

TOWN OF PERTH

Regular Town Board Meeting

August 2, 2018

6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Fagan, Councilman Korona, Councilman Lewandowski, and Councilman Kowalczyk

ABSENT: Councilman Betz

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk, Judith English; Budget Officer, Patricia Herba; Highway Superintendent, David Dopp; Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.; Historian, Sylvia Zierak; Dog Control Officer, Joseph Passino; Town of Perth Highway Employee, Daniel Austro; Pastor Mark Appell from the Perth Bible Church; and Rebecca Dopp.

Supervisor Fagan opened the Meeting at 6:35 p.m. A salute to the flag was held and a moment of silent prayer observed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the July 5, 2018 Regular Town Board Meeting were offered for approval by Councilman Lewandowski and seconded by Councilman Korona. All were in favor; motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The communications as listed on the Agenda are filed in the Town Clerk's Office and are available to anyone who wishes to see them. There was one late communication as follows:

F. Letter from the NYS Department of Taxation & Finance re the certificate of Final State Equalization Rate for the Town of Perth for 2018. (51.82)

UPDATE FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Korona reported for **Buildings** that he feels that a thank you from the Town Board should be sent to James Magiella for providing sand free of charge for the Town Park's sand box. He stated that it was nice to see children still enjoying playing in sand.

One of the Town's mowers (Ransome) was sent to H&M for a broken deck lift arm, and the brake pedal was bent. It was sent to Broadalbin Manufacturing for welding and is back in service.

Councilman Kowalczyk stated that he has had several complaints about the condition of the grounds at the Town Hall Complex. He said that residents have complained about the growth of weeds around the Grange building, the well, and the basketball court. Also there have been complaints about the Grange building itself. He asked **Supervisor Fagan** when the Grange building will be demolished. **Supervisor Fagan** said that the Grange is not on the County Demolition schedule.

Councilman Kowalczyk also reported that there was a flood in the basement of the Town Hall due to recent heavy rains. The water came down through the bilco doors and was running out the cellar door by the Youth Commission area. He was called and came over to the Town Hall. After seeing the amount of water in the cellar he called **Joseph Passino**. Mr. Passino worked in the rain to clear the gutters, and **Councilman Kowalczyk** wished to thank him for his assistance. There were two bids received by the Town for fixing the bilco doors.

Councilman Lewandowski reported that the **Perth Youth Commission** will have its last day on Friday, August 3rd. There will be a carnival held for the participants with games, sno- cones, popcorn and prizes.

Councilman Lewandowski read the **Dog Control Officer's Report**, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. There were a total of six complaints, 5 dogs at large, 3 dogs that were whining from being left alone, and 7 unlicensed dogs.

The **Assessor's report** was presented, and will be filed with these minutes for anyone who wishes to see it. New York State Tax & Finance released the Auto Income Verify forms that all the Senior STAR holders will need to fill out this fall. The Assessor will mail them with their STAR renewals in October.

Councilman Kowalczyk reported for the **Highway Department** that the red garbage truck was down. There was a problem with the fuel injector pump. It was fixed, and the truck is back in service.

Highway Superintendent, David Dopp, stated that the part-time employee that was hired for 8 weeks to help with garbage collection is done, but he would like to keep him on for an additional 8 weeks. Having this employee has worked out well by freeing full time workers to do mowing, and helping the County with ditches.

Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq., stated that he had looked over the notice that National Grid sent stating that they have been under billing the Town for street lighting. **Highway Superintendent, David Dopp**, checked the list that the Company sent, and he stated that there is a discrepancy with their figures and the poles that he counted.

Attorney Greco stated that he has been working with the in house counsel for National Grid, and he told that gentleman that National Grid should send a representative to go with **Superintendent Dopp** around the Town, and figure out where the discrepancy between what the Town sees and the inventory list provided by National Grid exists; before the Town signs off on National Grid's count. He says that National Grid will waive the back charges owed, but if their inventory is correct and the Town of Perth's count is not then the Town will be paying more for street lighting in the future.

Supervisor Fagan reported that he has received a communication from the Town of Mayfield Supervisor re a post-offer ability testing designed to test the applicant's physical capabilities to perform key tasks associated with a specific job; for example lifting, carrying, climbing and reaching. The testing was developed with Robert Fleming PT of Fleming Physical Therapy Consultants of Gloversville.

The Town of Mayfield would like to offer all of the Towns of Fulton County the opportunity to join in on this risk reduction initiative that was developed by the Town of Mayfield to avoid having each Town incur the large development cost. The initial fee is \$200.00 to be paid to the Town of Mayfield, and then the fee for each screening of \$85.00 is to be paid to Fleming Physical Therapy Consultants. Supervisor Fagan asked the Town Board to take a look at the proposal, and talk about it at the next meeting.

