

Minutes

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

August 11, 2016

Budget Workshop 6:00

Supervisor Paula Schueler calls meeting to order at 7:00PM.

*Everyone stands for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Supervisor Paula Schueler opens the floor for public comment on **Local Law 2016-1**

Senior Citizen Exemption

Public Hearing notice was posted in Observer on July 28th and posted at the Persia Town Hall.

Roll Call:

Supervisor: Paula Schueler: present

Highway Superintendent: Daniel Ackley: present

Councilperson: John Walgus: present

Councilperson: Theresa Girome: absent

Councilperson: Gloria Tomaszewski: present

Councilperson: Robert Dingman: present

Building Inspector: Mel Shaw

Town Clerk: Denise Trumpore: present

Others present:

Hon. Arnold Andolsek

Hon. Mark Schindler

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Cattaraugus County District Attorney – Lori Rieman

Carol Sheibley

Jack Broyles

Victoria (Tori) Schultz

Official Reports of Department Heads:

Supervisor Paula Schueler: * We have here tonight Lori Rieman who is the Cattaraugus County District Attorney; she was asked to come down and answer some questions on how she is handling the drug epidemic here in Gowanda.*I have processed payroll. * I ask the bills for abstract #8 for General and Highway be approved by resolution.* I ask the Supervisors report for July be accepted by resolution. *I need a resolution to accept the financial report for July *We need to make two resolutions for budget transfers involving scrap metal and CHIPS money.* I sent the quarterly report to Cattaraugus Co. for the Workers Compensation. * On July 16th I attended the 100 year celebration for Hidi Fire. * On July 24th I went to the Annual Farm bureau picnic. * On July 25th I attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting. * On July 28th I met with Tim Randall from NIMIR. He inspected the Town hall and highway barn for liability. * August 3rd I went to the “Christmas in Gowanda” meeting. We will have our meet and greet event on Saturday December 3rd from 4 to 7 and will serve cookies, hot chocolate and lemonade. * We received the PILOT agreement from the IDA for 49 South Water St. It will run from 2017 to 2028 with assessed value times tax rate and a sliding scale from 0 to 100%. * Budget time is approaching and I would like to have a budget workshop on Thursday, September 15th at 7pm.

Highway Superintendent Daniel Ackley: *Read highway bills. * Highway has been helping Perrysburg and New Albion under the shared services. * I went to a meeting in Fredonia on how the State is going to inventory our road mileage using GSI.

Councilperson John Walgus: * Paula and I recently met with Southern Tier West about ARC grant money which would help us with Phase 1 of the Fiber optic project we have been working on. I also met with DFT Communications who will be bringing in the fiber optic lines to the area; they have the final figures and presented them to Southern Tier West for grant

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funding. I presented this to the Village board and they were all in favor.* Christmas in Gowanda's theme this year will be First Responders and Law Enforcement. * Steve Jolls is done with the emergency repair to the Town Hall. * H&K Publication will be publishing our Pennysaver; it will be called the Gowanda/Silver Creek Pennysaver.

Councilperson Theresa Girome: * absent

Councilperson Gloria Tomaszewski: 1. I attended the Healthy Community Alliance Funding meeting on July 20th. I met Ann Battaglia the new administrator and Ashley Hawley the new secretary. All the apartments are rented and there is a waiting list. They have put in a request for a rent increase which will be determined by HUD. 2. I attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting on July 25th. 3. Judge Andolsek will start working on the JCAP grant and stated he will not be attending the magistrates' conference this year. 4. On August 3rd I went to the 'Christmas in Gowanda' meeting; it was decided that most of the activities will be held on Saturday December 3rd and the Persia Town Hall will be serving hot chocolate and cookies from 4 to 7pm . The tree lighting and parade will also be on the 3rd. The next meeting will be September 7th at 5:30pm at the Village Hall. 5. Richard Bridges resigned from the Ambulance Board and I was asked to fill his vacancy until we can find someone.

Councilperson Robert Dingman: * I am grateful to Supervisor Schueler on her getting DA Rieman to come here tonight and speak with us; we cannot underemphasize the importance of fighting this drug problem that is here.* On August 1st we had a IDA meeting; many were in attendance and we are making progress. We have a meeting on Saturday out of state and on Tuesday to meet with supporters who want to buy into the project.

