

Minutes

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

December 10, 2015

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:

Hon. Arnold Andolsek

Legislature Paula Stockman

Building Inspector: Mel Shaw

Official Reports of Department Heads:

Supervisor Paula Schueler: *I have processed payroll. * I ask the bills for abstract #12 for General and Highway be approved by resolution.* I ask the Supervisors report for November be accepted by resolution. *I need a resolution to accept the financial report for November.* I need a resolution for budget transfers as follows: \$250 from A1990.4 to A111.1B. \$650 from

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A1990.4 to A1355.4, \$500 from DB9070.8 and \$1568 from DB5142.4 to DB9060.8. * It has been brought to my attention that the Town does not have a Sexual Harassment Policy so I have one that I would like to submit to the board for review. After review we can accept it at the reorganization meeting. Seeing we have the swearing in of elected officials, I would like to have the January Regular and Reorganization meeting on January 7th at 7:00pm instead of January 14th.

Highway Superintendent Daniel Ackley: read highway bills. * The equipment is all tuned up for winter. * The highway pick-up will be back to work on Monday after being repaired. * Weather permitting, the highway will be working on Nash Hill by Road by Menoff's to repair damage done by the flood of 2014.

Councilperson John Walgus: * I have talked with John Spina and he said the Pioneer cemetery sign will be ready to put up in the spring. * Talking with Legislature Paula Stockman she told me about two companies that could perform utility and telecommunication audit for the Town to see if we are owed any money for being overcharged and improve the accuracy of future bills. * I would like to have a policy workshop at the January 7th meeting at 6pm.

Councilperson Linda Boats: * Theresa Girome and I Attended the November Planning & Zoning Meeting; Theresa will be representing the Town come 2016. * Mel Shaw announced that the concrete pad has been poured for the cell tower; also Gernatt has pulled their permit for the Point Peter site. Mel will be going over the new codes at the next meeting in March. *Gloria and I attended the November Ambulance meeting as Gloria will be ambulance liaison come 2016. Representatives from their insurance company gave their annual report. The board was brainstorming on getting more exposure in the community; Gloria suggested the upcoming Christmas in Gowanda and thought it would be a good idea for them to attend. * On December 4th was the "Christmas in Gowanda" and hot chocolate, pazes and cookies were offered at the Town Hall with great attendance. * This will be my last meeting as a council member and I want to express my thanks to all the board members for sharing so much knowledge and friendship with me. I learned a great deal on the runnings of a small town. We have a great board and I'm sure Theresa will be a great asset! Thank-you everyone.

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Councilperson Gloria Tomaszewski: * I attended the final meeting for the Christmas in Gowanda. * On December 4th here at the Town Hall we served hot chocolate and cookies for the Christmas in Gowanda. We were busy the entire time and I was very impressed at all the people that participated. It was a very nice event with all the Friday activities, including the parade.

Councilperson Robert Dingman: * in regards to the Christmas in Gowanda, one of the things they did was to schedule the train rides on a weekend other than when their event was happening. Love Inc. is selling the tickets for the train ride on the 12th and it is sold out. It is great to have them involved. * I have copies of the grants that were awarded under the Consolidated Funding of Western NY. Basically WNY got 83.9 million. * I would like to say that Mayor McKeever is doing an excellent job and it showed on how the “Christmas in Gowanda” went. I would like to give a presentation on “Preserving the Rail Corridor from Buffalo to Jamestown”. The objective is to preserve and improve the Buffalo to Jamestown Corridor. Utilizing this will attract new and strengthen existing businesses. , increase public mobility, and preserve commercial freight utility. The rail corridor is 66.7 miles long; 30.2 in Erie County, 25.7 being in Cattaraugus County and 10.8 in Chautauqua County.

Assessor Mary Bailey: * All renewal applications for exemptions were mailed this week. If a property owner did not receive their exemption renewals for Ag, Senior and Enhanced STAR, please call the office. The deadline for all exemption applications is March 1st. * Some recent sales in Persia – Gernatt’s bought two parcels on Broadway for \$85,000, 261 Miller St sold for \$38,900, 15 Maple St. sold for \$129,000 and 57 Maple St. sold for \$63,000.

Building Inspector Mel Shaw: * The pad for the tower is poured and when cured they will start building. * Gernatt’s pulled a permit on Point Peter but would like to expand on an existing permit on Point Peter, there are 36 acres involved. The Town should look into having them bond the road.

Town Clerk Denise Trumpore:

Total transactions for November: 117

Total Collected: \$ 2,684.00

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Towns Portion: \$ 637.42

- There will be a free rabies clinic on January 9th at the Cattaraugus County DPW garage from 9am to noon. * I has come to my attention that the minutes from September 10th , resolution #80 should be to have a budget workshop on October 8th at 6:00pm NOT September 21st. * The Town Hall is be closing at 12:30 on Christmas Eve. * Officer Steve Raiport asked if the Town would house a drug drop-off container, after a brief discussion it was decided that the board would not like one here.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Judge Andolsek addressed the board on a request received by Officer Steve Raiport on the Town allowing 2 cameras to be installed on the Town Hall for surveillance. After a discussion it is decided Clerk Trumpore will contact Officer Raiport and invite him to the next meeting so he can give more information on this request.

RESOLUTION #101 Audit of Claims

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Walgus

The following was

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the bills contained on abstract #12 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

Abstract 12 - General vouchers #227 to #238 Total = \$ 4,909.64

Abstract 12 - Highway vouchers #91 to # 101 Total = \$13,438.99

RESOLUTION #102 Approval of Minutes

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

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Seconded by Councilperson Boats

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED that the minutes from November 12th are approved.

RESOLUTION #103 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 November 2015

RESOLUTION #104 Financial Report

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Boats

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the financial report for November 2015.

RESOLUTION #105 Policy workshop

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Boats

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Walgus, Boats, Tomaszewski, Dingman

NAYS – 1 Schueler

RESOLVED to have policy workshop at 6pm on January 7, 2016.

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RESOLUTION # 106 Budget transfers

On a motion of Councilperson Boats

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Boats, Tomaszewski, Walgus, Dingman

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to transfer \$500 from A1990.4 to A1110.1B, \$650 from A1990.4 to A1330.4, \$200 from A1990.4 to A1335.4, \$100 from A1990.4 to A5010.4, \$200 from B9010.8 to B1355.4, and \$2,700 from DB9010.8 to DB5110.4.

RESOLUTION #107 Regular and Reorganization Meeting

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to have the Regular and Reorganization meeting on January 7th at 7:00pm.

With no further business, and hearing no objection

the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Trumpore

Town Clerk

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