

Minutes

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

May 10, 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: absent

Councilperson: Gloria J. Tomaszewski: present

Councilperson: Robert O. Dingman: present

Councilperson: Seth H. Howard: present

Town Clerk: Denise M. Trumpore: present

Others present:

Building Inspector: Mel Shaw

Gowanda Pennysaver & News: Megan Walker

Paula Schueler

Mark Hojnacki

Jack Broyles

David Swift

Supervisor John T. Walgus: * I ask the bills for Abstract # 5 for General and Highway be approved for payment by resolution. * I ask the Supervisor report for April is accepted by resolution. * I ask the financial report for April be accepted by resolution. * I have processed payroll for the month. * We need a standard work day and reporting resolution. * On April 18th they Deputy Supervisor and I were invited by the NYS DOT to attend the unveiling of the New Exchange Street Rail Station held at the Early Transportation and Pierce Arrow Museum

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on Michigan Avenue in Buffalo. * April 20th I met with our energy consultant Michael Conway of C.J. Brown Energy to discuss the NYSERDA grant we were awarded. After consulting with Mr. Conway I executed the contract with NYSERDA so we can move forward with the grant process. * On April 23rd the Town Clerk and I discovered numerous photos and documents from years ago including the town's sesquicentennial from 1985. They were given to the Gowanda Historical Society where they will be made available for all to see. * April 29th the Code Enforcement Officer and I met with Peter Duchmann of the Yoderland ATV Park on Wilder Road in regards to an event he is planning on having in July. Mr. Shaw informed him of the necessary documents and plans he will have to submit before a permit can be issued. * On May 14th, the Fire Department will be washing down the sidewalks in contemplation of the upcoming village events; the Fire Department was provided with a new flag which they will install atop the town hall. I want to thank the Fire Department for helping us with this task. * On June 6th the Zoar Valley Clinic will be having an open house and the members of the Town Board are invited to attend. * I would like a resolution in support of the NY & LE Railroad PFRAP grant application; the Town Board has passed supporting resolutions in the past and I ask the board to support their newest effort to obtain the NYS DOT PFRAP grant. On May 8th I asked the Village Board for their support which they did pass a supporting resolution as well as the GARC board of directors. * On my behalf, the Disaster Coordinator Tom Povhe attended a NYS DEC meeting on April 12th in regards to the Zoar Valley Multiple Use Area Management Plan. The meeting was open to the public to give comment on the Zoar Valley Multiple Use Area.* In closing, I would like to wish a happy birthday to Allen Jones – April 10th, Theresa Girome – April 23rd, Mary Beth Beverlin – May 11th, and Louise Hubbard – May 23rd. *

Highway Superintendent Daniel H. Ackley: * Read highway bills. * Highway will be paving Skinner Hollow Road on May 22nd with a tack coat being applied on May 21st at 4:00pm; this process will have to cure for two hours. * I hired Dylan Jones part-time for summer help.

Councilperson Theresa A. Girome: (report read by Gloria Tomaszewski)* A Comprehensive Plan meeting was held on April 30th; Crystal Abers and Paul Bishop sent us excellent maps to use for the plan. We are making headway and making changes in order to finalize drafts. Our next meeting will be on May 21st at 6:30. * I attended the Local Government Conference at Houghton College on May 9th.

Councilperson Gloria J. Tomaszewski: * I met with Paula Schueler on April 13th to work on the Comprehensive Plan. * I attended the Ambulance Board meeting on April 17th; we went

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over the Operation Managers report as to calls, repairs, etc. Discussion was had as to additional fund raising events; Gun Raffle on May 5th, Chicken BBQ on June 9th, and the Hollywood Happening. Discussion was also had as to an event in July at Yoderland as to ambulance coverage, etc. * Attended the Healthy Alliance Funding board meeting on April 18th. * Attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting on April 30th. * I would like to have a workshop on June 14th at 6:00pm to discuss grant process.

Councilperson Robert O. Dingman: * I attended the Comprehensive Plan on April 30th. * I also attended the Rail Street Presentation with Supervisor Walgus. * I've attended several meetings in regard to the Rail project in preparation for the grant application which I hope the board will support tonight.

Councilperson Seth H. Howard: * I was recently given my councilman assignments and in learning that I am the cemetery liaison, I plan on going to look at the three cemeteries in the town and seeing if there is anything that needs to be attended to.

