

Minutes

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

February 11, 2016

Policy Workshop 6:00pm

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

*Everyone stands for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

Supervisor: Paula Schueler: present

Highway Superintendent: Daniel Ackley: present

Councilperson: John Walgus: present

Councilperson: Theresa Girome: present

Councilperson: Gloria Tomaszewski: present

Councilperson: Robert Dingman: present

Town Clerk: Denise Trumpore: present

Others present:

Hon. Arnold Andolsek

Richard Klancer

Jack Broyles

Carol Sheibley

Official Reports of Department Heads:

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Supervisor Paula Schueler: *I have processed payroll. * I ask the bills for abstract #2 for General and Highway be approved by resolution.* I ask the Supervisors report for January be accepted by resolution. *I need a resolution to accept the financial report for January.* I will need a resolution to enter into engagement with Bahgat & Bahgat as our accounting firm for 2016; their fees are the same as last year, \$600 per month and \$500 for preparing the Annual Update Document. * The Town is looking for 2 representatives for the Thatcher Brook Task Force; it is a four year term. * I met with Randy from Evans Insurance on February 4th to update our insurance; he wants to give a quote for insurance on Cyber Liability. * I talked with Cintas and Unifirst about mat service; they were the same price, our contract with Cintas is up in July. * The tax freeze form for the Town was submitted on January 18th, The Comptrollers Office stated that the refund checks were being mailed out sporadically.

Highway Superintendent Daniel Ackley: * read highway bills. * I will be pursuing the purchase of a new snow plow; the two we have now are both 20 years old and getting tired.* I went to a Highway Superintendents meeting. * I would like to attend "Advocacy Day" in Albany on March 8th and 9th. * Our insurance coverage was updated.

Councilperson John Walgus: * I support Dan in looking for a new snow plow, we will have to look into the options available to purchase one whether it be bonding or taking it out of the reserves, etc.

Councilperson Theresa Girome: * I attended the Village board meeting on January 26th. * I attended a seminar on the powers and duties of the Town Council on February 3rd; they had two speakers, it was very interesting.

Councilperson Gloria Tomaszewski: (note) * I went to the Annual Ambulance board meeting on January 11th, eight of the nine members were present, in addition to Janet Vogtli and myself with three ambulance workers. The board passed the by-laws. It was noted in order to be an officer the president must be a member of the ambulance for three years and the other officers for one year. Also membership dues are 1\$ a year and the candidate must be at least 18 years old. The new officers are Patricia Volk – president, Peter Johnson – Vice-president, Ashley McKeever – Secretary, and James Eddy – Treasurer. Mike Shaw from the ambulance talked on new equipment and stated they were down approximately 75 calls from last year. The income was also down as a result in billing errors. * I attended the monthly meeting of the Ambulance board on January 19th. The board hired two people; a paramedic

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and someone with advanced training. * Theresa and I audited the Town Clerks books on January 25th; the books were in order and Denise does a great job of keeping records. * Judge Andolsek picked up the jury chair, the cost was \$100. Thank-you Judge Andolsek for arranging and picking up the chair.

Councilperson Robert Dingman: * The IDA board agreed to set a public hearing on a 2.1 million proposal to build a medical building at 49 South Water St. The proposal by 49 South Water LLC. involves construction of a 9,500 square foot building. * I attended BOA meetings on January 18th and 26th. The BOA will be having another site analysis and community visioning tour on February 27th at 10am; they will meet at the Gowanda Village Hall. All are encouraged to attend and help provide community input into the redevelopment planning of the Brownfield Opportunity Area.

Assessor Mary Bailey: * A word from our Real Property liaison is that the property tax freeze checks are being mailed out, but there is no date when you will receive it. A municipality must have complied with the tax cap and developed an efficiency plan for residents to qualify. The amount of the check is very minimal. If a taxpayer has a question, they can call Albany at 518-453-8146. * Exemption renewals are coming in steadily. Just a reminder, the deadline for all exemptions in March 1st.

Town Clerk Denise Trumpore: *Tax collection has been steady; the Town collected our tax levy along with the special districts levies. I will be sending out late notices the end of February to anyone who has not yet paid.

Total transactions for January: 60

Total Collected: \$ 851.00

Towns Portion: \$ 286.48

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Carol Sheibley: I have information on a grant offered by Gov. Cuomo for shared services; 25 million is available. The Persia board can go to: Department of State Municipal Restructuring Fund or call Mr. Kyle Williams at 518-473-3355. The first round of applications has to be in by February 23rd, the second round is July 12th.

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RESOLUTION #10 Audit of Claims

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

The following was

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Girome, Dingman, Walgus, Schueler

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the bills contained on abstracts #2 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

Abstract 2 – General vouchers # 22 to # 50 Total = \$ 23,587.33

Abstract 2 – Highway vouchers # 9 to #17 Total = \$ 8,181.20

RESOLUTION #11 Approval of Minutes

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Walgus, Girome, Dingman, Schueler

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED that the minutes from January 7, 2016

RESOLUTION #12 Supervisors report

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Girome, Dingman, Walgus, Schueler

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the Supervisors report for January 2016

RESOLUTION #13 Financial Report

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On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Walgus, Girome, Dingman, Schueler

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the financial report for January 2016.

RESOLUTION #14 Budget Modification

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Walgus, Girome, Dingman, Schuler

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED the increase to the General Fund Town wide 2016 expenditure budget by \$2,400 which represents monies received from the JCAP grant. This will increase the budget amounts for the accounts A3021 – State Aid, Court Facilities and A1110.2 – Justices Equipment.

RESOLUTION #15 Bahgat & Bahgat Engagement letter

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Walgus

ADOPTED AYES – 4

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to enter into engagement with Bahgat & Bahgat for 2016 as our accounting firm.

RESOLUTION #16Thatcher Brook Task Force

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Walgus

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ADOPTED AYES – 4 Girome, Walgus, Dingman, Schueler

 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to appoint John Walgus and Bob Dingman as Persia representatives to the Thatcher Brook Task Force for a four year term.

RESOLUTION #17 Advocacy Day

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Walgus, Dingman, Girome, Schueler

 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED for Dan Ackley to attend Advocacy Day in Albany on March 8th & 9th.

RESOLUTION #18 Court Audit

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Walgus, Dingman, Girome, Schueler

 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED the Court audit was completed without discrepancies.

With no further business, and hearing no objection

the meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Trumpore

Town Clerk

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