

## Minutes

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

March 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:

Highway Superintendent: Daniel Ackley:

Councilperson: John Walgus:

Councilperson: Linda Boats:

Councilperson: Gloria Tomaszewski:

Councilperson: Robert Dingman:

Town Clerk: Denise Trumpore: present

### Others present:

Gowanda News Reporter: Phil Palen

Hon. Arnold Andolsek

### 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 also signed a authorization for them to take care of our books for 2015, and power of attorney for them to file our employment taxis and withholding taxes.\* I ask the bills for abstract #3 for General and Highway be approved by resolution.\* I ask the Supervisors report for

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accepted by resolution. \* On the recommendation of our attorney, I would need a resolution to rescind resolution #18 which pertains to the Dayton Road water/sewer agreement. \* I have received resignation letters from Joe and Jen Alessi and will be holding interviews for a court officer on March 18<sup>th</sup>. \* We need to decide which insurance carrier we will be contracting with. \* I received a letter from Cattaraugus County Public Works – We need to track people for “In kind services” for the Thatcher Brook study, Crystal Gross from the county will be doing this for us, we need a roster of our personnel that will be involved. \* the towns of Dayton and Persia will be 180 years old in 2015; I received a letter from the town of Dayton inquiring on what if anything Persia would like to do to commemorate this milestone. Historian Phil Palen and Linda Boats will be on the committee to work with the town of Dayton on this project. John Walgus and Bob Dingman will work on incorporating the train into this celebration also. \* On March 9<sup>th</sup> I attended a presentation on terrorism indicators at the fire hall.

**Highway Superintendent Daniel Ackley:** read highway bills. \* I went to Albany on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> for the Grassroots seminar, it was very informative and well attended.\* I learned the Cattaraugus County Sheriffs Office can make us ID badges for identification. I will contact Clark Parry on when we can have this done; we may have to wait a couple of months seeing they are getting updated equipment. \* I had an appraisal done on the backhoe so we may be able to sell it for a newer backhoe with the CHIPS money.

**Councilperson John Walgus:** \* Members of the Gowanda Area Redevelopment Corporation (GARC) met at the Catt. Co. Center in Little Valley on March 4<sup>th</sup> to address the Co. Legislatures Agriculture and Development Committee with a power point presentation on the accomplishments to date of the Zoar Valley Gateway Park (ZVGP) program. The GARC board will meet next week to accept bids for materials for ZVGP for the final grade and landscaping materials. \* On March 11<sup>th</sup> the town’s Economic Development Committee (EDC) met and formed a regional partnership toward achieving our goal of redeveloping the Brownfield sites within the town. Included in this partnership are the Town of Persia, Village of Gowanda, Catt. Co. Dept. of Tourism, Planning and Economic Development, GARC and Catt. Co. Industrial Development Agency. \* The Village applied and received a Brownfield Opportunity Assessment (BOA) grant. With the monies received from this grant a request for proposals (RFP) has been formulated by the village engineer. The RFP has been sent to local media

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outlets to advertise for a consultant to guide us toward redevelopment of Brownfield's and is due back by March 27<sup>th</sup>. The next EDC will meet on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 9am. \*The Army Corp of Engineers was in Thatcher Brook today doing an H&H cross section. \* Last month, Crystal Abers asked the town for a letter of support on the Cattaraugus County land bank program, after learning of this program I ask for a resolution to send the county a letter of support. \* I took down the flag on the Town Hall because it was torn and the rope was failing; when the weather warms up, Roger Burzak will install led lights and we can put up a new flag with new ropes.

**Councilperson Linda Boats:** I also attended the terrorism presentation on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the fire hall. It was a great presentation and really enlightened me to be aware of what is going on around. I was also made aware of the steps the school must go through if there was an act of terror.

**Councilperson Gloria Tomaszewski:** I attended the presentation by Chris Baker on terrorism indicators and Cattaraugus County school safety on March 9<sup>th</sup>. I found the presentations to be interesting. Mr. Baker gave everyone a number to report suspicious behavior (866-723-3697). There have been 80 schools in Cattaraugus County that have had the school presentation.

