

Minutes

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

September 12, 2019

**** Notice of the public hearing for the Amendment to Local Law 2016-1 was posted in the Observer on August 14th and August 21st with same being posted on the Town of Persia website and the Town of Persia Signboard.**

Budget Workshop 6:00 pm

Public Hearing at 7:00 pm

Supervisor John Walgus calls meetings to order at 7:00p.m.

Remembering September 11, 2001

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 would like to open the public hearing tonight for comment on Local Law 2019-2 which is amending Local Law 2016-1. * I have paid the pre-pays and have processed payroll. * I ask for a resolution to approve the Supervisors report and also a resolution to accept the financial statement from Bahgat & Bahgat. *. The Thatcher Brook tree/brush cutting program is set to begin soon utilizing work crews from the department of corrections; this is a joint effort between the town, the town of Dayton and the village of Gowanda. * the NYSERDA CEC project has moved to the town hall. The low bidder B&R Plumbing HVAC will be installing a new steam boiler, Programmable thermostat, tankless water heater, an AC 3-ton fan cooled condensing unit, and thermostatic controlled valves in

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the judges' chamber and in the court room area. We will be using funds from the contingent account for these upgrades. When the project is completed, I will send NYSERDA a certificate of completion and the last \$25,000 payment will be deposited into our account. * In your packets tonight is the resignation letter from DCO Officer Mary Beth Beverlin; she is resigning because of health reasons. The Town Clerk has placed ads in the local Pennysavers and to date we have two applications and we will begin interviews the first of the month. * I attended the County Wide Shared Services initiative meeting in Ellicottville August 15th and 29th. The next meeting for the CWSSI is tonight. I asked the Village Deputy Mayor Sheibley to gather any information for me. * Tonight, we will open the bids for the 1989 Mack plow truck. We can accept or reject any or all bids we receive. * Last month I informed the board of the intention of the USACE to announce the Thatcher Brook flood mitigation plan this month but that announcement has been delayed until October. * I ask we have a workshop at the next board meeting to discuss the DCO position and the 2020 budget. * I signed a letter of intent with the Cattaraugus County Department of Emergency Services to update the towns Hazardous Mitigation Plan, it is important to update our plan because of the Catt. Co. Emergency Services, SEMA and FEMA requirements for reimbursements for natural disasters. * I have included in your packets information on how you can take the Sexual Harassment Training; it can be taken online or with the Village of Gowanda.

Highway Superintendent Daniel H. Ackley: * read highway bills. * 1989 Mack Truck sealed bids:

1. Tom Chupa - \$5,150.00
 2. Mark Williams - \$5,001.00
- * I request we reject all bids.

I am requesting a budget line transfer of \$3000 from DA5130.1 to DA5130.4.

Councilperson Theresa A. Girome: I attended the Village Board meeting; the marquee on the Hollywood Theater will be up soon.

Councilperson Robert O. Dingman: * I went to the Chamber of Commerce meeting; they are working on the car show on the 28th and Christmas in Gowanda.

Councilperson Seth H. Howard: * read general bills. * Attended the Village Board meeting. * Attended the town budget meeting on August 28th.

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Councilperson Gloria J. Tomaszewski: * I request we buy the court a copy machine not to exceed \$4,000.00.

Assessor Kate Harrington: (by email) * School tax bills were mailed out on September 1st. The release of school taxes, the first to be issued from the new tax roll, can make some assessment errors obvious (e.g. missing STAR exemption). If you notice that an error has been made, notify our office immediately. * NYS is continuing to mail a new customized good cause form and instructions to certain seniors across the state. These homeowners do not have complete Income Verification Program (IVP) enrollments on file with NYS and are, therefore, at risk of losing their Enhanced STAR exemptions. If you have received this form, please complete it and send it – along with any required documentation to the address listed on the letter AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. * If you have questions, please call the NYS Homeowners' STAR hotline at (518)457-2036. * Four property transfers were added for the month of July.

Town Clerk Denise M. Trumpore: *

Total transactions for August: 81

Total Collected: \$ 4,374.00

Towns Portion: \$ **1,336.45**

*I ask for a resolution to accept the minutes from August 8th and August 28th.

RESOLUTION # 83 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

RESOLVED that the bills contained on abstract #9 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

Abstract 9 – General vouchers # 143 to # 162 Total = \$ 12,608.78

Abstract 9 – Highway vouchers # 56 to # 67 Total = \$ 48,287.09

RESOLUTION #84 Approval of Minutes

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

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NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to approve the minutes from August 8th and August 28th.

RESOLUTION #85 Supervisors report

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Howard

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the Supervisor report for August 2019.

RESOLUTION #86 Financial Report

On a motion of Councilperson Howard

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the financial report for August 2019.

RESOLUTION #87 Local Law 2019-2 -Amendment to Local Law 2016-1

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED

Local Law 2019-2

(amending Local Law 2016-1)

SECTION 1. The maximum income eligibility level as described in Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law is hereby established as follows;

\$18,500 or less = 50% of assessed value exempt

\$18,501 but less than \$19,500 = 45% of assessed value exempt

\$19,500 but less than \$20,500 = 40% of assessed value exempt

\$20,500 but less than \$21,500 = 35% of assessed value exempt

\$21,500 but less than \$22,400 = 30% of assessed value exempt

\$22,400 but less than \$23,300 = 25% of assessed value exempt

\$23,300 but less than \$24,200 = 20% of assessed value exempt

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SECTION 2. Offset for Medical Expenses. Any income used in the determination of applicants' eligibility for the exemption hereby granted shall be offset by all medical and prescription drug expenses actually paid which were not reimbursed or paid for by insurance.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. Local Law 2019-2 which is an amendment to Local Law 2016-1 shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of State.

RESOLUTION #88 Public Hearing on Preliminary Budget

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Howard

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to have a public hearing on the preliminary budget on October 10th at 7:00pm.

RESOLUTION #89 Budget Modification

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to transfer \$3000 from DA5130.1 to DA5130.4.

RESOLUTION #90 Workshop

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to have a workshop on October 10th at 6:30 to discuss the DCO position and the 2020 budget.

RESOLUTION #91 Court Copy Machine

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Howard

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to buy the court a copy machine not to exceed \$4,000.00.

RESOLUTION #92 Reject 1989 Mack Truck Bids

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On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Howard

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to reject all bids for the 1989 Mack Truck

Hearing no objection, Supervisor Walgus closes the public hearing and adjourns the meeting in memory of the victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11th and in memory of our town resident Scott Ondus.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Trumpore

Town Clerk