

MINUTES

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

June 14, 2018

Workshop 6:00pm 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
Pete Duchmann

Travis Duchmann

Tiffany Duchmann

Unknown girl from Yoderland

David Swift

Supervisor John T. Walgus: *As we stand today for the pledge I want to remind everyone that it is also Flag Day. * I ask the bills for Abstract # 6 for General and Highway be approved for payment by resolution. * I ask the Supervisor report for May is accepted by resolution. * I ask the financial report for May be accepted by resolution. * I have processed payroll for the month. * We need a resolution to accept the standard operating procedures and also the emergency operations plan, I have it if anyone would like to look at it. * I have

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received the permit for the Well's mine expansion from the NYS DEC and have forwarded it to the Code Enforcement Officer. * On May 16th I attended an Emergency Management Training class at the Catt. Co. Office of Emergency Services Training room and received a certificate of completion. * I received a notice from BC&BS that they filed a request with the NYS Dept. of Financial Services asking for a change in our group rate for 2019; if approved our payments will be decreasing 2%. * I attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting on May 12th. * On June 6th I met with Betty Accordino to discuss a MOU for her services as our grant writer. * On June 6th I represented the town at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Zoar Valley Clinic at 49 South Water St., Deputy Supervisor Dingman and former Supervisor Schueler also attended. * Happy birthday to Councilperson Tomaszewski – June 16th and Highway Superintendent Dan Ackley – June 5th. * We need to have a resolution for a budget modification to increase the Highway Fund Outside Village 2018 expenditure budget by \$15,943 which represents additional CHIPS monies. This will increase the budgeted amounts for accounts DB3501 – CHIPS Safer Road Program and DB5112.2 – Improvements – Capital Outlay by \$15,943. * We need to discuss the Schedule fees as it is listed in our Zoning Ordinance: I give you a chance to look these over and we decide to change anything we can plan on it for 2019.

Highway Superintendent Daniel H. Ackley: * Read highway bills. * The two main trucks passed inspection, so that's a bonus. * Highway cleaned out the trash rack on June 12th. * I wanted the board to be aware that I will be oil, stoning & paving Point Peter Road and it may go over the monies given by CHIPS and we would have to transfer money: total mileage is 3.4 miles and .6 to Skinner Hollow Road.

Councilperson Theresa A. Girome: *We had a Comprehensive Plan meeting on May 21st and everything is moving along. * I attended the Village Board meeting on June 12th; they plan on putting in monies in a matching fund grant that will enhance Gateway Park as well as improve the Cattaraugus Creek Waterway. The next Comprehensive Plan meeting will be on June 25th at 6:30pm.

Councilperson Gloria J. Tomaszewski: * I would like to have a resolution to hire Elizabeth Accordino as an independent contractor grant writer with a budget not to exceed \$600 per grant application with prior board approval. * I attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting on May 21st. * I attended the special meeting for the Ambulance board on June 6th to approve an audit on the books from 2017, I also worked their drive-thru chicken BBQ the same day; they sold 225 chicken dinners. * I would like to make a motion to have a workshop on July 12th at 6:30 to discuss the grant process.

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Councilperson Robert O. Dingman: * I attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Zoar Valley Clinic on June 6th; I was very impressed with the building. * I attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting on May 21st.

Councilperson Seth H. Howard: * I attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting on May 21st and was given the task to retype the plan, which I have given the committee members a copy of what I have done so far for their review at the next meeting.

Assessor Mary A. Bailey: * Beginning with the 2019-20 school years, NYS Tax will be taking over the Enhanced STAR exemption. In December, I will send renewal notices and income verification program forms to all current recipients, those applying will return forms to me. Next year however, EVERYTHING will be handled by NYS Tax Department. **** **IMPORTANT** – All Enhanced STAR applicants MUST submit an Income Verification application, once submitted, homeowners will no longer need to reapply and verify annually.

Town Clerk Denise M. Trumpore: *

Total transactions for May: 81

Total Collected: \$ 1,295.00

Towns Portion: \$ **425.41**

* I ask the board minutes from May 10th are approved by resolution.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Pete Duchmann addressed the board; being the owner of Yoderland which is the ATV park on Wilder Road. We are now in the process of getting an Operating Permit from Mel Shaw for an event we are having on July 12th to the 15th. The Pennysaver is saying we expect to have 12,000 people attending and that is not true; I talked to the group "Trucks Gone Wild" and they said to expect maybe 500 to 1500 people tops. I wanted to let the board know that we are working with the Cattaraugus Co. Health Dept. in regards to water, and we are also working with the Police Dept, Ambulance Dept and the Fire Dept. We are looking for a group that would like to collect cans and bottles If anyone knows of a group please let me know. We are doing everything by the law and cannot stress enough on how no one will be allowed on anyone else's property; we have roped off the property to keep people off. We are looking for a favorable opinion from the board and if anyone has a question or concern I ask they give me a call.

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RESOLUTION # 38 Audit of Claims

On a motion of Councilperson Howard

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

The following was

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the bills contained on abstracts #6 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

Abstract 6 – General vouchers #101 to #124 Total = \$ 5,193.90

Abstract 6 – Highway vouchers #40 to # 46 Total = \$ 50,579.82

RESOLUTION #39 Approval of Minutes

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Howard

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to approve the minutes from May 10, 2018

RESOLUTION #40 Supervisors report

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

NAYS -0

RESOLVED to accept the Supervisor report for May 2018.

RESOLUTION #41 Financial Report

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the financial report for May 2018.

RESOLUTION #42 Standard Operations Procedure & Emergency Operations Plan

On a motion of Councilperson Howard

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

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

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NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to accept the Standard Operations Procedure and the Emergency Operations Plan.

RESOLUTION #43 Elizabeth Accordino grant writer

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to hire Elizabeth Accordino as an independent contractor grant writer with a budget not to exceed \$600.00 per grant application with prior board approval.

RESOLUTION #44 Budget Modification

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES –5 Dingman, Tomaszewski, Girome, Howard

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to increase the Highway Fund Outside Village 2018 expenditure budget by \$15,943 which represents additional CHIPS monies. This will increase the budgeted amount for accounts DB3501 – CHIPS Safer Road Program and DB5112.2 – Improvements – Capital Outlay by \$15,943.

RESOLUTION #45 Workshop

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Tomaszewski

NAYS – Dingman

RESOLVED to have a workshop on July 12th at 6:30 to discuss the grant process.

With no further business, and hearing no objection

I now ask that we adjourn the meeting in memory of our town residents Sam Castellano and Marion Mayers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise M. Trumpore
Town Clerk

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