydrant at since it was all dug up anyway.

Supervisor Pernice offered to have samples pulled from inside the Murray's home as well as the other 2 neighbors around her who she (Tammy Murray) said are having the same issues she is.

* Decision to waive the \$25 late fee was approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Deputy Supervisor Bump. All in Favor – Carried

Town Justice George Grubee brought up the issue of a rat/vermin problem on the section of Wheeler Drive where he lives. This is not a new complaint and Code Enforcement will look into the problem again.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Dated: September 13, 2022

Jill M. Molnar – Norfolk Town Clerk