

## Minutes

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

June 11, 2015

Workshop – Economic Growth 6:00pm

Supervisor Paula Schueler calls meeting to order at 7:00PM.

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

### Roll Call:

Supervisor: Paula Schueler: present

Highway Superintendent: Daniel Ackley: present

Councilperson: John Walgus: present

Councilperson: Linda Boats: present

Councilperson: Gloria Tomaszewski: present

Councilperson: Robert Dingman: present

Town Clerk: Denise Trumpore: present

### Others present:

Gowanda News Reporter/Historian: Phil Palen

Observer: Samantha McDonnell

Hon. Arnold Andolsek

Theresa Girome

Building Inspector: Mel Shaw

Legislature Paula Stockman

Legislature Richard Klancer

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Paul Bowers

Jacquelyn Wells

Jack Broyles

## **Official Reports of Department Heads:**

**Supervisor Paula Schueler:** I have processed payroll. \* I ask the bills for abstract #6 for General and Highway be approved by resolution.\* I ask the Supervisors report for accepted by resolution. \*I need a resolution to accept the financial report for May.\* Our huge 180 sign on the Town hall looks great and a lot of people ask about it. \* On May 20<sup>th</sup> Bob Dingman took John Walgus and I on a train ride to Titusville to see the Oil Creek and Titusville R&R operation. I was very impressed with the business growth in Titusville and am hoping we can do more to help increase business in Persia. \* On June 4<sup>th</sup> I was part of the interview process for candidates for the summer recreation program; all the candidates were great! \* I received a Notice of Tentative State Equalization Rate for the 2015 Assessment roll – 77% same as last year. \* I spoke with our accounting firm about buying a new loader. This will increase our expenditures and we will have to do a budget modification if we purchase one in 2015. If we purchase in 2016 we can budget for it using our fund balance and extra CHIPS money. If done this way, there would be no increased taxes and have no effect on the tax cap.

**Highway Superintendent Daniel Ackley:** read highway bills. I received two state bids for a new loader; one from John Deere and the other one is from Caterpillar. I recommend we go with John Deere's bid for a 544 loader for \$138,281.05 which includes a two year warranty.

**Councilperson John Walgus:** \* Bob Dingman and I stopped at Legislature Paula Stockman's office and obtained a copy of the comprehensive plan that the Town of Dayton and Village of South Dayton did in 2009. We can use this plan as a guide for when we start one.

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**Councilperson Linda Boats:** \* I went to the Ambulance meeting in May and they are still looking for property. \*The Ambulance board needs a replacement for Nancy Kota and I would like a resolution to appoint Dick Bridges to the Ambulance Board to represent Persia.

**Councilperson Gloria Tomaszewski:** \* I attended the Town of Persia grievance day on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Assessor Mary Bailey was very pleased that Security Officer Paul Bowers was there. Five grievances filed and the board did their due diligence. \* I was wondering if the Town would like to buy a brick to support the Gowanda's firefighter's memorial campaign.

**Councilperson Robert Dingman:** \* I attended the 180 year celebration meeting in Dayton on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Assessor Mary Bailey:** \*Grievance day went well, four people appeared before the board and one person left a form.

**Historian Phil Palen:** \* I will have a proclamation for the 180 years for Persia at the next board meeting.

**Building Inspector Mel Shaw:** \* The telecommunications tower is still in the works. \* John Gibbs is putting up a honey manufacturing building on Route 353. \*I am meeting with someone on Friday about building a house on Point Peter. \* I will check on the property on Point Peter that Mrs. Wells is asking about.

**Town Clerk Denise Trumpore:**

Total transactions for May: 129

Total Collected: \$ 1803.00

Towns Portion: \$ 496.04

- I have presented the minutes from the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and ask it is approved by resolution. \*

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## Public Participation

**Legislature Paula Stockman** gave an update on the 180 year celebration. Zollingers will be having a beer tent and band. The Depot will be the center where all the historic material will be. This is also the weekend of the South Dayton Tractor pull which is July 11<sup>th</sup>. There is also talk about having a cruise in and getting the railroad involved.

**Jacquelyn Wells** approached the board with a complaint about property on Point Peter Road. The property is littered with debris and the lawn has not been mowed yet this year. Building Inspector Mel Shaw will inspect this property and notify the owner on any violations.

**Paul Bowers** informed the board that he has to qualify this year to carry a firearm as security officer. The last court night 71 people went through the metal detector, not including prisoners, policemen or court personnel.

**Arnold Andolsek** informed the board that during an arraignment a juror chair was broken beyond repair. I will take this chair and see if I can find someone who can repair it.

### **RESOLUTION #50** Audit of Claims

On a motion of Councilperson Boats

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

The following was

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Boats, Tomaszewski, Walgus, Dingman, Schueler

NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED** that the bills contained on abstract #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 #107 to #126 Total = \$ 10,495.40**

**Abstract 6 - Highway vouchers #39 to #47 Total = \$ 2,586.10**

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**RESOLUTION #51** Approval of Minutes

On a motion of Councilperson Boats

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Boats, Tomaszewski, Walgus, Dingman, Schueler

NAYS - 0

**RESOLVED that the minutes from May 14, 2015 are approved.**

**RESOLUTION #52** Supervisors report

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Boats

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Walgus, Boats, Tomaszewski, Dingman, Schueler

NAYS - 0

**RESOLVED to accept the Supervisors report for May 2015**

**RESOLUTION #53** Financial Report

On a motion of Councilperson Boats

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Boats, Tomaszewski, Walgus, Dingman, Schuler

NAYS - 0

**RESOLVED to accept the financial report for May 2015.**

**RESOLUTION #54** to purchase a new 544 John Deere loader from Five Star Equipment.

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Boats

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Walgus, Boats, Tomaszewski, Dingman, Schueler

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NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED to purchase a new 544 John Deere loader from Five Star Equipment.**

**RESOLUTION # 55 to appoint Dick Bridges to the Gowanda Ambulance Board.**

On a motion of Councilperson Boats

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED        AYES – 5 Boats, Tomaszewski, Walgus, Dingman, Schuler

NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED to appoint Dick Bridges to the Gowanda Ambulance Board.**

**RESOLUTION #56 to buy a brick for the Gowanda Firefighters Memorial.**

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Boats

ADOPTED        AYES – 5 Tomaszewski, Boats, Walgus, Dingman, Schueler

NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED to buy a brick for the Gowanda Firefighters Memorial.**

**RESOLUTION #57 to hold a workshop at 6pm on July 9<sup>th</sup>.**

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Boats

ADOPTED        AYES – 5 Tomaszewski, Boats, Walgus, Dingman, Schueler

NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED to hold a workshop at 6pm on July 9<sup>th</sup>.**

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With no further business, and hearing no objection  
the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Trumpore

Town Clerk