

Minutes

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

April 9, 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:

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: Phil Palen

Hon. Arnold Andolsek

Legislator Richard Klancer

Richard Zeughardt

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Official Reports of Department Heads:

Supervisor Paula Schueler: I have processed payroll.* I have given the board the financial report from Bahgat and ask it be accepted by resolution. * I ask the bills for abstract #4 for General and Highway be approved by resolution.* I ask the Supervisors report for accepted by resolution. * Attended the supervisor's meeting on April 2nd. They had a guest speaker from NY Towns Association INC (Carolyn Price). They split off from NYS Association of Towns. I have a pamphlet if any of you are interested in seeing it. * Went to Farmer-Neighbor dinner on April 8th. * If anyone is interested in going to Houghton on May 6th, I have the form they will need to fill out. * The board needs to appoint the court officer. After a brief discussion it was decided to hire both applicants. * On the recommendation of Judge Andolsek the Town will buy two Court Officer vests. * Now that we have insurance through NYMIR we need to mail our proxy vote for their election of officer. Also, Ryan Conway will be here on Tuesday May 5th at 1pm for an orientation and I need to know who will be attending. * I have applications for the Annual Hospice walk on May 17th. * I need a resolution to increase the general fund budget in the amount of \$9,382.85 which represents monies received from the JCAP grant.

Highway Superintendent Daniel Ackley: *read highway bills. *The Town of Dayton let us borrow their tractor to broom the roads. * I would like to purchase a steam washer/cleaner. * Hopefully the Town will get some extra money from CHIPS to fix the roads from the harsh winter we had. * I would like the Town to also think about purchasing a new loader next year; the one we have is an 82 and is getting very tired.

Councilperson John Walgus: * After talking with Crystal Abers we were supposed to come up with three ideas to pursue grants. The three I came up with are highway equipment, the Town Hall and a Comprehensive plan. I also wonder why the Town never pursued a Community Block Development Grant (CBDG). I know the Village does every year and you don't get them at all if you don't apply for them.

Councilperson Linda Boats: *On March 16th I attended a planning board meeting. Horvath is waiting for warmer weather to install the communication tower. Mel is taking care of all required paperwork. * I attended a tax seminar on the 24th in Little

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Valley. * On April 7th I went to the first organization meeting for the 180 year celebration of the Town of Dayton and Persia. Jeff Stoltenburg of Zollingers will take care of the beer tent and entertainment for the event. It was decided to seek vendors for food and crafts. This is not a fund raiser so there will be no charge to the vendors. The committee will see if Bob Dingman would be willing to have a train run. The next meeting will be at Zollingers on May 6th. They are looking at July 11th for the celebration. * I have gun raffle tickets that the ambulance is selling for \$10 each, the raffle will be held at the American Legion on April 25th.

Councilperson Gloria Tomaszewski: * I attended the tax freeze meeting on March 24th presented by Jack Searles, County Administrator. In addition to being under the tax cap, the town will also have to provide savings equal to 1% of our 2012 budget amount, in our case this would be under \$2500 in order to qualify for any refund. We had savings in changing insurance companies, accountants and discontinuing paychex. Also, there should be a savings in our changing insurance companies. We also have some shared services as to highway and County Economic and Development. This form needs to be completed and forwarded prior to June 1st, at which time the State has one month to approve or deny. * Attended the supervisors meeting on April 2nd. Carolyn Price presented the program wherein they are forming an association similar to the Association of Towns but are trying to deal with items more closely associated with upstate smaller townships. The cost of membership is \$400 (this would also give you 1.5 hours of attorney time without paying). The events they sponsor can be attended by non-members at the cost of \$15. * Attended the Farmer/Neighbor dinner on April 8th.

Councilperson Robert Dingman: * I met with John on April 3rd and he went over the Economic Development meeting which I missed because I was out of Town.

Assessor Mary Bailey: * the proposal to make a Basic Star exemption a tax credit instead of a property exemption was dropped from the State budget. Some lawmakers stated it would raise an average escrow account by \$50 a month. So STAR will stay away from this.

Town Clerk Denise Trumpore:

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Total transactions for March: 59

Total Collected: \$ 1469.00

Towns Portion: \$ 814.86

- I have presented the minutes from the March 12th meeting and ask it is approved by resolution. * The Town had \$207,859.70 in unpaid taxes that were returned to the County. This amount is up \$50,000 from last years returned taxes. * There will be a free rabies clinic on May 2nd from 9am to noon at the Cattaraugus County DPW garage.

RESOLUTION #32 Audit of Claims

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Walgus

The following was

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the bills contained on abstract #4 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

Abstract 4 - General vouchers #66 to #85 Total = \$ 18,890.20

Abstract 4 - Highway vouchers #21 to #24 Total = \$ 1,219.68

RESOLUTION #33 Approval of Minutes

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

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NAYS - 0

RESOLVED that the minutes from March 12, 2015 are approved.

RESOLUTION #34 to accept the financial report from Bahgat & Bahgat.

On a motion of Councilperson Boats

Seconded by Councilperson Walgus

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the financial report from Bahgat & Bahgat.

RESOLUTION #35 Supervisors report

On a motion of Councilperson Boats

Seconded by Councilperson Walgus

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the Supervisors report for March 2015

RESOLUTION #36 to increase the general fund budget in the amount of \$9,382.85 which represents monies received from the JCAP grant.

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to increase the general fund budget in the amount of \$9,382.85 which represents monies received from the JCAP grant.

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RESOLUTIONS # 37 to appoint Thomas Povhe as Court Officer.

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to appoint Thomas Povhe as Court Officer.

RESOLUTION #38 to appoint Laurie Anne Moore as Court Officer.

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Boats

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to appoint Laurie Anne Moore as Court Officer.

RESOLUTION #39 for highway to purchase a steam cleaner/washer for no more than \$5,000.

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Walgus

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED for highway to purchase a steam cleaner/washer for no more than \$5,000.

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RESOLUTION #40 to have an economic growth workshop at 6pm on May 14th.

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Boats

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to have an economic growth workshop at 6pm on May 14th.

With no further business, and hearing no objection

the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Trumpore

Town Clerk