

Town of Norfolk
Norfolk Town Board Meeting
April 8, 2021

The Norfolk Town Board held its Monthly Meeting on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Norfolk Town Hall.

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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Pernice called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 3/11/2021 Town Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Deputy Supervisor Harvey. All in Favor – Carried

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

- Supervisor Pernice brought up the very recent NYS decision legalizing recreational use of marijuana. Details regarding rules for municipalities and their right to opt in or out to allow retail business are still unclear. County Legislator John Burke was in attendance and he noted that he hasn't heard any details from the county yet either. There was discussion. Topic tabled until further details become available.
- Supervisor Pernice noted that there are no more details available regarding the \$490,000 that we are supposed to be getting as part of the American Rescue Plan.
- Supervisor Pernice noted that Aaron Jarvis (Tisdell Associates Engineer) believes (based on his preliminary evaluation) that we may be able to do more sidewalk repair than we initially thought.

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE (continued)

- Supervisory Pernice noted that Theresa Dumas – Museum Curator has requested that changes be made to the parking area in front of the Museum to create better handicap accessibility. She has an increasing number of residents visiting the Museum that would benefit from this. Highway Superintendent Peter Darabon noted that the county would most likely provide assistance and agreed to take on the project.
 - Decision to make improvements to the handicap accessible parking situation in front of the Museum was approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Harvey. All in Favor – Carried.

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

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

*Monthly Court Report: None submitted.

- Supervisor Pernice noted that he has received no further information regarding the status of the court clerk. Town Board Members have reviewed Town Justice Grubee's letter accepting her resignation and the decision to send it and the letter of termination from the Town on to the county was approved with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Harvey and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor - Carried

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

- Water services changed out on W Main St in preparation for upcoming sidewalk replacement work.
- All town roads have been swept.
- Dirt road work completed.
- A different pulley system was put in place at the sewer treatment plant and it seems to be helping to resolve the high failure rate of the air blowers. Aaron Jarvis (Engineer – Tisdell Associates) has also identified some other operational items to be discussed with Steve Siddon (Operator – Valley Water Solutions) that may yield additional improvements.
- There was a circuit board malfunction at the old pumpstation that caused the backup generator to kick on when not needed. Used up almost the entire tank of diesel fuel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ACTION ITEMS

* Appointment of Tracy Lamica to the Museum Board was approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Harvey. All in Favor – Carried

* Resignation of Tammy Labarge from the Planning Board was accepted with a motion by Councilman Paige and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

* Surplus equipment was identified and there was discussion as to how to go about getting rid of it. Decision to conduct a sealed bid through the Town Clerk's Office for the following surplus equipment:

- Item #1 2002 International Single Axle Dump Truck
- Item #2 2008 Ford F-250 XLT Pickup
- Item #3 2012 International Tandem Axle Dump Truck
- Item #4 Spectrum Detroit 250 kW, 3 Phase, Pad Mount Diesel Generator
- Item #5 2012 Chevrolet Caprice Police Cruiser

was approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Supervisor Pernice. All in Favor – Carried

ACTION ITEMS (continued)

* The Debien House: Resolution #5-2021 resolved that the condition of the premises at 8693 State Highway 56 constitutes an immediate and continuous danger to the public health, safety and well-being of the residents of the Town and public at large and that the Town will take immediate action pursuant to Section 150-55 of the Town of Norfolk code to summarily demolish the structure on the premises to protect the public health, safety and well-being with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor - Carried

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilwoman Gang reported that she and Deputy Supervisor Harvey had not yet been able to perform their Audit of the Court because the necessary reports are not available.
- Councilwoman Gang noted that there will be a Rabies Clinic offered in Norfolk this summer on August 5 from 6:30pm – 7:30pm.
- Councilman Paige noted that Melissa Starks inquired about replacing the metal signs. Peter Darabon will look into this.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

- The April Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$60,803.43 as well as a JC Merriman Invoice (\$420.00 for propane) were reviewed and approved for payment with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Harvey and Councilman Paige. All in Favor – Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Butch Lavigne thanked Pete, Jarrod and Danny for getting the ice out of the arena.

There was discussion regarding the progress North Side Energy, LLC's Solar Project and different options for making sure the Town is able to obtain benefits available (via PILOT Agreement, HOST Agreement, Community Solar, etc.) County Legislator John Burke was in attendance and noted that PILOTs are ~ \$4200 per megawatt in other cases. John will get contact information for Charlie to look into this further and Charlie will make sure that Town Attorney Eric Gustafson is involved.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Supervisor – Charles Pernice
Deputy Supervisor – Robert Harvey
Councilman – Donald Purvis
Councilwoman – Jean Gang
Councilman – Paul Paige

Dated: April 9, 2021

Jill M. Molnar – Norfolk Town Clerk