

Minutes

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

March 9, 2017

Comprehensive Plan 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: absent

Councilperson: Theresa Girome: present

Councilperson: Gloria Tomaszewski: present

Councilperson: Robert Dingman: present

Town Clerk: Denise Trumpore: present

Others present:

Hon. Arnold Andolsek

Gowanda Press: Phil Palen

Jack Broyles

Supervisor Paula Schueler: * I have processed payroll. * I ask the bills for Abstract #3 for General and Highway be approved by resolution. * I ask the Supervisors report for February be accepted by resolution. * I need a resolution to accept the financial report for February. * There will be a meeting on March 14th entitled "Land bank 10" at the VFW in Little Valley; if anyone is interested in attending, let me know. * We received an invitation to the Farmer-Neighbor on April 12th; if anyone is interested in going, let me know. * I sent NIMIR the progress report on the safety of the fueling stations at the highway garage. * I attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting on February 27th. * I sent the audit report for the justices to the Unified Court System. * On February 20th we met with Jonathan Mayr regarding applying for the "Clean Energy Grant" for \$50,000. There were four steps that we need to do before applying, and we have completed three so far. Mel Shaw has to complete some training for the fourth step. * I need a resolution for a budget modification for additional money received from

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the JCAP grant. * I need a resolution for sign for the annual accounting contract with Bahgat & Bahgat.

Highway Superintendent Daniel Ackley: * Read highway bills. * I would like to reinstate Gallagher Bobseine as a part-time highway worker. * I will be renting a street sweeper next week.

Councilperson John Walgus: * absent

Councilperson Theresa Girome: * We had a Comprehensive Plan meeting on February 27th; Crystal Abers came again and we discussed not doing a mission statement, but revamp the vision statement and include bullet points for the goals and objectives. * Our next meeting will be on March 27th at 6:30pm.

Councilperson Gloria Tomaszewski: * Attended the Ambulance Board meeting on February 21st; we talked about fund raising in the future. * Attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting on February 27th. * Attended the special meeting for Ambulance board on February 28th regarding a personnel issue.

Councilperson Robert Dingman: * I attended the special meeting on March 3rd; it was verbally discussed that the charging stations would be installed at the train station.

Assessor Mary Bailey: * The NYS Assembly passed legislation that would stop Taxation & Finance from sending STAR checks to new homeowners to cover a portion of their school property tax bill. The Assembly wants local assessors to handle all STAR exemptions, not STAR checks. Last year when the budget passed, a law was enacted so that there were no new STAR exemptions to be granted, new property owners had to sign up for STAR checks. But, NYS Taxation & Finance experienced delays and homeowners didn't get their checks on time to pay their school bills. Now the Senate needs to pass the bill, then it goes to the Governor Cuomo who wants the STAR to be handled by Taxation & Finance, but his office is getting tons of complaints, that is why the Assembly want local assessors to handle STAR again. It is very confusing for the taxpayer.

Town Clerk Denise Trumpore: *

Total transactions for February: 65

Total Collected: \$ 1467.00

Towns Portion: \$ 232.03

- I ask the minutes from February 9th and March 3rd be approved by resolution. * This is the last month to pay the taxes to the Town, after April 1st all unpaid taxes will be paid to Cattaraugus County along with interest and penalties.

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RESOLUTION #22 Audit of Claims

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski
Seconded by Councilperson Girome
The following was
ADOPTED AYES – 4 Tomaszewski, Girome, Dingman, Schueler
NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED that the bills contained on abstracts #3 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:
Abstract 3 – General vouchers # 47 to # 62 Total = \$2,839.64
Abstract 3 – Highway vouchers # 9 to #14 Total = \$ 2,457.76**

RESOLUTION #23 Approval of Minutes

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman
Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski
ADOPTED AYES – 4 Dingman, Tomaszewski, Girome, Schueler
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED that the minutes from February 9, 2017 and the minutes from March 3, 2017 are approved

RESOLUTION #24 Supervisors report

On a motion of Councilperson Girome
Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski
ADOPTED AYES – 4 Girome, Tomaszewski, Dingman, Schueler
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the Supervisors report for February 2017

RESOLUTION #25 Financial Report

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski
Seconded by Councilperson Girome
ADOPTED AYES – 4 Tomaszewski, Girome, Dingman, Schueler
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the financial report for February 2017

RESOLUTION #26 Budget modification

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman
Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski
ADOPTED AYES – 4 Dingman, Tomaszewski, Girome, Schueler
NAYS – 0

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RESOLVED to increase the General Fund Town Wide 2017 expenditure budget by \$447.00 which represents additional monies received from the JCAP grant. This will increase the budget amounts for the accounts A3021 – State Aid, Court Facilities and A1110.2 – Justice Equipment.

RESOLUTION #27 Bahgat & Bahgat contract

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Girome, Tomaszewski, Dingman, Schueler

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to accept the annual contract for the accounting firm Bahgat & Bahgat.

RESOLUTION #28 Gallagher Bobseine

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Girome, Tomaszewski, Dingman, Schueler

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to reinstate Gallagher Bobseine as a part time highway worker.

With no further business, and hearing no objection
the meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Trumpore

Town Clerk