Supervisor Fagan stated that he has received a communication from the Town of Amsterdam re Nadler Road in the Town of Perth. The Town of Amsterdam has received permission from New York State Department of Transportation to lower the speed limit on Roggie Road, and would like to know if the Town of Perth would like to have Nadler Road (which is the name of Roggie Road when it passes the Town of Amsterdam Line into the Town of Perth) included in the speed limit reduction. **Attorney Greco** was requested by the Town Board to send a reply stating that the Town of Perth would like to go along with the speed reduction on its portion of the Road.

Supervisor Fagan stated that he has been informed that the Town's bill for Workers' Compensation is going up considerably next year because of the way that the compensation is being figured for long term payments. He estimates that it will increase the budget for this item by about \$20,000.00 in the 2019 Town of Perth budget.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 71- APPROVE PURCHASE OF A FILE CABINET

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth approves the purchase of a file cabinet from Seely Conover for the Town Justices at a cost of \$132.00 to be charged to Account A1110.2 Justices Equipment, and transfer the amount of \$132.00 from Account A1110.4 Justices Contractual to Account A1110.2 Justices Equipment.

Offered by: Councilman Korona

Seconded by: Councilman Lewandowski

A vote was taken with the Supervisor and all of the Councilmen present voting in favor; motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 72- AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR BUS TRIP

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of the amount of \$865.00 to Brown Coach for a trip to Lake George Dinner Theater on 08/07/2018 for the Perth Seniors to be charged to Account A6772.4 Programs for Aging.

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski
Seconded by: Councilman Korona

A vote was taken with the Supervisor and all of the Councilmen present voting in favor; motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 73- AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF A DEHUMIDIFIER

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the purchase of a dehumidifier Model #FFAD3033R1 from Lowe's for the Historian's Office at a cost of \$162.44, to be charged to Account A7510.2 Historian Equipment: Also transfer the amount of \$162.44 from Account A7510.4 Historian Contractual to Account A7510.2 Historian Equipment.

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski
Seconded by: Councilman Kowalczyk

A vote was taken with the Supervisor and all of the Councilmen present voting in favor; motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 74- AUTHORIZE SIGNING OF SNOW AND ICE CONTRACT

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the signing of the Snow and Ice Contract with Fulton County for the winter of 2018-2019. The Fulton County Road involved is the entire length of County Highway 132, which is 3.02 miles long. The Town of Perth will be reimbursed \$5,000.00 a mile for a total of \$15,100.00.

Offered by: Councilman Korona
Seconded by: Councilman Kowalczyk

A vote was taken with the Supervisor and all of the Councilmen present voting in favor; motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 75- SEND REQUEST FOR LOWER SPEED LIMIT

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth requests that Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq. send a letter to the Town of Amsterdam stating that the Town of Perth wishes to have the speed limit on Nadler Road reduced to match the other portion of the road (Roggie Road) which is in the Town of Amsterdam to 30 mph.

Offered by: Councilman Korona
Seconded by: Councilman Kowalczyk

A vote was taken with the Supervisor and all of the Councilmen present voting in favor; motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS # 76- AMEND TOWN OF PERTH 2018 BUDGET

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth amends the 2018 Highway Budget as follows:

Increase Account DA5110.4 (General Repairs Contractual) by the amount of \$31,780.00.

Increase Revenue account DA3501 (Consolidated Highway) by the amount of \$31,780.00.

A vote was taken with the Supervisor and all of the Councilmen present voting in favor; motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 77- AUTHORIZE WORK ON BILCO DOORS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes M&M Odd Jobs to remove the bilco doors at the Town Hall Complex and the cement blocks. Also they will use cement to build a solid wall using ½ Rerod, tar the wall and fill the hole with rubble at a cost of \$2,300.00 to be charged to account A1620.4 Buildings Contractual.

Offered by: Councilman Kowalczyk

Seconded by: Councilman Korona

A vote was taken with the Supervisor and all of the Councilmen present voting in favor; motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 78- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #8-2018

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of bills on abstract #8-2018 as follows:

Prepaid 83-95	\$17,066.71
Highway 63-73	\$4,991.23
General 174-198	\$11,261.68

Offered by: Councilman Kowalczyk

Seconded by: Councilman Lewandowski

Each Councilman indicated their approval by signing each voucher.

A vote was taken with the Supervisor and all of the Councilmen present voting in favor; motion carried.

With all of the business concluded for the evening a motion was made at 7:45 p.m. by Councilman Lewandowski and seconded by Councilman Korona to close the Meeting; all were in favor: Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Perth will be held on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 6:30 ;.m. at the Town Hall Complex, 1849 County Highway 107, Perth, N.Y.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith English
Perth Town Clerk