

**TOWN OF PERTH**

Regular Town Board Meeting

December 3, 2020

6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Fagan, Councilman Lewandowski, Councilman Betz and Councilman Fisher.

**ABSENT:** Councilman Korona

**ALSO PRESENT:** Town Clerk, Judith English, Town Attorney, Carmel J. Greco Esq.; Highway Superintendent, David Dopp; New York State Assemblyman, Robert Smullen; Dog Control Officer, Joseph Passino; Paul Priamo member of the Town of Perth Board of Assessment Review, and Rebecca Dopp.

Supervisor Fagan opened the Meeting at 6:00 p.m. A salute to the flag was held and a moment of silent prayer observed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the November 5, 2020 Regular Town Board Meeting were offered for approval by Councilman Lewandowski, and seconded by Councilman Betz. 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 to anyone who wishes to see them

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

**Robert J. Smullen New York State Assemblyman from the 118<sup>th</sup> District** came to speak to the Town of Perth officials and residents in regards to what has been going on in Albany; not much. The election put a hold on most of the activity at the capital in the Assembly and Senate.

One of the things that will be looked at in the coming session is the stimulus package from the Federal Government; what the amount will be etc. The State Budget is short this year by about twelve billion dollars.

The stimulus money will not be allocated to the Towns until after the first of the year. There is a question of whether there will be a twenty per-cent reduction in aid to municipalities such as CHIPS and bridges. There won't be a new budget until at least the end of March 2021. There are still four months left in the school year and that takes up a lot of the budget.

Sales tax for Fulton County has been OK. The decrease wasn't the blood bath that was anticipated. Small businesses are hurting, and there are a lot of people out of work. A lot of people in Albany want to raise taxes. There will have to be cuts across the board including schools and Medicaid.

He told the Highway Superintendent, David Dopp, that the Governor finally signed the Road Salt Bill. This bill would allow mixes with sand and salt to be used on the winter roads, to lower the amount of salt released into the environment.

He closed by stating that he was very excited to get another term in office, and if there is anything he can do for the Town of Perth or its residents to please contact his office in the Johnstown City Hall.

#### **UPDATE FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Councilman Lewandowski** read the **Dog Control Officer's** Report, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. There was a total of four complaints, two dogs at large two dog bites one with no rabies certificate or license.

**Councilman Betz** read the **Assessor's** Report, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. He stated that he has mailed out all of the low income senior and agricultural renewal notices. The New York State Assessor's Association sent a letter to Governor Cuomo asking him to pass an executive order suspending the renewals of the Senior exemption for this year so they do not have to come in person to the Assessor's Office.

**Highway Superintendent, David Dopp**, reported that today was the last day for hauling sand to the Highway garage. He would like to thank the Town of Broadalbin Highway Department for their help in getting the sand trucked in. In exchange, the Town of Perth helped Broadalbin with the use of the Town of Perth's bucket truck to take some trees down.

The Highway Department will put the plows on the two tandem trucks tomorrow in preparation for the winter weather which will soon be coming.

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

**Supervisor Fagan** reported that the Fulton County Budget for 2021 has passed and there is a 0% increase County wide. The County is anticipating a 20% cut in CHIPS money from the State and a 20% decrease in aid to municipalities. The fund balance looks good.

The recent blood drive held by the Red Cross at the Perth Community Center was a success with 28 persons with appointments and several walk-ins.

**Supervisor Fagan** wished to thank **Mr. David Dopp** and **Mr. Paul Priamo** and several other people for the planting of some trees and bushes at the Town Hall Complex. Mr. Priamo stated that there will be a plaque put up with the names of the persons being memorialized, at no cost to the Town.

**Supervisor Fagan** stated that the sign in front of the Community Senior Center will have to be fixed to remove the white Senior sign that was added to please the Perth Seniors who objected to having it read Perth Community Center.

There was discussion as to what should be put over the capped well. A wishing well was suggested.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION # 99** –ADOPT THE RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth adopts the Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1) issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein:

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that in accordance with Article 57-A

{a) only those records will be disposed of that are described in Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1) after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein

(b) only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski  
Seconded by: Councilman Betz

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

**RESOLUTION # 100-** AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN 2021 LANDFILL RENEWAL

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the Supervisor to sign the 2021 Landfill Renewal with the Fulton County Department of Solid Waste.

Offered by: Councilman Fisher  
Seconded by: Councilman Lewandowski

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

**RESOLUTION # 101- SCHEDULE THE CLOSE-OUT MEETING FOR 2020**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth schedules the 2020 Close-out Meeting for Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Offered by: Councilman Fisher  
Seconded by: Councilman Betz

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

**RESOLUTION # 102- SCHEDULE THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR 2021**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth schedules the Organizational Meeting for 2021 for Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski  
Seconded by: Councilman Betz

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

**RESOLUTION # 103- 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 \$11,616.00 from Account DA5110.4 General Repairs Contractual to Account DA9060.8 Medical and Dental.

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 # 104-** 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 \$805.00 from Account A1990.4 Contingent to Account A5182.4 Street Lighting Contractual.

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski  
Seconded by: Councilman Betz

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

**RESOLUTION # 105-** 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 \$4,750.00 from Account A1990.4 Contingent to Account A1620.4 Buildings and Grounds.

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski  
Seconded by: Councilman Betz

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

**RESOLUTION # 106-** AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF MONEY

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the transfer of the amount of \$3,000.00 from Account DA5110.4 General Repairs Contractual to Account DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual. (Truck #5)

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 # 7- 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 \$72.00 from Account A1990.4 Contingent to Account A1410.4 Town Clerk Contractual for mileage for the year 2020.

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski  
Seconded by: Councilman Betz

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

**RESOLUTION # 108- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #12-2020**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of bills on abstract #12-2020 as follows:

Prepaid General	133-144	\$7,635.57
Prepaid Highway	35-37	\$5,207.03
Highway	94-106	\$37,049.03
General	254-293	\$37,292.47

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski  
Seconded by: Councilman Betz

Each Councilman indicated their approval by signing each voucher with the exception of Voucher #100 for Road Run In Parts and Voucher #103 for SAB repair which were not signed by Councilman Fisher.

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 to close the Meeting at 7:20 p.m. by Councilman Lewandowski and seconded by Councilman Betz. All were in favor; motion carried.

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Perth will be the Close-Out Meeting on Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex, 1849 County Highway 107, Perth, NY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith English  
Perth Town Clerk