

## Agenda

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

February 9, 2017

**Fiber Optics Workshop 6:30pm**

**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

Building Inspector: Mel Shaw

### Others present:

Legislature Paula Stockman

Gowanda Press: Phil Palen

Jack Broyles

**Supervisor Paula Schueler:** \* I have processed payroll. \* I ask the bills for Abstract #2 for General and Highway be approved by resolution. \* I ask the Supervisors report for January be accepted by resolution. \* I need a resolution to accept the financial report for January. \* I attended the event at the Hollywood theatre with Kathy Hochul speaking, I was glad to hear that the Hollywood will be getting money from the State. \* I attended the Annual Awards Banquet on February 2<sup>nd</sup> sponsored by the APWa (American Public Works Association). The Zoar Valley Gateway Park received the Environmental Restoration Award. \* On January 25<sup>th</sup> I audited Judge Schindler's books along with Gloria. \* I went to the Comprehensive Plan Meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>; Crystal Abers came and said she would work with us. \* Civil Service certified our payroll. \* The Town requested an extension for our AUD report and it was approved on January 23<sup>rd</sup>; we now until May 1<sup>st</sup> to complete it. I received all the tax warrant money for the 2017 budget. \* I completed a report for the 2016 Occupational Injuries and Illnesses.

**Highway Superintendent Daniel Ackley:** \* Read highway bills.

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**Councilperson John Walgus:** \* I would like to make a resolution to accept the audit that was done by Bob and I on the Town Clerk's books. \* I would like to have a workshop next month to discuss the Comprehensive Plan. \* I am asking for a resolution for the Town of Persia to request Cattaraugus Co. IDA to contribute money for the Western New York Rail Corridor Project. \* After writing a letter to Senator Cathy Young asking for help with the costs to provide high speed internet access to the Town of Persia, I received word back from DFT Communications stating that Verizon and NYS Electric & Gas lowered there access point fees considerably and with the grant through the ARC they are going to bring fiber optic cable here into the Town, being Phase One of the Town of Persia Children's Literacy Program fiber optic and wireless Project.

**Councilperson Theresa Girome:** \* The next Comprehensive Plan meeting will be on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Councilperson Gloria Tomaszewski:** \* Attended the Ambulance Board meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>; the board designated William Gugino as the contractor for the new building. They also hired another part-time employee. The board received a check for \$1,000 for the building fund from the estate of Julius and Anne Szymanski given by Tom Povhe and John Walgus. \* Attended the Healthy Community funding meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup>; there are 3 empty one bedroom apartments which will be filled from the waiting list. \* Theresa and I audited Judge Andolsek's justice books on January 20<sup>th</sup> and Paula and I audited Judge Schindler's justice books on January 25<sup>th</sup>. \* Attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>; Crystal Abers gave input on re-doing our vision and mission statements as well as giving suggestions.

**Councilperson Robert Dingman:** \* I attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>; they have nomination forms the Sprit of Gowanda and they will be opening up a new office on South Water Street. \* I attended the Erie Co. Village Officials Dinner.

**Assessor Mary Bailey:** \* I have been very busy with exemption renewals. Just as a reminder to all property owners, the deadline for all exemptions is March 1, 2017.

**Building Inspector Mel Shaw:** \* I attended the Niagara Frontier Building Training Conference; as of December 31<sup>st</sup> NYS passed a law on abandoned homes (Zombie Homes), now municipalities have a right to get information on homes that are owned by banks. \* All new builds will now need to have a energy audit done to be occupied. \* I have information on solar panels, one being that the new ones now run on AC power, it was an 8 hour course.

**Town Clerk Denise Trumpore:** \*

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Total transactions for January: 103  
Total Collected: \$ 1289.00  
Towns Portion: \$ 429.66

- I ask the minutes from January 12<sup>th</sup> be accepted by resolution. \*

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Legislature Paula Stockman** - \* I am happy to hear Mel Shaw reporting that NYS passed the "Zombie" law on abandoned houses. \* Also, Cattaraugus County can now foreclose on properties after two years of not paying taxes instead of three. \* Cattaraugus County was also granted "Land Bank" status.

