

Minutes

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

July 12, 2018

Workshop 6:30pm on grant process

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

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

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

Town Clerk: Denise M. Trumpore: present

Others present:

Jack Broyles

Supervisor John T. Walgus: * I ask the bills for Abstract # 7 for General and Highway be approved for payment by resolution. * I ask the Supervisor report for June is accepted by resolution. * I ask the financial report for June be accepted by resolution. * I have processed payroll for the month. * Ms. Accordino and I have been working on the grant applications thru the NYS CFA process, and she has identified a grant that we could possibly access to make the necessary renovations of the second floor of the town hall and the stabilization, repairs and restoration of the outside of the town hall building. This is a Empire State Development Planning and Feasibility Study Grant totaling \$150,000.00. We are now in the process of applying for this grant. We have asked State Senator Young and her office staff to guide us thru the State and Municipal program (SAM) grant application process for some of our local share which would be \$37, 500.00. * In 2016 we received notice from State Senator Catharine Young that we could apply for "SAM" "State and Municipal Facilities Program" grant funding,

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

July 12, 2018

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, New York 14070

for our storm recovery efforts in 2015. The Highway Superintendent, former Supervisor Schueler and I applied for this "SAM" grant funding, our total storm damage cost to the town for this particular event was approximately \$30,000.00. I was notified by the Dormitory Authority of the SNY which administers these funds, that the town was awarded \$22,488.00 for "Storm Recovery Efforts". The Highway Superintendent and I executed the contract with the DASNY and returned it to Albany. We now are waiting for the funds. * I now have the signed contract back from NYSERDA, for our \$50,000.00 Clean Energies Community Grant, and have contacted our consultant C.J. Brown Energy to start the actual process of inventorying and beginning the replacement process of things like HVAC and lighting fixtures at the town hall and the town barns. * On June 25th I attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting. * On June 29th I met with an architect from Wendel Engineers to review the town hall building and have them recommend a feasibility study in regards to grant funding. * On July 11th I met with an architect from Flynn Bataglia to also review the town hall building and have them give us their plan to remediate our multiple problems. * Happy Birthday this month to Mary Bailey July 17th. * I ask for a resolution in support for the Village of Gowanda to apply for a grant to complete the approved playground for the Zoar Valley Gateway Park. * I would like to have a grant workshop on August 9th at 6:00pm.

Highway Superintendent Daniel H. Ackley: * Read highway bills. * Highway helped Leon and Dayton with paving. * Did a rip rap job on Dewey Road. * Did a small paving job with the Town owned paver.

Councilperson Theresa A. Girome: * The next Comprehensive Plan meeting will be July 30th at 6:30pm. * I would like the town to purchase two magnetic signs for the Dog Control Officers vehicle. * I ask that the town pay for rabies vaccinations for the Dog Control Officer.

Councilperson Gloria J. Tomaszewski: * On the recommendation of Judge Schindler, I ask a resolution to hire Gregory Hazelton as a court officer be approved. * I attended the Ambulance Board meeting on June 19th; discussion was had as to fund raising, next venture is the Father Joe's walk. The proceeds were split between the Gowanda and Cattaraugus Ambulance companies. There were footprints for a dollar each and a pledge as to how many miles Father Joe walks in Italy. The entire route is 320 miles. The preliminary walk from Cattaraugus to Gowanda was held on July 8th, with a get together at the Slovenian Club. * I attended the Comprehensive Planning meeting on June 25th.

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

July 12, 2018

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, New York 14070

Councilperson Robert O. Dingman: * I attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting on June 25th. * I attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting; they passed a resolution to support the Town in our grant endeavor. Christmas in Gowanda was talked about along with other events like a car show and train rides. * I will be attending a manufacturing summit Congressman Tom Reed is hosting on July 20th.

Councilperson Seth H. Howard: * I attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting on June 25th.

Assessor Mary A. Bailey: *The final assessment roll has been completed and is on file at the town hall. * While NYS has yet to complete their new Enhanced Renewal forms (and hopefully there will be an explanation of how they are taking over the Enhanced STAR program), all we know is that we will send the renewal forms out as usual when they are finalized, along with an Income Verification Program form (IVP) that all seniors MUST fill out. This IVP form will have to be input to the NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance website, and that is how NYS will keep track of Enhanced renewals, those that don't fill out the form won't receive their Enhanced STAR. Low income seniors that qualify for the Senior Citizen Exemption will still have to apply and renew with the assessor. It will probably cause some confusion.

Town Clerk Denise M.Trumpore: *

Total transactions for June: 126

Total Collected: \$ 2032.00

Towns Portion: \$ **460.34**

* I ask the board minutes from June 14th are approved by resolution.

RESOLUTION # 46 Audit of Claims

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

The following was

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

NAYS – 0

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

July 12, 2018

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, New York 14070

RESOLVED that the bills contained on abstracts #7 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

Abstract 7 – General vouchers #125 to #138 Total = \$ 2,130.61

Abstract 7 – Highway vouchers #47 to # 51 Total = \$ 3,362.21

RESOLUTION #47 Approval of Minutes

On a motion of Councilperson Howard

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to approve the minutes from June 14, 2018

RESOLUTION #48 Supervisors report

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the Supervisor report for June 2018.

RESOLUTION #49 Financial Report

On a motion of Councilperson Howard

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the financial report for June 2018.

RESOLUTION #50 Gregory Hazelton

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski,

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to hire Gregory Hazelton as court officer.

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

July 12, 2018

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, New York 14070

RESOLUTION # 51 Empire State Development Planning & Feasibility Study Grant

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman, Girome, Tomaszewski, Howard, Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson 0

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to apply for a Empire State Development Planning & Feasibility Study Grant for \$150,000.00.

RESOLUTION #52 Magnetic signs for dog control

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to order two magnetic signs for Dog Control Officer to put on car doors.

RESOLUTION #53 Rabies vaccinations

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Howard

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to approve the Dog Control Officer, Beth Beverlin to ger her rabies vaccinations for \$472.50.

RESOLUTION #54 Support letter to the Village of Gowanda

On a motion of Councilperson Howard

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to send a letter of support to the Village of Gowanda in their pursuit for a grant from the New York State Environmental Protection Fund; Parks, Preservation and Heritage Grants program to continue Zoar Valley Gateway Park construction of a playground.

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

July 12, 2018

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, New York 14070

RESOLUTION #55 Grant workshop

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to have a workshop on August 9, 2018 at 6:00pm.

With no further business, and hearing no objection

I now ask that we adjourn the meeting in memory of our town residents Ivan Broyles and Cathy Duncan.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Trumpore

Town Clerk