Assessor Mary Bailey: * The revised STAR program has caused confusion. NEW property (new deed, new owner) owners, filing for a NEW STAR, Must register with New York State for a STAR check by calling 518-457-2036. Those currently in the STAR program and receiving a Basic STAR and who will be turning 65 years of age and wish to apply for Enhanced STAR still apply with their assessor. Any seniors currently on Enhanced STAR renew with the assessor. Those in the STAR program who have a new deed filed (divorce, life use, etc.) but still remain the owner must re-file for a STAR exemption with the assessor.

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Building Inspector: * I sent a citation for a building going up on Skinner Hollow without a building permit. * Issued a building permit for a garage/barn on Maple Hill. * Issued a building permit for addition to house on Point Peter Road.

Town Clerk Denise Trumpore: *

Total transactions for July: 150

Total Collected: \$ 1857.00

Towns Portion: \$ 676.20

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lori Rieman the Cattaraugus County District Attorney came in tonight in response to a call Supervisor Schueler made because of the drug epidemic that is in the area. Ms. Rieman stated her office is working diligently with the Sheriff's office and probation on how to battle this drug problem. It can take 6 months to a year for someone to get off heroin and right now there is only one drug court and that is in Olean. Senator Catherine Young is trying to pass a law which makes it an A felony if someone sells or gives drugs to someone and they die from an overdose. There is a Drug Task Force and if you see illegal drug activity call the Sheriff's office at 716-373-2773.

RESOLUTION #57 Audit of Claims

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

The following was

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Tomaszewski, Dingman, Walgus, Schueler

NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED that the bills contained on abstracts #8 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:
Abstract 8 - General vouchers # 156 to # 171 Total = \$ 3,246.31**

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Abstract 8 - Highway vouchers # 59 to # 68 Total = \$ 51,252.89

RESOLUTION #58 Approval of Minutes

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES - 4 Dingman, Tomaszewski, Walgus, Schueler

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED that the minutes from July 14, 2016 are approved

RESOLUTION #59 Supervisors report

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES - 4 Walgus, Tomaszewski, Dingman, Schueler

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the Supervisors report for July 2016

RESOLUTION #60 Financial Report

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

ADOPTED AYES - 4 Tomaszewski, Dingman, Walgus, Schueler

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the financial report for July 2016.

RESOLUTION #61 LOCAL LAW 2016-1

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES - 4 Walgus, Tomaszewski, Dingman, Schueler

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NAYS – 0

RESOLVED

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Persia, County of Cattaraugus, and State of New York, as follows:

SECTION 1 The County of Cattaraugus voted to add “Option 2” to the Senior Citizen exemption. This adds an additional 15% and 10% option to the sliding scale.

BE IT FURTHER ADVISED that adopting the new County option will increase the Senior Citizen Exemption as follows:

Total income of - \$ 24,200 but less than \$25,100 = 15% of the assessed value exempt.

Total income of - \$ 25,100 but less than \$26,000 = 10% of the assessed value exempt.

SECTION 2 This local law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of State.

RESOLUTION #62 SCRAP METAL

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Walgus, Dingman, Tomaszewski, Schueler

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to increase the Highway Town Wide 2016 expenditure budget by \$68.00 due to the sale of scrap materials. This will increase the budget amounts for accounts DA2650 – Sales of Scrap Materials and DA5130.4 – Machinery – Contractual.

RESOLUTION #63 CHIPS

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Walgus, Tomaszewski, Dingman, Schueler

NAYS – 0

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RESOLVED to increase the Highway Outside Village 2016 expenditure budget by \$8,354.00 due to additional CHIPS monies. This will increase the budget amounts for accounts DB3501 – CHIPS/Safer Road Program and DB5112.2 – Improvements, Capital Outlay.

RESOLUTION #64 Budget Meeting

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Tomaszewski, Dingman, Walgus, Schueler

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to have a budget meeting on September 15th at 7pm at the Town Hall.

With no further business, and hearing no objection

the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Trumpore

Town Clerk

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