Assessor Mary A. Bailey: * Dan Martonis, Real Property Director, informed us that with the passage of the new State budget, New York State Taxation & Finance will be handling all Enhanced STAR renewals, this means the local assessor will no longer be responsible for mailings of Enhanced STAR renewals; they have not provided details of how they will notify seniors. Local assessors will still be responsible for mailings of Sr. Citizens exemptions, ag. Exemptions, veteran exemptions, etc. It will be a bit confusing, as low-income seniors – although the State will process their Enhanced STAR, they will still need to file with the assessor if their income is under guidelines adopted by the county/town/school.

Town Clerk Denise M. Trumpore: *

Total transactions for April: 109

Total Collected: \$ 1,546.00

Towns Portion: \$ **696.46**

- I ask the board minutes from April 12th are approved by resolution.

Building Inspector Mel Shaw: * I took a trip up to Yoderland; I have not yet received all the necessary paperwork for the event they plan on having in July to issue them a operating permit. Fire Chief Nick Crassi will be having an emergency service meeting also concerning this event.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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Mark Hojnacki approached the board to make them aware about the problems that he is having with a neighbor in regards to the neighbor trespassing on his land, harassing him and Right of Way issues. I have sat with my neighbor many times about these matters but have not been able to resolve anything. Supervisor Walgus stated he should take this matter to his lawyer as it is a civil matter.

Paula Schueler stated she has received her Board of Review training and has been sworn in so she is officially a Board of Review member and will be here for grievance day on May23rd.

RESOLUTION # 31 Audit of Claims

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Howard

The following was

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Dingman, Howard, Tomaszewski, Walgus

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the bills contained on abstracts #5 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

Abstract 5 – General vouchers #83 to #100 Total = \$ 4,306.12

Abstract 5 – Highway vouchers #26 to #37 Total = \$ 6,221.99

RESOLUTION #32 Approval of Minutes

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Dingman, Tomaszewski, Howard, Walgus

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to approve the minutes from April 12, 2018

RESOLUTION #33 Supervisors report

On a motion of Councilperson Howard

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Howard, Dingman, Tomaszewski, Walgus

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the Supervisor report for April 2018.

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RESOLUTION #34 Financial Report

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Tomaszewski, Dingman, Howard, Walgus
NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the financial report for April 2018.

RESOLUTION #35 Standard workday for elected and appointed officials

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Howard

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Dingman, Howard, Tomaszewski, Walgus
NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to establish 6 hours as a standard working day for elected and appointed officials.

RESOLUTION #36 NY & LE RR 2018 PFRAP grant application

On a motion of Councilperson Howard

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES – 3 Howard, Tomaszewski, Walgus
ABSTAIN – 1 Dingman
NAYS – 0

RESOLVED

WHEREAS; the Board of the Town of Persia expresses support for the New York & Lake Erie Railroad (NY&LE) grant application through the Passenger & Freight Assistance Program (PFRAP) for the rehabilitation of 10.46 miles of track between Cherry Creek and Waterboro, which portion of track is part of the Buffalo to Jamestown rail corridor, and which we believe is important to be saved intact to facilities and enhance tourist activity throughout the length of the corridor and

WHEREAS; the NY& LE operates in the Town of Persia and

WHEREAS; a grant would allow the track to be upgraded from Excepted status to Class2, and allow the NY & LE to resume tourist passenger rail excursion to Waterboro. These excursions will bring tourist dollars to our local businesses as well as lay the groundwork for future passenger trains to operate between Buffalo and Jamestown and

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WHEREAS; the economic stimulus which would be created by tourist trains operating between Gowanda and Conewango Valley In the short term, and the larger plan of operating passenger trains between Buffalo and Jamestown, the investment in this corridor will ensure its long-term viability and existence for use by future freight rail shippers along the corridor and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Town of Persia endorses the NY & LE's plans to resume tourist rail excursions between Gowanda and Conewango Valley as a vehicle to keep the larger Buffalo to Jamestown rail corridor viable for the future, and we support their PFRAP grant application.

RESOLUTION #37 Grant process workshop

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Howard

ADOPTED AYES –4 Tomaszewski, Howard, Dingman, Walgus

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to have a workshop on June 14th at 6:00pm 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 resident Patrick Burrows.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Trumpore

Town Clerk

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