

Minutes

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

April 12, 2018

Supervisor John Walgus calls meeting to order at 7:00pm

***Everyone stands for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

RESOLUTION #24 Appoint Seth H. Howard as Councilperson

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Girome, Dingman, Tomaszewski, Walgus

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to appoint Seth H. Howard of 38 Maltbie Road, Gowanda NY (Cattaraugus County, Town of Persia) to the position of Councilperson, effective April 12, 2018 until December 31st succeeding the next general election.

****Swearing in of Seth H. Howard as Councilperson by Judge Mark A. Schindler.**

Roll Call:

Supervisor: John T.Walgus: present

Highway Superintendent: Daniel H. Ackley: present

Councilperson: Theresa A. Girome: present

Councilperson: Gloria J.Tomaszewski: present

Councilperson: Robert O. Dingman: present

Councilperson: Seth H. Howard: present

Building Inspector: Mel Shaw

Town Clerk: Denise M. Trumpore: present

Others present:

Judge Mark A. Schindler

Observer: Andrew Kuczkowski

Jack Broyles

David Swift

Virginia Howard

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Supervisor John T. Walgus: * I would like to ask the board to appoint Seth Howard to the vacant council position until December 31st where he will have to run again in the general election. * I ask the bills for Abstract #4 for General and Highway be approved by resolution. * I ask Supervisor report for March is accepted by resolution. * I ask the financial report for March be accepted by resolution. * I have processed payroll for the month. * I received a proposal from NIMIR for Network Security Liability protection. * I have a quote from Prizm for remote cleaning of the town computers. * The Counties assessor trainee Kate Harrington has started working with Mary on March 12th. * On March 19th the zoning board held a public hearing for a special use permit for Gernatt Asphalt Products Company to expand the Wells mine on Point Peter Rd. The representatives of the company gave a detailed explanation to the board of the expansion. * On March 28th I met with Chair Theresa Girome and former Supervisor Paula Schueler ex-officio member of the Comprehensive Plan Committee. They are a core team working hard on the comprehensive plan.* Also, on March 28th, I met with our consultant from C.J. Brown Energy and took receipt of the energy study we commissioned them to do on the town's buildings. If you would like to review the study see me after the meeting tonight. * On April 4th myself and the town's disaster coordinator Tom Povhe attended a seminar by the NYS Education Department at Southern Tier West Regional Planning and Development offices in Salamanca for disaster preparedness and protecting the towns vital records and archives. * On April 5th I attended the Cattaraugus County Supervisors Association meeting at the county center in Little Valley. The supervisor from the Town of Perrysburg and I discussed with the group, sharing an employee for our highway departments. The Town and Village of Ellicottville have an arrangement for sharing an employee now. * On April 7th I was asked to speak at the Chamber of Commerce 30th Annual Spirit of Gowanda Awards Ceremony; the Deputy Supervisor and his wife Linda were given the business award for forty years of service by the NY&LE RR to the area and county. Congratulations Bob and Linda. * On April 11th I attended the Annual Farmer-Neighbor Dinner at the West Valley Fire Hall, sponsored by the Cattaraugus County Dept. of Economic Development, Planning & Tourism. Again this year it was a tremendous success with over 300 people in attendance. Farming is the largest industry in Cattaraugus County. * I would like to have a workshop at 6pm on May 10th to discuss the grant process. * I received notification from the DEC seeking public input on the development of a draft management plan for the Zoar Valley Multiple Use area and also other areas in the surrounding area. A meeting is being held tonight at 6:30 at the Gowanda Fire Dept. - 230 Aldrich St. Public comments can be

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received until May 24th by email or mail to Ricky Silvestro at 182 E. Union Suite 3, Allegany, NY 14706 – email : r9.ump@dec.ny.gov . * I would like to pass a proclamation for Arbor Day to be May 1st in the Town of Persia. * After finding the SEQR for the Well's mine expansion and calling a planning & zoning member, I feel we should pass a resolution to approve the special use permit for the Well's mine expansion.

