

Minutes

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

September 14, 2017

Budget 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: absent
Councilperson: John Walgus: present
Councilperson: Theresa Girome: present
Councilperson: Gloria Tomaszewski: present
Councilperson: Robert Dingman: present
Town Clerk: Denise Trumpore: present

Others present:

Building Inspector- Mel Shaw
Gowanda Press – Phil Palen
Jack Broyles

Supervisor Paula Schueler: * I would like to have a moment of silence for Town of Perrysburg Supervisor Dennis Stopen who passed away. * I have processed payroll. * I ask the bills for Abstract #9 for General and Highway be approved by resolution. * I ask the Supervisors report for August be accepted by resolution. * I need a resolution to accept the financial report for August. * I have two budget transfers that need a resolution; \$10,000 from DB5110.1 – Personal Services to DB5130.2 – Equipment and \$10,000 from DB5130.1 – Personal Services to DB5130.2 – Equipment. This is to purchase the tractor for highway. * John and I met with Jonathan Mayer on August 14th; we can announce that the Town of Persia completed the four High Impact Actions under NYSEDA's clean Energy Communities

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program, and our town is hereby named a “Clean Energy Community” and we will receive their \$50,000 grant. * I received the final state equalization rate and it will be 73%. * We had a budget meeting on August 25th. * I attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting on August 28th. * On September 7th John and I went to Ellicottville for the vote on the County Wide Shared Services Tax Savings Plan and the vote was 39 ayes and 3 not present, so it was passed. * I received the bill for our retirement; it will be \$20,625 if we prepay by December 15th.

Highway Superintendent Daniel Ackley: *absent

Councilperson John Walgus: * read highway bills. * Dan is unable to attend tonight, he asked me to say that highway is getting the equipment ready for winter. Also, due to the recent wind storm highway removed trees blocking Hawkins Road and had to cut down limbs to manageable pieces to remove them from Pioneer Cemetery on Maltbie Road. * I attended the Shared Services meeting on September 1st; to my surprise the plan was adopted unanimously. * I have been working on the contracts for the fire districts with the village and we are close to a plan for the next three years. * On August 28th I attended a meeting along with Councilman Dingman regarding the rail corridor project. Later that day I attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting. * On August 24th Supervisor Schueler and I met with NYSERDA specialist from STW Jonathan Mayr. Mr. Mayr brought with him the good news that the Town of Persia has been designated a “Clean Energy Community” and we are one of 10 communities in Western New York that qualified for a \$50,000 no match grant from NYSERDA for energy conservation projects. There were 4 steps to achieve this goal. 1. Pass a resolution adopting the NYS Unified Solar Permit Process to reduce delays and costs for solar projects in the town. 2. Energy Code Enforcement training. 3. Installation of EV charging stations. 4. Benchmarking. I appreciate the town board for their proactive support for the grant application process and to Highway Superintendent Ackley for alerting us to this grant, also thanks to Code Enforcement Officer Shaw for his expertise in formulating to towns solar energy law and the mandatory training on solar energy and to Councilman Dingman for allowing us to install to EV charging stations on the train station. * After Two years in the making the towns WiFi project became active today. I wish to thank Senator Catherine Young, Chairman Robert Keis and Executive Director Zink from Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board for their foresight in helping us to make this project happen, The Appalachian Regional Commission for ranting us the funds to bring the fiber optic line down West Main St. to the Gowanda Free Library and numerous businesses who allowed us to attach Access Points (AP’s) around the town hall to make the system work, especially Soles Unlimited, the Wicked Glen, Honks Grape and Grain, Capozzi’s Pizzeria, Sal Dicembre and the former drug store building and the board of directors of the Gowanda Free Library including Cathy Walsh. The WiFi direction to connect is Net Sync

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WiFi. Now we can begin phase II. * I would like to have a resolution to have a budget meeting at 6:30 on October 12th.

Councilperson Theresa Girome: * On August 28th we had our Comprehensive Plan meeting and Sal Dicembre from the Hollywood Theatre came and gave a talk. * Our next Comprehensive Plan meeting will be October

Councilperson Gloria Tomaszewski: * Attended the Ambulance Board meeting on August 21st. Plans are being made for a spaghetti dinner, the 300 club as well as selling cookbooks. * Attended the budget workshop on August 25th. * Attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting on August 28th. * On September 8th I attended a special ambulance meeting in regards to purchasing heart monitoring equipment.

Councilperson Robert Dingman: * Attended the Community Connection meeting. * Attended two Chamber of Commerce meetings.

Assessor Mary Bailey: * no report

Building Inspector Mel Shaw: * I took in two permits, one for a house and the other was a carport.

Town Clerk Denise Trumpore: * I ask for a resolution to accept the minutes from August 10th & 25th.

Total transactions for August: 127

Total Collected: \$ 3,786.00

Towns Portion: \$ **599.33**

RESOLUTION #67 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 #9 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

Abstract 9 – General vouchers #164 to #177 Total = \$ 3,686.52

Abstract 9 – Highway vouchers # 51 to #58 Total = \$ 31,527.52

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RESOLUTION #68 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 August 10TH & 25th 2017 are approved.

RESOLUTION #69 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 August 2017.

RESOLUTION #70 Financial Report

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Walgus, Tomaszewski, Girome, Dingman

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the financial report for August 2017

RESOLUTION #71 Budget Transfers

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to transfer \$10,000 from DB5110.1 – General Repairs – personal services to DB5110.2 – Machinery – equipment and to transfer \$10,000 from DB5130.1 – Machinery – personal services to DB5110.2 – Machinery – equipment.

RESOLUTION #72 Budget Meeting

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to have a budget meeting on October 12, 2017 at 6:30pm.

RESOLUTION #73 Internet & phone service

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On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to change internet and phone service to DFT

With no further business, and hearing no objection

the meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Trumpore

Town Clerk