

Minutes

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

April 13, 2017

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
Hon. Mark Schindler
Building Inspector: Mel Shaw
Officer in Charge – Dennis Feldmann
Gowanda Press: Phil Palen
Jack Broyles

Supervisor Paula Schueler: * I have processed payroll. * I ask the bills for Abstract #4 for General and Highway be approved by resolution. * I ask the Supervisors report for March. be accepted by resolution. * I need a resolution to accept the financial report for March. * On March 20th I attended a meeting for our \$50,000 grant we are applying for, I also attended the zoning board meeting; the zoning board accepted the permit from Gernatt Gravel for the expansion mine and a letter was sent with their concerns on April 11th. * I attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting on March 27th. * I filled out a proxy for NIMIR for their annual meeting; we accepted their slate. The Evans Agency also sent out the 2016 Governmental Disclosure form to Albany. * I filled out a survey for the 2017 payroll census. * I have been working with our attorney in regards to a lawsuit of the fire districts. * I filled out a survey for the 2017 payroll census. * Attended the 6th annual Farmer/Neighbor dinner on April 12th.

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Highway Superintendent Daniel Ackley: * Read highway bills. * I went to a paving seminar last week.

Councilperson John Walgus: * I would like to have a workshop next month on May 11th at 6:30 to discuss fiber optic & the NYSERDA grant. * I have given the board information on a Land Bank seminar I attended. * I am disappointed; Bob and I were appointed to the Thatcher Brook Task Force by the Chairman of the County Legislature and it seems we have been left out of the process; we have not been aware of any meetings in over a year and a half and have not received any information from the Village. Why we were left out, I do not know. Bob and I were also left out on the Brownfield Opportunity Steering Committee; again I do not know why. I will be writing a letter to Legislature Stockman and the new Mayor for the Village. * I met with the Zoning board on the training for Mel. * I met with the Village to update them on the wireless services we are trying to offer.

Councilperson Theresa Girome: * I would like to have resolution to appoint Joyce Gemmil to the Planning & Zoning board. * Our Comprehensive Plan is moving right along, our next meeting will be April 24th at 6:30; we will be working on the demographics. * I attended the Farmer/Neighbor dinner last night; it was a very nice dinner with great speakers.

Councilperson Gloria Tomaszewski: * I attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting on March 27th. * I attended the Planning & Zoning meeting is regards to the Gernatt Gravel pit on March 20th.

Councilperson Robert Dingman: * I received word from Jacquie Gardner who is with Catt Co. Dept. of Planning & Tourism; she stated that the railroad station will be part of the Geotrail, where people go geocaching. * I received a letter from Cathy Young's office explaining the NYS budget. * I am meeting with people from the Buffalo/Niagara Film Committee to discuss using the railroad in a film production.

Assessor Mary Bailey: * At our last assessor's meeting, Catt. Co. Real Property Director Dan Martonis noted that in the state budget, there were no plans to "go back" to the old STAR program. That means that any "new" STAR applications (seniors too) have to apply to NYS Taxation & Finance for "new" Basic and Enhanced STARS. But "new" low income seniors (those who qualify for the additional senior citizen exemption), would still have to file with the local assessor. This is very confusing for the senior; many times I have to call Albany because seniors have misunderstood. When the budget passes, I will pass along any further news.

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Town Clerk Denise Trumpore: * I ask for a resolution to accept the minutes from March 9th. I returned the unpaid taxes which totaled \$172,179.49 to Cattaraugus Co. Real Property on April 6th. The Town hall will be closed for Good Friday at 12:30. * The American Legion Auxiliary would like to set up a table out front to sell poppies at the Harley Days on June 3rd.

Total transactions for March: 82

Total Collected: \$1031.00

Towns Portion: \$383.61

Building Inspector Mel Shaw: * received one building permit for a pole barn. * I am still waiting for word back from NYSERDA on my energy code enforcement training.

Hon. Arnold Andolsek: * The Courts received the grant money from JCAP for the AED machine and I ask John if he would get a hold of the right person to order it.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dennis Feldmann approached the board. Officer Feldmann is the new Officer in Charge for the Village of Gowanda. Officer Feldmann has been with the Town of Evans for 28 years and is currently on their town board. Officer Feldmann feels the Village is well equipped and will be available 24/7 for the residents. If there are any questions or want to report a problem, they can reach an officer on duty at 800-7795.

RESOLUTION #29 Audit of Claims

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

The following was

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the bills contained on abstracts #4 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

Abstract 3 – General vouchers # 63 to #84 Total = \$ 9,072.70

Abstract 3 – Highway vouchers # 15 to # 23 Total = \$ 4,194.84

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RESOLUTION #30 Approval of Minutes

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED that the minutes from March 13, 2017 are approved.

RESOLUTION #31 Supervisors 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 Supervisors report for March 2017.

RESOLUTION #32 Financial Report

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the financial report for March 2017

RESOLUTION #33 Joyce Gemmill appointment to the Planning & Zoning Board

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to appoint Joyce Gemmill to the Planning & Zoning Board.

RESOLUTION #34 American Legion Auxiliary – Hollywood Happening

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to allow the American Legion Auxiliary to set up a table outside the Town Hall to sell poppies on June 3rd during the Hollywood Happening.

RESOLUTION #35 Fiber optic & NYSERDA grant workshop

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

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

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NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to have a fiber optic & NYSERDA grant workshop on May 11th at 6:30

With no further business, and hearing no objection
the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Trumpore

Town Clerk