

Minutes

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

May 11, 2017

Fiber Optics & NYSERDA grant workshop 6:30

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
Building Inspector: Mel Shaw
Jack Broyles
Dave Royce

Supervisor Paula Schueler: I have processed payroll. *I ask the bills for Abstract #5 for General and Highway be approved by resolution. * I ask the Supervisors report for April be accepted by resolution. * I need a resolution to accept the financial report for April * I need a resolution for a budget modification for the purchase of the EV charging stations * I need a resolution to transfer \$19 from A1990.4 Contingent to A1010.4 Town Board Contractual.* I have a copy of the AUD for 2016 if anyone wants to see it. * I received a letter from Assemblyman Guglio in regards to the CHIPS and PaveNY and Extreme Weather Winter Recovery Aid. The amount comes to \$55,922.79. Dan wants to finish paving Persia Road. * On May 4th I went to Fredonia for a workshop on the new County-wide Shared Services Initiative

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that Gov. Cuomo enacted in 2017. I will be on a panel that tries to get more Shared services for our county. There will be several more meetings and by October 15th a plan will be submitted to the Governor. * I attended the Local Government Conference at Houghton on May 10th. * On May 4th I attended the Supervisors meeting in Little Valley. * On April 24th I attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting.

Highway Superintendent Daniel Ackley: * Read highway bills. * The rest of Persia Road will be getting chipped by June. * I am asking the board for a raise to be given to Gallagher Bobseine; he has a CDL and is very knowledgeable in the places we need him.

Councilperson John Walgus: * In December 2013, I sent a letter to the Gowanda Fire Chief in regards to having a mutual aid fire drill for the residents who live south of the Village of the Gowanda boundary line, east of Thatcher Brook on Route 62 (3 homes and 2 buildings). On April 6th of this year, I received word back from Fire Chief Crassi that they will be having a mutual fire drill there on June 5th. The drill will take approximately two hours. * The Fire Department hosed down the Town Hall and changed the flag for us on May 8th. * I attended the Southern Tier West local Government Conference on May 10th. * I would like to make a resolution to have a workshop meeting at 6:00pm on June 13th to discuss Solar panels.

Councilperson Theresa Girome: * I regret to inform the board that Don Walter resigned from the Planning & Zoning Board so we will have to look for someone interested in this position. We had a Comprehensive Plan meeting on April 24th and the next meeting will be May 13th from 10 to 11:30 and refreshments will be provided.

Councilperson Gloria Tomaszewski: 1. Attended the Gowanda Ambulance meeting on April 18th. I worked at the gun raffle that was held on May 6th. They hired 3 more part time employees. 2. Attended the Healthy Community Alliance fund meeting on April 19th they discussed the possibility of a rent increase; there is a waiting list for a one bedroom an one vacancy for a two bedroom. * I regret to inform the board that Judge Andolsek has decided not to run for re-election as Judge this November. Due to the board having had prior discussions of going to one Judge, I make the motion to eliminate one Judge's position with the Town effective January 1st 2018. * I went to the Local Government Conference at Houghton College on May 10th. Session 1 was on solar permitting – get people involved, have in comprehensive plan. Session 2 – Energy efficiency and base improvements – made suggestions as to lower cost, increase efficiency and staying within your means. Session 3 – SEQR – very necessary on all new resolutions/laws. Session 4 – EV Charging stations – lots of info on Southern Tier website, 3 levels of charging stations; level 1 takes longest to charge, level 2 & 3 are quicker and more expensive, costs can run anywhere from \$600 to \$10,000. Currently NYS has 16,600 electric cars with 6 being in Cattaraugus County.

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Councilperson Robert Dingman: * I have regional grant applications from the Governor's office for anyone who would like one. * Legislature Stockman talked to me about the Thatcher Brook Task Force and hopefully she will be able to get some answers on why we are not informed when the meeting is.

Assessor Mary Bailey: * After all the talk that the State would change the STAR program in the new budget, nothing changed. It remains no "new" STAR exemptions, only STAR "checks". I took part in a webinar regarding the STAR program that was given by NYS Taxation & Finance last week. They admitted STAR checks were late and many errors occurred. They have added extra staff, not only for local outreach, but its staff as well. Our Equalization Rate has dropped to 73%. Our selling prices are getting further away from our assessed values, at some point the Town may want to consider a property update (reval).

Building Inspector Mel Shaw: * I have drawn up a draft of the solar code; I would like the attorney and the board to look it over and discuss it next month at the next board meeting. Dave Royce has concerns about the noise and the hours of operation that may take place at the ATV park (Yoderland); I explained that if that does become a problem, the Town has not yet given them a permit so things are still being worked out.

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

Total transactions for April: 116

Total Collected: \$ 1,908

Towns Portion: \$ **722.65**

RESOLUTION #36 Audit of Claims

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

The following was

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the bills contained on abstracts #5 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

Abstract 5 – General vouchers #85 to #100 Total = \$ 18,324.85

Abstract 5 – Highway vouchers # 24 to #33 Total = \$ 7,627.94

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RESOLUTION #37 Approval of Minutes

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

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

NAYS - 0

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

RESOLUTION #38 Supervisors 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 Supervisors report for April 2017.

RESOLUTION #39 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 April 2017

RESOLUTION #40 Submitting question of Abolishment of one elected Town Justice to voters at biennial town election.

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

ADOPTED AYES – 3 Dingman, Walgus, Schueler

NAYS – 0 Tomaszewski, Girome

RESOLVED

WHEREAS, the Town of Persia currently has two elected Town Justices; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it would be in the best interests of the Town of Persia to reduce the number of Town Justices to one; and

WHEREAS, the term of office of one of the elected Town Justices will expire on December 31, 2017, and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of New York State Law Section 60-a (2), the Town of Persia hereby reduces to one, the number of Town Justices for the Town of Persia, with the Town Justice position having an elected term of office expiring on December 31, 2017, being eliminated; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be subject to permissive referendum as provided by New York State Town Law Article 7, Section 90 through Section 94; and be it further

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RESOLVED, The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of the resolution in the official newspaper of the Town within ten (10) days, and also within ten (10) days post on the signboard of the Town; and be it further RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect on the thirtieth (30) , or upon such resolution having been approved by an affirmative vote of a majority of qualified electors of such town, if a valid petition be filed within the statutorily authorized time period forcing such question on the ballot at a general or special town election.

RESOLUTION #41 Budget Modification – EV Charging Stations

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Walgus

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to increase the General Fund Town Wide 2017 expenditure budget by \$2,500 which represents state aid monies received for the purchase of the EV Charging Stations. This will increase the budgeted amounts for accounts A3089.2 – State Aid, Other – NYSEDA and A1620.2 – Building Equipment by \$2,500.

RESOLUTION #42 Budget Transfer

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to transfer \$19 from A1990.4 – Contingent to A1010.4 – Town Board Contractual

RESOLUTION #43 Raise for Gallagher Bobseine

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

NAYS –0

RESOLVED TO RAISE GALLAGHER BOBSEINE’S RATE TO \$14.00 PER HOUR.

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RESOLUTION #44 Resignation of Don Walter

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED TO REGRETFULLY ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MEMBER DON WALTER.

RESOLUTION #45 Solar panel workshop

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED TO HAVE A WORKSHOP ON SOLAR PANELS ON JUNE 8TH AT 6:00pm.

With no further business, and hearing no objection
the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Trumpore

Town Clerk