

Town of Norfolk
Norfolk Town Board Meeting
February 9, 2023

The Norfolk Town Board held its Monthly Meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Norfolk Town Hall.

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

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 1/12/2023 Organizational Town Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

- Memorial Park – Supervisor Pernice noted that the estimated cost of the most recent rendering (includes electrical) of the proposed new bandshell is \$125K - \$175K. The surveyor is currently researching to see if there is an existing right of way defined behind the buildings. No further action was taken at this time.
 - Highway Superintendent Peter Darabon agreed to contact volunteers to see about upgrading the electrical service to the existing pavilion.
- Decision to give the Norfolk Concert Series a monetary donation of \$2,500.00 for this season was approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor (Councilman Paige Abstained) Carried.

- Water Meters – Supervisor Pernice also noted that based on communications that he’s received from NYS DEC, he anticipates that the town will be forced to move forward with installing water meters on municipal water customers’ service in the future.

REPORTS

*Monthly Police Report: The monthly report of OIC Jose Colon 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 reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor – Carried

*Monthly Code Enforcement Report: The monthly report of CEO Tim Wunder 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 Deputy Supervisor Bump. All in Favor – Carried

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

*Monthly Court Report: The monthly report of the Norfolk Justice Court was reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Councilman Paige. All in Favor – Carried

*Verbal Highway Report: Highway Superintendent Peter Darabon offered the following updates:

- water main break repaired at 4197 SH 310
- furnace problem at the sewer plant on River Road – repairs scheduled for next week
- Highway crew clothing allowance increase from \$450 (2022) to \$500 (2023) and boot allowance from \$150 (2022) to \$200 (2023) approved with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Bump and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor - Carried
- MX Fuel bills for January totaled \$16,879.92
- \$74.66 per ton for salt Up ~\$5.00 since last year

EXECUTIVE SESSION

none

ACTION ITEMS

* Decision to re-appoint Louis Fiacco to the BAR (Board of Assessment Review) was approved with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Deputy Supervisor Bump. All in Favor - Carried

*Time Warner Cable Adjustments to tax bills: Time Warner Cable / Spectrum pays the Town of Norfolk franchise fees annually. So each year they submit their payments of taxes excluding the Town of Norfolk lines. (bill #45 \$77.72 & bill #2601 \$649.10) This year’s total adjustment is \$726.82. This was approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Deputy Supervisor Bump. All in Favor – Carried

*John Meyers was approved for hire as a Norfolk PD Police Officer with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Bump and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor - Carried

*Resolution #3-2023 Budget Transfers as follows:

From:	Federal Aid/ARPA Funds	4089.1	\$22,444.00
To:	Sewer Treatment/Disposal EQ	81302.9	\$22,444.00
<i>(final payment to the contractor for the Knapps Station Generator)</i>			
From:	Federal Aid/ARPA Funds	4089.1	\$ 1,040.00
To:	Engineering CE	81302.9	\$ 1,040.00
<i>(professional and technical services for redesigning Remington Ave)</i>			
From:	Police Grant Funds EQ	3089.2	\$ 1,106.46
To:	Police EQ	31202.2	\$ 1,106.46
<i>(grant funds transferred from a revenue line to appropriations line)</i>			
From:	Contingency	19904.1	\$ 545.00
To:	Town Board CE	10104.1	\$ 545.00
<i>(DANC GIS Web Hosting)</i>			

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

*Inter-municipality agreement with the Village of Norwood for sharing initial costs of physical and mental health tests for officers entering the Police Academy was approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Deputy Supervisor Bump. All in Favor - Carried

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Gang – none
Councilman Purvis – none
Deputy Supervisor Bump – none
Councilman Paige - none

APPROVAL OF BILLS

*The February Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$135,136.55 along with the following vouchers from:

- Town Justice Derek Stevenson \$85.00
- Court Clerk Dawn Snyder \$45.03
- CST Group \$1,843.00
- North Shore Solutions \$75.00
- Pomainvilles Collision \$2,731.80

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Schiltz – who’s interested in possibly purchasing 8828 SH 56 (formerly St Raymond’s Church) to open a custom woodworking business – shared an overview of what he would like to do. Current zoning does not allow for a business in the area that is zoned R-H (residential hamlet). The Norfolk Planning Board will look into potential options at their next meeting (3/6/2023).

County Legislator John Burke noted:

- NYS is considering changing the distribution of Federally funded monies for Medicaid that have been passed through to the counties in the past by keeping all of it at the state level. Estimates are that this change would result in an estimated 6% increase in our county taxes.
- NYS wants to take any monies collected on the sale of property sold at the tax auction above and beyond the back taxes and give that to the property owner rather than letting the county keep it.

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: February 28, 2023

Jill M. Molnar – Norfolk Town Clerk