

Minutes

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

February 12, 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:

Cattaraugus County IDA Cory Wiktor

Catt. Co Economic Development, Planning and

Tourism – Crystal Abers

Gowanda News Reporter: Phil Palen

Hon. Arnold Andolsek

Legislator Paula Stockman

Steve Lingard: Smart Link Representative.

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Official Reports of Department Heads:

Supervisor Paula Schueler: I processed payroll and completed a payroll declaration for Cattaraugus Co. Self-Insurance Plan. * I would like to open the bids for liability Insurance. *

The Evans Agency- NIMIR: quote 1 - \$11,242.67, quote 2 - Selective - \$12,916

Markham Bixby - Trident: \$12,912.48

Matter tabled to next board meeting.

* I have given the board the financial report and ask it be accepted by resolution. * I ask the bills for abstract #2 for General and Highway be approved by resolution.* I ask the Supervisors report for accepted by resolution. *We have the two new reserve accounts, one for highway and one for building. * Boiler was inspected on January 12th; he said the water was cloudy. * I received all monies for the 2015 budget. * I would like to have a resolution to pass the Thatcher Brook Watershed Plan, with several additions from our meeting.

Highway Superintendent Daniel Ackley: read highway bills. * I am putting together the information needed to put out to bid for the Point Peter repairs. * I would like to go the Grassroots Advocacy Campaign on March 3rd and 4th in Albany; I will be sharing a hotel room to cut costs.

Councilperson John Walgus: * On January 26th I audited the Town Clerks books and to the best of my knowledge I found them to be correct .The clerk goes above and beyond what is required. I asked tough questions about different cash accounts to trip her up and she answered them with hesitation and supplied paperwork to back it up. * At the public hearing held by the zoning board on January 26th on the construction of a Verizon cell tower located on the Sargent property off Broadway Road, contingent on a negative SEQR declaration, I learned of the poor cell phone reception in the Southern part of the Town and how this tower will be connected to others by the fiber optic running along Rt. 353 and how this will improve service for not only our Town residents but for the adjoining Towns as well. * On January 28th I attended the Citizens Task Force (CTF) meeting at the Dept. of Energy's Ashford office complex. The

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upcoming federal budget proposed by President Obama was discussed and the process of the remediation of the onsite waste. It was later determined that if the Presidents proposed fiscal budget for the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) holds true without improvement from congress at this juncture the WVDP clean-up wouldn't be completed until about 100 years from now, based on current funding and on mid-range estimates of the total project cost remaining. I learned that the results of the aerial radiological survey of the WVDP complex and the entire length of the Cattaraugus Creek downstream to Lake Erie is complete, and the results will be released to the public late this spring. I will report on the results as soon as they become available.* I attended the Thatcher Brook Task Force meeting on January 28th to discuss concerns on the plan formulated by the Catt. Co. DPW which we will accept with added improvements to the document. * The board of directors for GARC met on January 30th to discuss and award bid to KOMPAN for the playground equipment at Gateway Park. Later this month we will be awarding the contract for the final fill requirements and landscaping using an Environmental Protection Fund grant. I am excited to finally be able to see the amazing transformation that will take place at the park this year. * I met again with the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) on February 7th to continue the cooperative effort with the other municipalities to find the best way to mitigate the flooding on Thatcher Brook. The ACOE in conjunction with the municipalities will be working on the feasibility study to determine the solution to this problem. * On February 11th our Economic Development Committee, GARC and representatives from the Village of Gowanda met with Martin Doster PE, the Regional Environmental Remediation Engineer Conservation to discuss the redevelopment of the Industrial Place property and the Brownfield opportunity assessment grant that has been awarded to the village which we can take advantage of and to form the steering committee for this project. * I have received an estimate from Burzak Electric for \$407.00 for the labor and parts to install an LED flagpole light, the necessary repairs to the courtroom electrical outlet, and to trace the origin of the electric lines for the working of the second floor lights. I move to accept this estimate. * I would like to have a workshop at 6pm at the next board meeting to discuss economic growth. . * I make a motion to sign the 1st agreement drawn up by the Town Attorney with the Village of Gowanda for the Dayton Road Water/Sewer District. * There will be an Economic Growth Committee here at the Town Hall on March 11th at 9:00am.

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Councilperson Linda Boats: * Attended a Planning Board meeting on December 26th. Plans were presented from Horvath to erect a communication tower on Broadway Road. We had a public hearing on January 21st. There were no concerns from the board at this time. * Audited the court books with Gloria for Judge Andolsek on January 20th and Judge Schindler on January 24th and everything were in order. * Attended a meeting on the Thatcher Brook Watershed Plan on January 28th. There were no attendees from the community. The members of the board discussed ideas and concerns that could be added to the management plan and will submit them in writing to the task force.

