

## Minutes

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

June 8, 2017

### Solar Panel 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: absent  
Councilperson: Robert Dingman: present  
Town Clerk: Denise Trumpore: present

#### Others present:

Hon. Arnold Andolsek  
Legislature Paula Stockman  
Building Inspector Mel Shaw  
Jack Broyles

**Supervisor Paula Schueler:** \* I have processed payroll. \* I ask the bills for Abstract #6 for General and Highway be approved by resolution. \* I ask the Supervisors report for May be accepted by resolution. \* I need a resolution to accept the financial report for May. \* I received notice that our tentative State equalization rate is 73%. \* Our attorney is looking over the contract with Charter Communications. \* May 13<sup>th</sup> I attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting. \* May 25<sup>th</sup> I attended a meeting for the Shared Services Initiative that Gov. Cuomo made a law about. We are working on a plan to submit to the County Legislature in August. \* Blue Cross/Blue Shield is increasing their rates by 8% for 2018.

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**Highway Superintendent Daniel Ackley:** \* Read highway bills. \* We finished up Persia Road and will now start oil and stoning Miller Road and Nash Hill. \* The Town of Collins will be getting there new Tractor so we will be able to buy there old one soon.

**Councilperson John Walgus:** \* April 15<sup>th</sup> Rob Dingman and I attended the American Planning Association awards presentation in Buffalo as part of the areas Brownfield Opportunity Area steering committee. The Committee and C&S Consultants were honored for the planning process of the Phase 1 NYS Department of State BOA program \* May 13<sup>th</sup> I participated in the Community Volunteers clean up at Zoar Valley Gateway Park. A dozen volunteers worked most of the day at the park. \* May 23<sup>rd</sup> I met with DFT to get an update on the Fiber Optic project. DFT is stringing the cable down West Main St. and the main antenna has been installed on top of the Town Hall with access points being installed at Soles Unlimited, The Wicked Glen and the Gowanda Free Library. The project is moving along and hopefully will be up and running shortly. \* May 26<sup>th</sup> Rob Dingman and I met with John Mills, chairman of the Erie County Legislature in Orchard Park to discuss the progress of the Western New York Regional Rail Corridor Project. \* May 30<sup>th</sup> I attended a conference at Holiday Valley sponsored by the Cattaraugus County Industrial Agency. This was a public information session about the Consolidated Funding Application process. Regional strategies and the CFA process were explained by the Deputy Director of WNY Empire State Development, Michael Ball. Other speakers were from NYSERDA, NYPA, NYS-OPR &HP, and the Dept. of State. I spoke with Chris Bauer for NYS DOS and Noelle Kardos from NYS OPR & HP about possible programs/grants for the town. \* June 3<sup>rd</sup> GARC held a meeting at Gateway Park. A new 24x24 gazebo has been ordered as well as backstops for the ball field at the park. \* June 5<sup>th</sup> as liaison to the Fire Districts, and after receiving a complaint in letter form from residents about fire protection, I attended the mutual aid drill on Dayton Road (Rt.62) to alleviate the residents fears about fire protection on the west side of Thatcher Brook. The Gowanda, Perrysburg and Dayton's Fire Companies responded and we learned how best to fight a fire on the other side of the brook.

**Councilperson Theresa Girome:** \*On May 13<sup>th</sup> we had a Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting; the meeting went well with much discussion in regards to ideas and suggestions. The meeting next meeting will be on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. \* On May 30<sup>th</sup> I attended the Gowanda Correctional Facility's Memorial Ceremony for the staff that past away during the last year' Mayor Smith was the speaker and it was well attended.

**Councilperson Gloria Tomaszewski:** \* absent

**Councilperson Robert Dingman:** \* I attended the Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>. I met with John Mills who is the chairman of the Erie County Legislature; we discussed the Western New York Regional Rail Corridor Project, it was a very productive meeting.

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**Assessor Mary Bailey:** \* Grievance day was on May 24<sup>th</sup>; all of our Board of Review members were here and we had 3 property owners come in.

**Town Clerk Denise Trumpore:** \* I ask for a resolution to accept the minutes from April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Total transactions for May: 137

Total Collected: \$ 2,151.00

Towns Portion: \$ 632.71

**Building Inspector Mel Shaw:** \*I had one building permit this month. \* I attended training for the NYSERDA grant and I have one more to go.

**RESOLUTION #46 Audit of Claims**

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Walgus

The following was

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Dingman, Walgus, Girome, Schueler

NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED that the bills contained on abstracts #6 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:**

**Abstract 6 – General vouchers #101 to #121 Total = \$5,000.21**

**Abstract 6 – Highway vouchers # 34 to # 41 Total = \$3,174.86**

**RESOLUTION #47 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 May 11, 2017 are approved.**

**RESOLUTION #48 Supervisors report**

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Walgus, Girome, Dingman, Schueler

NAYS - 0

**RESOLVED to accept the Supervisors report for May 2017.**

**RESOLUTION #49 Financial Report**

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

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Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Walgus, Dingman, Girome, Schueler  
NAYS - 0

**RESOLVED to accept the financial report for May 2017**

**RESOLUTION #50 Solar Photovoltaic System**

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Walgus, Girome, Dingman, Schueler  
NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED to accept the ordinance for Solar Photovoltaic Systems**

With no further business, and hearing no objection  
the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Trumpore

Town Clerk