Minutes

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

November 9, 2017

Budget workshop 6:30pm

Supervisor Paula Schueler calls meeting to order at 7:00pm

*Everyone stands for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

**Notice of Public Hearing was posted in the Observer on October 18th & 25th, the Gowanda Press on October 20th and on the signboard at the Town of Persia.

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 Mark Hojnacki

Supervisor Paula Schueler: * I would like to open the public hearing on the 2018 budget for comment* I have processed payroll. * I ask the bills for Abstract #11 for General and Highway be approved by resolution. * I ask the Supervisors report for October be accepted by resolution. * On October 13th I met with Michael Conway in regards to our \$50,000 grant. * I filed our quarterly report for the workers compensation. * On October 25th I went to a Christmas in Gowanda meeting; there will be a Christmas cookie contest at our open house on December 1st.* With regret I received a resignation letter from Richard Leisner who is on the Board of Review; we will need to find someone to fill his position. * I received a letter from the DEC stating they will be the lead agency for the Point Peter Road Mine Expansion. (Wells

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Property). * Our NYS Retirement rate will go down from 15.3% to 14.9% of payroll. I would like to close the public hearing for comment on the 2018 budget and ask for a resolution to pass the 2018 budget. * The Town wrote a letter of support to Mayor Smith in support of the Brownfield Project. * I need a resolution to increase the Highway Outside Village Fund 2017 expenditure budget by \$5,467 due to funds received for dredging the creek.

<u>Highway Superintendent Daniel Ackley:</u> * Read highway bills. * I would like to hire someone to trim and remove the trees in Thatcher Brook next year.

<u>Councilperson John Walgus:</u> * Since Mary Dankert is retiring the end of this year I would like to make a resolution to post the job in the Observer and Penny Saver for a dog warden. * I would like to make a resolution to have a workshop at 6:00 pm on December 14th to go over the reorganization meeting. * I am working with Mike Conway on the NYSERDA grant. * The BOA is now in the process of applying for a second grant with the EPA; a letter of support was written to the EPA.

<u>Councilperson Theresa Girome:</u> * We had a Comprehensive Plan meeting; things are moving right along, I want to thank Mel for helping me with the flash drive. *I attended the Village board meeting and learned there is going to be a new business in town where the old 31 Jamestown St. used to be, it will be called 14070.

<u>Councilperson Gloria Tomaszewski</u>: * The Healthy Community Alliance is changing to People INC. who will take care of interviews and renting the apartments. * I attended the Ambulance meeting; the 300 club was this month. * I attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting.

<u>Councilperson Robert Dingman:</u> * I attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting; in regards to the Christmas in Gowanda the train will be making 6 trips on December 2nd. * I attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting.

<u>Assessor Mary Bailey:</u> * The County has printed up my renewals for Enhanced, Sr. Citizen and Ag Exemptions. I put a cover note with the renewals explaining what is needed and plan on mailing them as usual, within the first two weeks of December.

Building Inspector Mel Shaw: *

<u>Town Clerk Denise Trumpore</u>: * I ask for a resolution to accept the minutes from October 12th.

Total transactions for October: 144

Total Collected: \$ 2,727 Towns Portion: \$ **803.67**

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RESOLUTION #80 Audit of Claims

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski Seconded by Councilperson Girome The following was ADOPTED AYES – 5 Tomaszewski, Girome, Walgus, Dingman, Schuler NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the bills contained on abstracts #11 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

Abstract 11 - General vouchers #195 to #214 Total = \$ 6,174.28

Abstract 11 - Highway vouchers # 67 to # 74 Total = \$ 6,399.65

RESOLUTION #81 Approval of Minutes

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski ADOPTED AYES – 5 Dingman, Tomaszewski, Girome, Walgus, Schueler NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the minutes from October 12th.

RESOLUTION #82 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 October 2017.

RESOLUTION #83 Financial Report

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus Seconded by Councilperson Dingman ADOPTED AYES – 5 Walgus, Dingman, Tomaszewski, Girome, Schueler NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the financial report for October 2017

RESOLUTION #84 Preliminary Budget

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus Seconded by Councilperson Dingman ADOPTED AYES – 5 Walgus, Dingma

AYES – 5 Walgus, Dingman, Tomaszewski, Girome, Schueler NAYS – 0

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RESOLVED to accept the preliminary budget for 2018.

RESOLUTION #85 Dog Warden position

On a motion of Councilperson Seconded by Councilperson ADOPTED AYES –

NAYS -

RESOLVED to post in the Observer for the dog warden position.

RESOLUTION #86 Reorganization meeting workshop

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to have a Reorganization workshop meeting on December 14th at 6:00pm.

RESOLUTION #87 Highway Village Fund increase

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to increase the Highway Outside Village Fund 2017 expenditure budget by \$5,467 due to the funds received for dredging the creek. This will increase accounts DB2390 – Share of Joint Activity, Other Governments and DB5110.4 – General Repairs – Contractual.

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

Town Clerk

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