Councilperson Gloria Tomaszewski: 1. Talked with Judge Andolsek and Judge Schindler concerning the hiring of a person to run the metal detector for DA night. Two people have applied. Matter tabled. 2. Joe and Jen Alessi resigned as bailiffs; they stated they would send a resignation letter. 3. Attended the Healthy Community Alliance Funding meeting on January 14th. The apartments are full. There is a waiting list of 11 for the 1 bedroom apartments and 2 for the 2 bedroom apartments. Discussion was had as to the income and expenses. 4. Audited judge Andolsek's books with Linda on January 20th. The books were in order and he and Denise answered all questions. It was a pleasure to work with them as they are very organized. On January 24th Linda and I audited Judge Schindler's books. Darlene had all the necessary documents in order for the audit, and she is doing a wonderful job, it was a pleasure to work with her. I would like to make a motion to accept the audits of Judge Andolsek and Schindler. 5. The courts received a JCAP grant for \$9,382.65. It will be applied to glass block windows and a new air-conditioner. A big Thank-you Judge Andolsek for applying for this grant. 6. Attended the public hearing on the building of the cell tower on Broadway at Sargents property. A couple of neighbors attended, and they were in favor of the project. There was no one opposing said project. 7. Attended Thatcher Brook meeting on January 28th. 8. I make a motion for Judge Andolsek to attend the Magistrates Conference in Niagara Falls this September.

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Councilperson Robert Dingman: I will get a plumber in to the Town hall to look at the boiler concerning the cloudy water. I attended a Thatcher Brook meeting on February 28th and March 9th at the Village. The DEC was very positive at this meeting which is encouraging.

Assessor Mary Bailey: The office is extremely busy. Louise has been a tremendous help with the volume of work. Just a note to property owners: The deadline for exemptions in March 1st. Also, veterans who had an exemption in the Town do **NOT** have to re-apply for the school or the newly adopted Village veteran's exemption. This has been done automatically. Any **NEW** applicant would have to apply at the assessor's office. Please call me at 532-4042 if there are any questions.

Town Clerk Denise Trumpore:

Total transactions for January: 72

Total Collected: \$ 888.00

Towns Portion: \$ 202.26

- I have presented the minutes from the January 8th meeting and ask it is approved by resolution.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Crystal Abers: Thank-you for inviting me here tonight. Cattaraugus County Dept. of Planning and Tourism is interested in working with communities that recognize and value the importance of improving and preserving their unique rural heritage and aesthetic character, but lack ample or sufficient capacity to act on it. We can help Persia improve and preserve the charm and beauty that it has.

Cory Wiktor: I want to thank you for inviting me here tonight; it is very encouraging to know Persia is taking a proactive decision in economic development. The IDA is here to help whether it be obtaining grants or helping to find manufacturers to come to the area.

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Our agency has been around since 1971 and we look forward to helping in any way to help our region grow and prosper. The Town needs to find out what they want to accomplish and come to us with that to help that come together.

Steve Lingard: The tower going up on Broadway Road is a 200 foot, self-supported three-legged lattice tower; it is very versatile and has no guide wires. It can handle different antennas such as wireless, and emergency services. The tower should be up by spring.

RESOLUTION #10 Audit of Claims

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

The following was

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the bills contained on abstract #2 for General and highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

Abstract 2 - General vouchers #20 to #49 Total = \$27,655.34

Abstract 2 - Highway vouchers #5 to #12 Total = \$4,221.94

RESOLUTION #11 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 January 8 2015 are approved.

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RESOLUTION #12 to accept the financial report from Bahgat & Bahgat.

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the financial report from Bahgat & Bahgat.

RESOLUTION #13 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 January 2015

RESOLUTION #14 required audits for the 2014 court records were conducted.

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Boats

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED the required audits for the 2014 court records were conducted.

RESOLUTIONS # 15 To ratify the SEQR find which showed a Negative Action Type II for the Verizon Tower to be erected on Broadway Road.

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On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Boats

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED To ratify the SEQR find which showed a Negative Action Type II for the Verizon Tower to be erected on Broadway Road.

RESOLUTION #16 To pass the Thatcher Brook Watershed Plan with additions.

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Boats

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED TO PASS THE THATCHER BROOK WATERSHED PLAN WITH ADDITIONS.

RESOLUTION #17 to approve the construction of the Verizon Cell tower on Broadway Road.

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to approve the construction of the Verizon Cell tower on Broadway Road.

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RESOLUTION #18 Supervisor Schueler to sign Dayton Road Water/Sewer agreement with Village of Gowanda, drawn up by Atty Yaw.

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED Supervisor Schueler to sign Dayton Road Water/Sewer agreement with Village of Gowanda, drawn up by Atty Yaw.

RESOLUTION #19 Dan Ackley to attend the Grassroots Advocacy Campaign in Albany on March 3rd and 4th.

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Boats

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED Dan Ackley to attend the Grassroots Advocacy Campaign in Albany on March 3rd and 4th.

RESOLUTION #20 to accept estimate from Burzak Electric for flagpole light.

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to accept estimate from Burzak Electric for flagpole light.

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RESOLUTION #21 for Judge Andolsek to attend Magistrates Conference in Niagara Falls in September.

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Boats

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED for Judge Andolsek to attend Magistrates Conference in Niagara Falls in September.

RESOLUTION #22 to have a workshop at 6pm on March 12th to discuss economic growth.

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Boats

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to have a workshop at 6pm on March 12th to discuss economic growth.

With no further business, and hearing no objection

the meeting adjourned at 8:48pm

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Trumpore

Town Clerk

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