**Councilperson Robert Dingman:** \* On March 11<sup>th</sup> I attended a Western NY Economic Development Council meeting. I learned Gov. Cuomo unveiled a new program, the Upstate Revitalization Initiative (URI). Regions across Upstate NY will be offered the opportunity to pursue their own targeted economic transformation plans. Under the competition, Upstate regions except Western NY will compete for \$1.5 billion that is divided into three awards. The winners will receive \$500 million over five years. I am wondering why Western NY is excluded? I will draft a letter to Crystal Abers asking her why Western NY was excluded and why we are not competing for this money.

**Assessor Mary Bailey:** Amen to March 1<sup>st</sup>, deadline date for exemptions. Very, very, VERY busy. I received the tentative gas production values. They are down from \$6.08 per mcf last year to just \$2.37 this year. With the town's 100 gas wells, this will have an impact on loss of assessed valuation. (I have not received the production reports yet from Texas Keystone or Seneca). We have yet to receive the special franchise values from the state. No doubt they will be lower as well.

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**Mel Shaw:** (sent by email). The blue prints have not been delivered as of yet the telecommunication tower, as soon as they do I will issue a permit. I have completed the required annual codes for training for 2015.

## **Town Clerk Denise Trumpore:**

Total transactions for February: 65

Total Collected: \$ 767.00

Towns Portion: \$ 359.10

- I have presented the minutes from the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and ask it is approved by resolution. \* I am in the last month of collecting taxes for 2015. I will not be able to accept any tax payment after March 31<sup>st</sup>. \* I would like to be closed for Good Friday, which is April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Arnold Andolsek addressed the board on buying an automatic electronic defibrillator (AED) machine. Mr. Andolsek feels it would be something we should have here since it is a public place and you just never know. Supervisor Schueler will look into the liability of having one here.

## **RESOLUTION #23** Audit of Claims

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Boats

The following was

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Tomaszewski, Boats, Walgus, Dingman

NAYS – 0

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**RESOLVED that the bills contained on abstract #3 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:**

**Abstract 2 - General vouchers #50 to # 65 Total = \$4,267.21**

**Abstract 2 - Highway vouchers #13 to #20 Total = \$5,138.15**

**RESOLUTION #24 Approval of Minutes**

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Boats

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Tomaszewski, Boats, Walgus, Dingman

NAYS - 0

**RESOLVED that the minutes from February 12, 2015 are approved.**

**RESOLUTION #25 to accept the financial report from Bahgat & Bahgat.**

On a motion of Councilperson Boats

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Boats, Tomaszewski, Walgus, Dingman

NAYS - 0

**RESOLVED to accept the financial report from Bahgat & Bahgat.**

**RESOLUTION #26 Supervisors report**

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Boats

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Walgus, Boats, Tomaszewski, Dingman

NAYS - 0

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

**RESOLUTION #27 to rescind resolution #18 regarding the Dayton Road water/sewer agreement.**

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On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Walgus, Tomaszewski, Boats, Dingman

NAYS - 0

**RESOLVED to rescind resolution #18 regarding the Dayton Road water/sewer agreement.**

**RESOLUTIONS # 28** to accept the bid from Evans Agency for insurance coverage.

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Boats

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Walgus, Boats, Tomaszewski, Dingman

NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED to accept the bid from Evans Agency for insurance coverage.**

**RESOLUTION #29** to write a letter of support to Norman Marsh, chairman of the County Legislature supporting the creation of a county land bank.

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Boats

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Walgus, Boats, Tomaszewski, Dingman

NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED to write a letter of support to Norman Marsh, chairman of the County Legislature supporting the creation of a county land bank.**

**RESOLUTION #30** to close the Town Hall for Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

On a motion of Councilperson Boats

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Boats, Tomaszewski, Walgus, Dingman

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NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED to close the Town Hall for Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**RESOLUTION #31** to have a workshop to discuss economic growth on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED                AYES – 5 Walgus, Tomaszewski, Boats, Dingman

NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED to have a workshop to discuss economic growth on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**

With no further business, and hearing no objection

the meeting adjourned at 7-58pm

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Trumpore

Town Clerk