

Town of Norfolk
Norfolk Town Board Meeting
September 14, 2023

The Norfolk Town Board held its Monthly Meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2023 6:00pm at the Norfolk Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Charles Pernice, Deputy Supervisor Bump, Councilman Donald Purvis, Councilwoman Jean Gang, 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 8/10/2023 Monthly Town Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Deputy Supervisor Bump. All in Favor – Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Decision to go into executive session for collective negotiations pursuant to article 14 of the civil service law was approved with a motion by Councilman Paige and Councilwoman Gang. All in Favor – Carried

No action taken.

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

- Supervisor Pernice reviewed the estimate from Burns Bros Contractors to replace the pillow back bearings at the Norfolk sewer plant. Time & material proposal price is \$50,000.00. Also noted that Planning Board member Martin Blair provided the information for another contractor that can be contacted for an estimate. Time is of the essence, as the work needs to be done before cold weather sets in.
 - Decision to authorize Supervisor Pernice to move forward with seeking the second quote and then moving forward to have the work

done (up to \$50,000.00) was approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

- Supervisor Pernice reviewed the estimate from Flynn’s Driveway Sealing to lay out and paint lines at the Dominic Zappia Community Center (Norfolk Area) parking lot. \$2,975.00 for one coat / \$925.00 for 1 additional coat.
 - Decision to move forward to have the work done was approved with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Deputy Supervisor Bump. All in Favor – Carried

- Supervisor Pernice noted and thanked Northern Machining, Butch Lavigne and the Community Association for maintenance/repair work that has been done on the Zamboni.

REPORTS

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

- Decision to approve payment of invoice from S&S Precision \$2,810.36 for police equipment that we will be reimbursed from a grant (that has been secured) was approved 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 Deputy Supervisor Bump and Councilman Purvis. 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 Deputy Supervisor Bump and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

- Code Enforcement Officer Tim Wunder noted that he received the quote from Mike Allen to clean up the trash that’s collecting at 109,117 River Road (\$900 plus tipping fees).

REPORTS *(continued)*

- Decision to move forward with getting it cleaned up was 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 Councilman Paige 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 Councilman Paige. 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 Councilwoman Gang and Deputy Supervisor Bump. All in Favor – Carried

*Highway Report: The monthly report from Highway Superintendent Peter Darabon:

- Trees are down in High Street Cemetery
- Trees on Bank Street, Tiernan Ridge Rd and Joy Road have been cut
- Main water break in front of Dollar General fixed
- Water leak in front of Smith's store fixed. (copper was rotted away)
- Water shutoff at the Post Office fixed.
- The shoulders are cut on the Gladding Road
- Working on pumping station on Remington Avenue
- Flushing fire hydrants and should be finished tonight (9/14), also doing repairs to them during the daytime.

ACTION ITEMS

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

*Reappointment of Richard Planty to the Planning Board for 5 years was approved with a motion by Deputy Supervisor Bump and Councilman Paige. All in Favor – Carried

*Reappointment of John Burke to the Board of Assessment Review for 5 years was approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Paige. All in Favor – Carried

ACTION ITEMS (*continued*)

*Public Hearing October 12, 2023 5:30pm for Local Law to override the tax cap was approved with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Purvis. All in Favor – Carried

*Highway contract (2024-2026) was approved with a motion by Councilman Purvis and Deputy Supervisor Bump. All in Favor – Carried

*Appointment of Travis Villnave to the Zoning Board of Appeals was approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Deputy Supervisor Bump. All in Favor - Carried

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Gang – Noted that she was glad that the trash situation at 109,117 River Rd is being cleaned up.

Councilman Purvis – none

Councilman Paige – none

Deputy Supervisor Bump – none

APPROVAL OF BILLS

*The August Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$55,387.14 along with additional vouchers from:

- CST Group \$1,974.00, Martin Bregg \$50.00, Joe Gang \$25.00, Jayden Pernice \$25.00, Enhanced Business Systems \$1,000.00

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 repair work on the Lacombe Bridge is nearing completion. There were comments regarding displeasure regarding the poor quality of the chip seal on the W Main St paving job that the county did.

Christine Paige (Norfolk Concert Series) requested \$5,000.00 for 2024. Supervisor Pernice noted that \$2,000.00 had been allocated in the tentative budget. Christine Paige requested that that be raised to \$5,000.00. Councilwoman Gang noted that they will consider the increase request.

PUBLIC COMMENTS *(continued)*

Town Justice Derek Stevenson thanked the board for making 8 River Rd (the town's former wastewater treatment facility) available to be renovated for use as records storage for the court. He asked for a status. There was discussion. Supervisor Pernice stated that he would coordinate with Highway Superintendent Peter Darabon so they could meet to determine what needs to be done.

Town Justice Derek Stevenson also noted that he and Town Justice Grubee attended the budget meeting scheduled for August 30, 2023 but were not able to present their department budget information because only Supervisor Pernice and Deputy Supervisor Bump were present. (no quorum). He went on to say that both he and Town Justice Grubee attended the next scheduled budget meeting held on September 13, 2023 but again were not allowed to present their department budget information because at the very beginning of the meeting the board voted to give a 3% raise to all town employees without further discussion. He went on to cite data they had collected comparing Town of Norfolk salary and volume data to that of other towns in the area. There was further discussion.

- Decision to increase the Town Justices salaries by \$3,500.00 per year for each in the 2024 tentative budget was approved with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and seconded by Deputy Supervisor Bump. All in Favor - Carried

There were additional comments from the public regarding the ZBA and Code related items.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Dated: September 28, 2023

Jill M. Molnar – Norfolk Town Clerk