

Minutes

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

May 15, 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: Phil Palen

Observer: Samantha McDonnell

Hon. Arnold Andolsek

Paul Bowers

Nancy Bowers

Jack Broyles

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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 #5 for General and Highway be approved by resolution.* I ask the Supervisors report for accepted by resolution. * I filed the Tax Freeze report to the comptroller's office. We needed to show a savings of \$2,677 and had a savings of \$5,506 by changing insurance companies and accounting firms. * I went to the Supervisor's meeting in Little Valley on May 7th. * Ryan Conway was here from NIMIR on May 5th to orientate us their web site and set us up with an account. They have lots of training on the web site. * The AUD (Annual Update Document) was filed with the comptroller. I have a copy if anyone would like to look at it. * I have disposed some supervisor records from 2008 and earlier according to the retention schedule. * We will need a replacement for the Ambulance board. * A note on our taxes. Most New Yorkers don't know that 2/3 of property taxes go to the schools and the remaining 1/3 go to all local taxing jurisdictions (counties, cities, towns and villages) and the towns get 11%. * I ask we make a resolution to increase the highway fund outside Village 2015 budget of \$17,114 which represents additional monies to be received from CHIPS. This will increase the budgeted amounts from accounts DB3501 and DB5112.2. * Chamber of Commerce sent a letter requesting a donation for "Music in the Park". The Town will donate \$450.00. * Hollywood Theater invited the Town to the opening ceremony for the Hollywood Happening on May 29th. John Walgus will represent the Town and say a few words. * I ask for a resolution to transfer \$1,000 from account A1990.4 to A1355.4 on the advice of Bahgat & Bahgat.

Highway Superintendent Daniel Ackley: read highway bills.* I received the official letter on what we will receive in CHIPS money being \$50,000. * I will pursue the buying of a new loader, the one the Town has now is a 1982 and on its last legs. I will use our CHIPS money to offset the price.* I will tackle the FEMA project the second week of June; we saved about \$27,000 by doing this ourselves instead of farming out the work.

Councilperson John Walgus: * The regional partnership on redeveloping Brownfield's has met twice this past month on the 15th and 30th. At the first meeting we narrowed

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the RFP's for a consultant for the BOA grant down to 3 from 5. It is a very intense process to follow grant guidelines and choose the best firm for our vision on redeveloping Brownfield's in the Village and Town. At our second meeting about choosing the consultants, we invited the top three picks to meet with us. We scored them accordingly, on what each of the sub-committee members thought which company would be the best choice. Each member then individually scored the consultants and the results totaled and the top scoring firm was chosen to administer the BOA grant. The consensus after many hours of discussion was the firm C&S engineers of Elm Street in Buffalo to start the pre-nomination study of the Brownfield's opportunity areas program. We then proceeded with C&S on nominating sites for State and Federal clean-up and redeveloping. Co-chair Bob Dingman will address the board on the last meeting. Bob has been active in the process providing his experience with consultants such as C&S, and having been involved with them thru his business. * GARC awarded a contract to KOMPAN for a play structure and picnic tables at Gateway Park. The next phase of site work will be final fill and grading for playing fields, trails, and parking lots, roads, landscaping and trees. This will be an exciting year at Gateway Park as you will be able to see the transformation from waste land to a recreation area our community will be able to enjoy for years to come. It will also mark the end of the superfund status for a large majority of the park; the EPA will be de-listing almost 20 acres because the pollution has been mitigated. * I ask we send a letter of thanks to Town resident Mr. Donald Clark for constructing the sign that Dan Ackley placed on the overhang of our front door, announcing our 180th anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Persia. *In 1985, Mr. John Spina Sr. constructed a sign at the pioneer settlers Sission cemetery giving a historical perspective of the burial ground. Time and weather have taken a toll on the sign and it is in need of repair. I ask the board that permission be granted to Mr. Spina Jr. to refurbish the sign that his father erected 30 years ago and if needed expend up to \$100 for repairs. * Paul Bowers and I attended the National Grid's municipal and first responder's conference in Ellicottville. This continuing education program updates municipal officials, EMS and first responders on what can be expected from the utility company during a major storm, disaster and power interruption. The program explained the chain of command and what governments and emergency agencies expect and how National Grid achieves

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restoration of services. * Bob Dingman and I met with Mayor McKeever on April 30th and we talked about a joint comprehensive plan with the Village. Mayor McKeever was going to attending a conference and would ask an expert from Syracuse University if he would consider helping the Town and Village thru this process. We also met with County Legislature Paula Stockman and she lent us the Village of South Dayton and the Town of Dayton's comprehensive plan to use as a template. * B&R Plumbing installed an air conditioner and I would like permission from the board to have them install a knee wall at no cost to the Town to hide the conduit that shows. * On May 5th the Town met with NYMIR our reciprocal insurance company. They explained our coverage and highlighted such things as our employee guide and how to access there online university to enroll in courses such as (driver safety, sexual harassments) and explained their risk management services to us. I was very pleased with their presentation. * In closing, I would like to ask the board to send Roger Burzak a thank-you note for installing the led light for the flag pole before Memorial Day.

Councilperson Linda Boats: * I participated in the annual gun raffle held by the Gowanda Ambulance on April 25th at the American Legion. It was extremely well attended and everyone seemed to have a great time. A final report has not been received. * I went to the Gowanda board meeting on May 12th.

Councilperson Gloria Tomaszewski: * I went the Academy Place meeting in April; there is one vacancy. We conducted an audit of the books.