Highway Superintendent Daniel H. Ackley: * Read highway bills. * We had to close Maple Hill a couple of weeks ago to clean up a mud slide from the heavy rain. * I attended the Highway Supervisors meeting; the CHIPS money will not change from last year.

Councilperson Theresa A. Girome: * We had a Comprehensive Plan meeting on March 26th and we are moving right along. * Gloria and Paula met on the April 13th to work on the history part of the Comprehensive Plan. * The next Comprehensive Plan meeting will be on April 30th at 6:30pm. * I attended the Village board meeting and learned an antique shop will be opening soon. * Officer Randall was given an award from Senator Catherine Young for saving someone's life last month.

Councilperson Gloria J. Tomaszewski: * I attended the Planning & Zoning meeting on March 19th, with discussion being had as to the expansion of the Well's mining on Point Peter Road. A few residents attended and Gernatt Employees answered their questions. * I attended the Ambulance Board meeting on March 20th; there was a discussion on a shift change in hours from 12 to 8 hour shifts. * On March 21st I worked the chicken-n-biscuit dinner for the ambulance; it was a fairly large turnout. * I attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting on March 26th. * I attended the Farmer Neighbor dinner on April 11th. * There will be a gun raffle on May 5th the Ambulance is sponsoring.

Councilperson Robert O. Dingman: * I am still working on the Western NY Rail Corridor Project just returning from Albany.* I may be purchasing equipment for the tourism business and Gowanda may be a place where there will be a small rail rehab and rebuilding facility.

Councilperson Seth H. Howard: * I am thankful to have this opportunity to serve as councilman.

Assessor Mary A. Bailey: * Kate and I have been extremely busy with exemption renewals and road work, working on gas well and special franchise spreadsheet data. * The County will be taking my file later this month to do the tentative roll.

Building Inspector Mel Shaw: * I received two permits this month; one for a roof on a porch and the other is for the installation of an emergency generator. * I would like the board to pass the special use permit for Gernatt Asphalt on the Well's mine expansion.

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Town Clerk Denise M. Trumpore: *

Total transactions for March: 95

Total Collected: \$ 1286.00

Towns Portion: \$ **618.82**

* I ask the board minutes from March 8th are approved by resolution. * The rabies clinic will be held at the Cattaraugus DPW on May 5th.

RESOLUTION # 25 Audit of Claims

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Howard

The following was

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the bills contained on abstracts #4 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

Abstract 4 – General vouchers #58 to #82 Total = \$ 19,271.47

Abstract 4 – Highway vouchers #17 to #25 Total = \$ 3,868.54

RESOLUTION #26 Approval of Minutes

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to approve the minutes from March 8, 2018

RESOLUTION #27 Supervisors report

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Howard

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the Supervisor report for March 2018.

RESOLUTION #28 Financial Report

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On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the financial report for March 2018.

RESOLUTION #29 Workshop

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to have a workshop to discuss the grant process on May 10th at 6:00pm.

RESOLUTION #30 Special Use permit

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to approve the special use permit for Gernatt Asphalt Products to the Well's mine expansion.

With no further business, and hearing no objection

I now ask that we adjourn the meeting in memory of our town residents Louis Selan, Tina Dorn, Carl Sternisha, Deborah DeCarlo, and the former Perrysburg Councilperson Lynn Varney, Former Perrysburg Supervisor and Cattaraugus County Legislator Peter Martin, former Dayton Supervisor Clayton Milks and today is also Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

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WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton Proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE I, John T. Walgus, Supervisor of the Town of Persia do hereby proclaim May 1st as Arbor Day in the Town of Persia, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well being of this and future generations.

Dated this 12th day of April 2018

Supervisor

Handwritten signature of John T. Walgus in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.

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Respectfully submitted,
Denise M. Trumpore

Town Clerk