

**TOWN OF PERTH**

Regular Town Board Meeting

February 7, 2019

6:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Fagan, Councilman Korona, Councilman Lewandowski, Councilman Betz, and Councilman Kowalczyk.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Town Clerk, Judith English; Highway Superintendent, David Dopp; Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.; Town Historian, Sylvia Zierak; Dog Control Officer, Joseph Passino; Sole Assessor, David Walendziak; Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Joseph Priamo; and Rebecca Dopp.

Supervisor Fagan opened the Meeting at 6:33 p.m. A salute to the flag was held, and a moment of silent prayer observed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the Organizational Meeting held on January 3, 2019 were offered for approval by Councilman Lewandowski, and seconded by Councilman Betz. All were in favor; Motion carried.

The minutes from the Special Meeting held on January 17, 2019 were offered for approval by Councilman Betz, and seconded by Councilman Kowalczyk. All were in favor; Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The communications as listed on the Agenda are filed in the Town Clerk's Office where they are available for anyone who wishes to see them. There were no late communications.

**UPDATE FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Councilman Lewandowski** read the **Dog Control Officer's** Report for December 2018 and January 2019, a copy of these reports will be filed with these minutes.

In December 2018 there were a total of two complaints, two dogs at large, one dog bite, and one false report. For January 2019 there were a total of five complaints, two dog bites, one dog attack on chickens, and five dogs with no license.

Councilman Betz read the **Assessor's Report**, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. The Assessor reports that the Town of Perth's Equalization Rate will be decreased again next year. The deadline for filing for the extended Star Program is March 1, 2019. So far only about half of the senior residents in Perth have been in to sign up. If they do not come in by the deadline, they will be taken off the program for next year.

**Councilman Kowalczyk** wished to thank **Supervisor Fagan** for his work on the budgets enabling the Town to purchase four new trucks for the Highway Department. He also thanked him for paying off the new Highway Garage. He went on to say that the "girls in the office" also do a good job as well as our Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.

**Highway Superintendent, David Dopp**, reported that the new garbage truck was working out well. He feels that getting the arm to lift up some of the garbage cans was an excellent idea. **Councilman Betz** asked if the Town logo would be put on the truck and Mr. Dopp stated that that was being done. He told the Town Board that the old garbage truck brought \$5,900.00 at the Auction sale.

**Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.**, asked the Town Board Members to look over the Drug and Alcohol policy for which he followed recommendations from NYMIR to complete. There were some choices included in the recommendations regarding the policy, and he took a guess as to which choice the Town Board would make.

Therefore he asked the Board Members to look over the policy during the month, and give him their ideas at the March 7, 2019 Meeting before accepting the policy. Some of the questions he thought about were; who pays for the treatment of drug or alcohol abusers, if there should be disciplinary action taken on the employee, if a mandatory leave should be paid or unpaid, and which employees would be under this policy.

**Town Historian, Sylvia Zierak**, stated that the Perth Cemetery Board was looking for someone to take over as Sexton for **Ed Goodemote**, who is no longer able to fill this role. She stated that Robert Fisher volunteered to take the position, and she and Mr. Goodemote will work with him to get the proper papers filed with the New York State Division of Cemeteries to make this change.

**Supervisor Fagan** complained about the liberal politicians in Albany who are making the job of Supervisor more difficult. He especially did not like the fact that the aid to municipalities was being discontinued. He stated that Town Assessor, David Walendziak has vowed to again fight the equalization rate for the Town. He fought it last year to no avail.

The Fulton County Demolition team has a lot of new members this year, and they need a few jobs that are relatively easy to do. The Supervisor said that since the grange building located in front of the Town Hall Complex should be perfect for them to start on he is hoping that it will be at the top of the list when they get started.

### **AUDIT OF BOOKS**

The 2018 Financial Records for **Judith English, Town Clerk**, were audited by the members of the Town Board. They all indicated their approval by signing the cover sheet attached to her records which included both computer generated monthly reports and her sequentially numbered paper receipt books.

A motion was made by Councilman Lewandowski to accept the reports and seconded by Councilman Betz. All were in favor; motion carried.

The 2018 Financial Records for **Town Justices Wayne McNeil and Paul Giudilli** were also audited by the Town Board. They all indicated their approval by signing the cover sheets attached to their records which consist of computer generated monthly reports and reconciliation reports.

A motion was made to accept the Town Justices Financial Records for 2018 by Councilman Korona, and seconded by Councilman Kowalczyk. All were in favor; motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION # 43- AUTHORIZE TRAINING FOR CEO**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the Code Enforcement Officer, Mark Concilla to attend the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern Adirondack Educational Conference to be held at the Crowne Plaza Resort in Lake Placid from March 3<sup>rd</sup> thru March 8<sup>th</sup>, at a cost of \$280.00 for the training and \$432.00 for the hotel room for a total of \$712.00, to be charged to Account A3620.4 Code Enforcement Contractual.

Offered by: Councilman Korona  
Seconded by: Councilman Betz

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

**RESOLUTION # 44- APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE BAR**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth appoints Robert Taylor to the Town of Perth Board of Assessment Review, term to be from 02/07/2019 to 09/30/2020.

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 # 45- APPROVE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth approves a Bond Anticipation Note for the purchase of a 2019 Peterbilt Garbage truck with a New Way Cobra Magnum 25 Packer Body in the amount of \$181,000.00. The complete resolution and related papers will be filed with these minutes.

**DISCUSSION**

**Councilman Kowalczyk** asked if the interest rate was locked in. **Attorney Greco** stated that it is for one year. **Supervisor Fagan** stated that after one year the Town can pay whatever it wants, and then the note can be renewed up to four times. **Councilman Lewandowski** asked if the interest rate will stay the same on renewal.

**Supervisor Fagan** said that it would be renewed at whatever the interest rate was at the time of renewal. He also stated that he would like to pay at least half of the note off in the Town's next budget.

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski  
Seconded by: Councilman Kowalczyk

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Fagan	Aye
Councilman Korona	Aye
Councilman Lewandowski	Aye
Councilman Betz	Aye
Councilman Kowalczyk	Aye

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION # 46-** AMEND THE 2019 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth amends the 2019 General Fund Budget Account A9730.0, and the Refuse and Garbage Account A8160.2 by the addition of the amount of \$181,000.00.

Offered by: Councilman Korona  
Seconded by: Councilman Betz

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

**RESOLUTION # 47- ACCEPT THE BID FOR A TRUCK**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth accepts the bid for the 2001 Sterling LT85 Garbage Truck from Auctions International Inc. in the amount of \$5,900.00.

Offered by: Councilman Betz  
Seconded by: Councilman Lewandowski

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

**RESOLUTION # 48- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #2-2019**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of bills on abstract #2-2019 as follows:

Prepaid	5-15	\$4,597.17
Prepaid Highway	1	\$5,073.79
Highway	8-21	\$46,229.85
General	19-48	\$196,514.63

Offered by: Councilman Korona  
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 to close the Meeting by Councilman Lewandowski, and it was seconded by Councilman Betz. All were in favor; motion carried.

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Perth will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex 1849 County Highway 107, Perth, N.Y.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith English  
Perth Town Clerk