Councilperson Robert Dingman: * I was also involved in the process of finding a consultant for redeveloping the Brownfield area in the Village. I feel we chose the most qualified firm and look forward to moving forward with them.

Assessor Mary Bailey: It has been a busy time. I picked up the tentative roll from the County. I will have a more accurate total Town taxable after Board of Review which will be on May 27th. My computer has been acting up and on Monday would m=not operate. I called our computer teach and hope she can find a solution.

Historian Phil Palen: In regards to the 180 year celebration of the Towns of Dayton and Persia; we are still in the preliminary stages but it will be on Saturday, July 11th

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starting at 11am. There will be food and craft vendors in Dayton by the gazebo and Zollingers will have a band and beer tent. We are working on having train rides to Dayton also.

Town Clerk Denise Trumpore:

Total transactions for April: 108

Total Collected: \$ 1,766.00

Towns Portion: \$ 467.68

- I have presented the minutes from the April 9th meeting and ask it is approved by resolution. * I was recently at a Town Clerks meeting where it was offered for Towns to sell E-Z Pass on the go tags. The Town of Perrysburg is offering this service and I was wondering if we would be interested in doing this. There is no cost to start-up. An initial purchase of one box of tags (25 tags @\$21 pre tag =\$525) is required and tags are sold for \$25 each so the Town would make \$100 per box sold. If the board is interested in this we would have to make a resolution to enter into an agreement with the NYS Thruway Authority.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Phil Palen: Hollywood Theater – I am here on behalf of Hollywood Theater to ask the board for a resolution in support of Hollywood Theater to apply for a New York Main Street Downtown Anchor Project Grant.

Jack Broyles: Approached the board regarding having a water/sewer contract with the Village. Walgus stated that the Town is in the works of obtaining a contract where all Towns involved will pay a uniform price.

Paul Bowers: Approached the board to show them the new security vests to be worn by the court officers.

RESOLUTION #41 Audit of Claims

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On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

The following was

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the bills contained on abstract #5 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

Abstract 5 - General vouchers #86 to #106 Total = \$ 7,951.02

Abstract 5 - Highway vouchers #25 to #38 Total = \$ 8,941.36

RESOLUTION #42 Approval of Minutes

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Boats

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED that the minutes from April 9, 2015 are approved.

RESOLUTION #43 to accept the financial report from Bahgat & Bahgat.

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Walgus

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the financial report from Bahgat & Bahgat.

RESOLUTION #44 Supervisors report

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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 accept the Supervisors report for April 2015

RESOLUTION #45 to enter into an agreement with the New York State Thruway Authority to sell E-Z Pass Tags.

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED FOR THE TOWN OF PERSIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY AUTHORITY TO SELL E-Z PASS TAGS.

WHEREAS: THE TOWN OF PERSIA'S CLERK OFFICE WISHES TO RETAIL E-Z PASS TAGS THROUGH THE NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY AUTHORITY'S E-Z PASS ON-THE-GO PROGRAM; AND

WHEREAS: THE TOWN OF PERSIA'S CLERK'S OFFICE WILL PURCHASE E-Z PASS TAGS FOR THE COST OF \$21.00 PER TAG FROM THE THRUWAY AUTHORITY AND SELL THE TAGS AT A COST OF \$25.00 PER TAG, ALLOWING THE TOWN TO KEEP \$4.00 PER SALE;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PERSIA HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A N AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY AUTHORITY TO SELL E-Z PASS TAGS PROVIDED ALL LEGAL REQUIREMENTS ARE COMPLIED WITH.

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RESOLUTIONS # 46 to increase the highway fund outside Village 2015 budget of \$17,114 which represents additional monies to be received from CHIPS. This will increase the budgeted amounts from accounts DB3501 and DB5112.2.

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to increase the highway fund outside Village 2015 budget of \$17,114 which represents additional monies to be received from CHIPS. This will increase the budgeted amounts from accounts DB3501 and DB5112.2.

RESOLUTION #47 to support Hollywood Theater’s grant application

On a motion of Councilperson Walgus

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED

WHEREAS, Gowanda’s Historic Hollywood theater, Ltd. is applying for a grant to the **New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation** in accordance with provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 to continue historic restoration at 39 West Main Street located in the Gowanda Village Historic District, and

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FURTHERMORE, Gowanda's Historic Hollywood Theater, Ltd is applying for a **New York Main Street Downtown Anchor Project Grant**, specifically to repair and restore the floor and restore original fixed seating which will enable them to re-open the theater for community programming.

WHEREAS, a requirement under the rules of these programs dictates that Gowanda's Historic Hollywood Theater must obtain the approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project is located, and

WHEREAS, this body is aware of local and county studies conducted over past years that agree that restoration of the Hollywood theater is an important element in preserving and enhancing the Gowanda Village Historic District and could spur complimentary efforts to capitalize on the Village's history and architecture.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Persia town Board does approve and support the applications of Gowanda's Historic Hollywood Theater, Ltd. for the continued restoration of the 1926 Historic Hollywood Theater.

RESOLUTION #48 to transfer \$1,000 from account A1990.4 to A1355.4.

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Boats

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

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to transfer \$1,000 from account A1990.4 to A1355.4.

RESOLUTION #49 to hold a work session on economic growth at 6:00pm on June 9th.

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Boats

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

NAYS – 0

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RESOLVED to hold a work session on economic growth at 6:00pm on June 9th.

With no further business, and hearing no objection

the meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Trumpore

Town Clerk