**RESOLUTION #12 Audit of Claims**

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

**RESOLVED that the bills contained on abstracts #2 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:**  
**Abstract 2 – General vouchers # 23 to # 46 Total = \$ 48,933.36**  
**Abstract 2 – Highway vouchers # 3 to # 8 Total = \$ 2,712.89**

**RESOLUTION #13 Approval of Minutes**

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

**RESOLVED that the minutes from January 12, 2017 are approved**

**RESOLUTION #14 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 January 12, 2017**

**RESOLUTION #15 Financial Report**

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski  
Seconded by Councilperson Girome

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

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

**RESOLUTION #16 Justice Audits**

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

**RESOLVED to accept the completed audits of the Justice books.**

**RESOLUTION #17 Town Clerk Audit**

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

**RESOLVED to accept the completed audit of the Town Clerk books.**

**RESOLUTION #18 Cattaraugus County IDA contribution request**

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Walgus, Tomaszewski, Girome, Schueler  
NAYS -0  
OBSTAIN – 1 Dingman

**RESOLVED**

**WHEREAS the Persia Town Council has previously expressed support for the New York & Lake Erie Railroad's (NY&LE's) grant applications through New York State's Department of Transportation Passenger and Rail Freight Assistance Program (PFRAP) for the rehabilitation of the track between South Dayton and Conewango Valley, and WHEREAS this portion of track is part of the larger Buffalo to Jamestown rail corridor, and a return of this line to a state of good condition could facilitate and enhance tourist activity throughout the length of the corridor including the Village of Gowanda and the Town of Persia, and**

**WHEREAS The City of Jamestown pledged thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) toward a sixty thousand dollar(\$60,000) study to be performed by Stone Consulting & Design, PC to evaluate the current railroad infrastructure on the Buffalo to Jamestown corridor, develop a potential market and ridership analysis, review liability and lease provisions and their impact on the feasibility of such a corridor project, and develop a preliminary marketing and implementation plans and business plan development for a Western New York Regional Rail Project – Buffalo – Niagara – Jamestown Corridor, and WHEREAS the project has wide ranging support from communities located along the proposed route in Erie, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties including the Town and Village of Hamburg, Towns of Eden, North Collins and Collins in Erie County and the**

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**Villages of Gowanda and South Dayton, The Towns of Persia and Dayton in Cattaraugus County, as well and the City of Jamestown in Chautauqua County . Proponents of the project have pledged funding in the amount of forty thousand (\$40,000) of the budgeted sixty thousand (\$60,000). Other proponents are being solicited for financial participation. Proponents believe a strong showing of financial support for this study, locally, will reinforce the previous decisions of New York State agencies to fund more than \$4.3 million of infrastructure improvements to segments of the project in the 2015 New York State Passenger/Freight Rail Assistance Program, and WHEREAS, the County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) is the underlying owner of corridor property and railroad tracks between Gowanda and Waterloo, and**

**WHEREAS the CCIDA was asked to contribute five thousand dollars (\$5,000) towards the proposed study which would benefit the continued operation and viability of its portion of the corridor, and**

**WHEREAS the CCIDA board failed to approve such an expenditure at it's February 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 board meeting,**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Persia respectfully requests the County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency reconsider its previous action and to support the Western New York Rail Corridor Project financially by contributing to the proposed study of the market potential, costs and public benefits and**

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the clerk of the Town of Persia is hereby ordered to send a copy of this resolution to Executive Director Corey R. Wiktor, Chairman Thomas E. Buffamante, Legislator Paula J. Stockman and Legislator Richard L. Klancer.**

**RESOLUTION #19 Comprehensive Plan 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 Comprehensive Plan Workshop on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.**

With no further business, and hearing no objection  
the meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Trumpore

Town Clerk

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