

**Minutes**

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

July 14, 2016

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

Phil Palen - Hollywood Theater

Andrew Kuczkowski - Observer

Paula Stockman - Legislature

Richard Klancer – Legislature

Jack Broyles

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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**Phil Palen** approached the board asking for a resolution in support of the Gowanda Historic Hollywood Theater to apply for a grant to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

**Judge Andolsek** said the privacy door in the basement is done which was paid for using JCAP funds.

## **Official Reports of Department Heads:**

**Supervisor Paula Schueler:** \*I have processed payroll. \* I ask the bills for abstract #7 for General and Highway be approved by resolution.\* I ask the Supervisors report for June be accepted by resolution. \*I need a resolution to accept the financial report for June \* I also need a resolution for a budget transfer from the contingent account to the assessor account for \$2500.00. \* I attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new medical building no June 28<sup>th</sup>. \* I have new contact information for Charter Communications which bought Time Warner Cable. \* Received a letter from NYS taxation that Persia's tentative equalization rate is 77%. I will be watching a webinar on "Guide to Shared Services on July 21<sup>st</sup>. \* I went to a meeting with DFT on June 29<sup>th</sup>. \* There was an article in the Observer on July 5<sup>th</sup> about the architect for the town hall, Edward H. Moeller; it was a very nice write up. \* I would like to have a workshop next month before the board meeting to discuss the budget for 2017.

**Highway Superintendent Daniel Ackley:** \*Read highway bills. \* Part of Persia Road has been chipped. \* We are painting the shop roof. \* I am asking the board to write a letter to the Commissioner of Public Works in Cattaraugus County to lower the speed limit on Broadway Road; people go way to fast on that road and now that it has been paved it seems they are going even faster.

**Councilperson John Walgus:** \* John Spina Jr. made a brand new sign for the Pioneer Methodist Cemetery on Maltbie Road; this replaces the sign that his dad made, John Spina Sr. back in 1983.

**Councilperson Theresa Girome:** \* I went to the "Christmas in Gowanda" meeting; they are working on a lot of good ideas for this year's event. The next meeting will be on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. \* I have been working on the survey for the Comprehensive Plan; it should be ready to give out

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by the end of this month., it will be returnable by September 1<sup>st</sup>., we will have drop off locations and it will also be in a flyer in the Gowanda News and available on our website to print off and return. Phil Palen has agreed to help me with the history of the town so that part can be finalized.

**Councilperson Gloria Tomaszewski:** no report

**Councilperson Robert Dingman:** \* I also attended the "Christmas in Gowanda" meeting and would like to say I feel it should be run more by the merchants in Gowanda and they should take the lead since it is a shopping event. \* In regards to the corridor project; on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> we will be having a progress meeting in Ellicottville where we will meet with the chairman of the Southern Tier Extension Railway Authority to see if they are interested in becoming a partner in this effort.

**Assessor Mary Bailey:** \* The county has slightly changed the sliding scale for the senior citizen exemption. Currently the town has the same sliding scale for the senior citizen exemption as the county: The senior exemption limit is at \$24,200 and allows for a 20% exemption. ( when we calculate income for a senior, we have to use the total amounts for social security, pensions, interest income, disability, workers comp, gambling, alimony, rental income, wages, etc. This includes the husband and wife.) Any senior who has an income over \$24,200 cannot get the senior citizen exemption (which is applicable to county, town and school taxes, unlike enhanced STAR which is only applicable to school taxes.) The county voted to add "option 2" to the senior citizen exemption. This adds an additional 15% and 10% option to the sliding scale. With the new county option, it will increase as follows:

\$24,200 but less that \$25,100 = 15% of the assessed value exempt

\$25,100 but less and \$26,000 = 10% of the assessed value exempt

The town can choose to adopt what the county did, or do nothing. (The school and village make their own decision too.) Usually the towns go along with the county, since \$26,000 for a married couple, or even single person, is not much to live on it can help a senior keep their home.

**Building Inspector - Mel Shaw:** \* The new ICC codes are out; they are the building codes for New York State. The town can make a resolution to adopt the ICC codes now or in October they will automatically become law.

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**Town Clerk Denise Trumpore: \***

Total transactions for June: 126

Total Collected: \$ 1,840.00

Towns Portion: \$ 556.62

**RESOLUTION #47 Audit of Claims**

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

The following was

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Tomaszewski, Girome, Walgus, Dingman, Schueler

NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED that the bills contained on abstracts #7 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:**

**Abstract 6 – General vouchers # 135 to #155 Total = \$ 5,816.08**

**Abstract 6 – Highway vouchers # 51 to # 58 Total = \$ 6,609.49**

**RESOLUTION #48 Approval of Minutes**

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Girome, Tomaszewski, Walgus, Dingman, Schueler

NAYS - 0

**RESOLVED that the minutes from June 9, 2016 are approved**

**RESOLUTION #49 Supervisors report**

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

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ADOPTED AYES – 5 Tomaszewski, Girome, Walgus, Dingman, Schueler

NAYS - 0

**RESOLVED to accept the Supervisors report for June 2016**

**RESOLUTION #50 Financial Report**

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Tomaszewski, Girome, Walgus, Dingman, Schueler

NAYS - 0

**RESOLVED to accept the financial report for June 2016.**

**RESOLUTION #51 Budget transfer**

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Walgus

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Tomaszewski, Walgus, Girome, Dingman, Schueler

NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED to transfer \$2600 from A1990.4 to A1355.4.**

**RESOLUTION #52 ICC codes**

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Walgus, Girome, Tomaszewski, Dingman, Schueler

NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED to adopt the ICC codes for building codes.**

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**RESOLUTION #53 Hollywood Theater**

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

ADOPTED        AYES – 5 Walgus, Girome, Tomaszewski, Dingman, Schueler

NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED**

**WHEREAS, Gowanda’s Historic Hollywood Theater, Ltd. is applying for a grant to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, and**

**WHEREAS, a requirement under the rules of said program stipulates that the Hollywood Theater must obtain the approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project is located, and**

**WHEREAS the Hollywood Theater Board has successfully completed multiple phases of the historic restoration and is proceeding toward its’ completion,**

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2016 the Board of the Town of Persia does approve and endorse the application of Gowanda’s Historic Hollywood Theater for the continued historic restoration of the Hollywood Theater.**

**RESOLUTION #54 Senior Citizen Exemption**

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED        AYES – 5 Walgus, Tomaszewski, Girome, Dingman, Schueler

NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED to adopt the counties Senior Citizen Exemption**

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**RESOLUTION #55 Letter to reduce speed limit on Broadway Road**

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Walgus

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Dingman, Walgus, Tomaszewski, Girome, Schueler

NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED to send letter to Cattaraugus County Commissioner of Public Works to reduce the speed limit on Broadway Road.**

**RESOLUTION #56 Budget Workshop**

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Tomaszewski, Girome, Walgus, Dingman, Schueler

NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED to have a budget workshop on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**

With no further business, and hearing no objection

the meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Trumpore

Town Clerk

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