

TOWN OF PERTH

Regular Town Board Meeting

November 7, 2019

6:00 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk, Judith English; Budget Officer, Patricia Herba; Highway Superintendent, David Dopp; Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.; Dog Control Officer, Joseph Passino; Fulton County Republican Chairman, Susan McNeil; Town of Perth Councilman elect, Robert E. Fisher Jr.; Highway Employee, Richard Wallace; President of the Perth Volunteer Fire Company, Kate Tylutki; Truck Steward, Melissa Maynard; Fire Chief, Peter Watrobski; Member of Board of Directors, Edwin Leonard; and Miriam Reyes.

Supervisor Fagan opened the Meeting at 6:01. A salute to the flag was held and a moment of silent prayer observed. He asked those in attendance to keep the family of **Josephine Dvoiak**, who recently passed away, in their thoughts and prayers. Mrs. Dvoiak was a long time election inspector for the Town of Perth.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the Regular Town Board Meeting held on October 3, 2019 were offered for approval by Councilman Lewandowski and seconded by Councilman Betz. All were in favor; motion carried.

The minutes from the Budget Workshop held on October 21, 2019 were offered for approval by Councilman Lewandowski and seconded by Supervisor Fagan. All were in favor; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Public Hearing for the 2020 Town of Perth Budget was opened at 6:05 p.m. by Supervisor Fagan. There was no one present to speak for or against the Budget. The Hearing was closed by Supervisor Fagan at 6:35 p.m.

The Public Hearing for the Town of Perth Fire Protection with the Perth Volunteer Fire Company was opened by Supervisor Fagan at 6:15 p.m. **Fire Chief, Peter Watrobski**, reported that the Fire Department recently received a grant for \$145,000.00 to purchase air pacs for the members to replace outdated equipment. The Public Hearing was closed by Supervisor Fagan at 6:36 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

The communication as listed in the Agenda will be filed in the Town Clerk's Office where it is available to anyone who wishes to see it. **Supervisor Fagan** stated that the Tax Collectors in the County have not all agreed to the new software for collecting taxes that the County is using. Therefore the municipalities that like BAS will stick with the BAS system they currently use.

UPDATE FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Patricia Herba, Clerk for the Code Enforcement Officer, reported that an employee from the Adirondack Basement Company came in to see why we have water in the Records Room. He will send the Town his findings. The mold is getting bad in that room, and will have to be eradicated.

She also reported that there is a hole in the wall in the men's room in the Community Senior Center. **Supervisor Fagan** asked Joseph Passino if he could fix it, and he stated that he could. Also there is a shortage of chairs for the rental space in the Community Senior Center, and therefore some should be ordered. A new table should be ordered for the Town Clerk to use at the Town Board Meetings, as the one in use now is broken. **Supervisor Fagan** told Ms. Herba to check with Lowe's and see if an appropriate table is available.

Councilman Betz read the **Assessor's** Report, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. The Assessor reported that he has calculated the STAR credits for all of the mobile home parks, processed their letters, and sent them out.

Councilman Lewandowski read the **Dog Control** Officer's Report, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. There were a total of four complaints, two dog bites, one lost dog, and one barking dog complaint.

Highway Superintendent, David Dopp, reported that the recent storm left several trees down. He is assessing the damage to report to the County. His Department is getting ready for the winter months so when the snow comes they are all set.

Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq., reported that the Town's legal work is up to date.

Supervisor Fagan stated the County is doing a 2020 Budget review and will be ready to present the final budget on time. He stated that interest rates have been better than they have been for a long time.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Miriam Reyes came to complain about a neighbor whose septic system oozes onto her property. She stated that she has to keep all of her doors and windows shut because all you can smell is the septic waste. She has filed a formal complaint with the Town of Perth Code Enforcement Officer, but the situation has not been resolved. The Code Enforcement Officer has issued tickets to the offending neighbor. **Supervisor Fagan** stated that he would follow-up with the Code Enforcement Officer, and make sure that he calls her.

Sue McNeil, Fulton County Republican Chairman, and a Perth resident requested that the Town Board of the Town of Perth appoint Robert E. Fisher Jr. to fill the vacancy on the Board that occurred when Walter Kowalczyk died in May, 2019. Mr. Fisher is the apparent winner of a recent election to fill the position.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 111- ADOPT 2020 BUDGET

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth adopts the 2020 Town of Perth Preliminary Budget as the 2020 Town of Perth Final Budget.

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 # 112- ADOPT THE 2020 FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth adopts the 2020 Fire Protection Contract with the Perth Volunteer Fire Company Inc. in the amount of \$221,760.00.

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 # 113- AMEND RESOLUTION # 95-2019

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth amends Resolution #95-2019 to read \$3,260.00 instead of \$2,000.00 to build the second retaining wall on the west side of the Town Hall Complex.

Offered by: Councilmen Betz

Seconded by: Councilman Lewandowski

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

RESOLUTION # 114- AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF MONEY

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth approves the transfer of the amount of \$5,152.00 from Account DA5110.41 Road Striping to Account DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual.

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 # 115- AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF MONEY

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the transfer of the amount of \$5,000.00 from Account DA5110.4 General Repairs Contractual to Account DA5142.4 Snow Removal 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 # 116- APPOINT ROBERT FISHER TO TOWN BOARD

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth appoints Robert E. Fisher Jr. as a Town Councilman to replace Walter Kowalczyk who passed away in May 2019. Mr. Fisher was recently elected by the voters of the Town of Perth to take this seat but since the election has not been certified yet this appointment will be from 11/07/2019 to 12/31/2019 when he will be sworn in officially following the certification of his winning the 11/05/2019 election.

Offered by: Councilman Betz

Seconded by: Supervisor Fagan

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

RESOLUTION # 117- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #11-2019

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of bills on abstract #11 as follows:

Prepaid	124-137	\$10,103.91
Highway Prepaid	29-31	\$5465.15

Highway	88-98	\$26,820.14
General	229-248	\$22,811.91

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.

At 6:45 p.m. a motion was made to go into Executive Session for contract negotiations by Councilman Lewandowski and seconded by Councilman Korona. All were in favor; motion carried.

At 7:05 p.m. a motion was made to end the Executive Session, and resume the Regular Town Board Meeting by Councilman Korona and seconded by Councilman Lewandowski . All were in favor; motion carried.

With all of the business concluded for the evening a motion was made at 7:10 p.m. by Councilman Korona and seconded by Councilman Lewandowski to close the Meeting. All were in favor; motion carried.

The next Regular Town Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex 1849 County Highway 107, Perth, NY.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith English
Perth Town Clerk