

TOWN OF PERTH

Regular Town Board Meeting

March 5, 2020

6:00 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk, Judith English; Budget Officer, Patricia Herba; Highway Superintendent, David Dopp; Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.; Assessor, David Walendziak; Dog Control Officer, Joseph Passino; Custodian, Robert Nolan; Recreation Director, Lisa Wallace; Perth Volunteer Fire Department Chief, Peter Watrobski; Rebecca Dopp; Bear Brandow; Paul Frisch Sr.; Dave Bardascini; Brandon Lyon; Paul Daw; and Roberta Connolly.

Supervisor Fagan opened the Meeting at 6:03 p.m. A salute to the flag was held and a moment of silent prayer observed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the February 6, 2020 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 where they are available to anyone who wishes to see them.

DISCUSSION

In regard to letter B, Supervisor Fagan stated that the Town of Perth passed Local Law #1-2019 opting out of Section 487 RPTL, and no longer do PILOT programs for solar projects.

AUDIT OF BOOKS

The 2019 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 2019 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 by Councilman Betz to accept the Town Justices Financial Records for 2019 and seconded by Councilman Lewandowski. All were in favor; motion carried.

UPDATE FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Korona reported for **Buildings** that he received a list of projects that should be done at the Town Hall Complex from custodian, **Robert Nolan**. Mr. Nolan has upgraded the Town Hall with no hands sanitizers, no hands soap and paper towels and sanitary wipes for hard surfaces. This will help with the Corona Virus and hopefully slow down the spread of this, and other viruses.

Joseph Passino is working on fixing the gutters that fell down on the front of the Town Hall Complex.

Councilman Fisher reported that the New York State Department of Health has given approval of the fix for the water purification system in the basement to prevent it from shutting itself off.

Councilman Lewandowski read the **Dog Control Officer's Report**, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. There was one case in February involving abuse.

A dog was left alone in a home with no water or food. The sheriff instructed his deputies to enter the home and rescue the dog. **Joseph Passino**, Town of Perth Dog Control Officer took the dog to the Veterinarian where it was examined and treated, and then took him to the Montgomery County SPCA.

Councilman Betz read the **Assessor's Report**, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. The Assessor stated that it is now prep time for the tentative roll.

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

Youth Recreation Supervisor, Lisa Wallace, asked for the Town Board's support for her appointment as a Town Justice for the Town of Perth on the retirement of Town Justice Paul Giudilli in June. She has been attending Court Night and observing, and assisting the Court Clerk with paperwork since last June. **Town Clerk, Judith English**, called the Association of Towns, and they stated that it would not be a conflict for her to hold both positions.

Supervisor Fagan reported that the County is working on finishing up reports for 2019.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

There was a group of speakers advocating for Fulton County to become a Second Amendment Sanctuary County. This would mean that no taxpayer funds would go toward enforcing the "Safe Act" and "Red Flag" laws. They were asking the Town Board to pass a resolution supporting their position. The Fulton County Sheriff, Representative Robert Smullen, and The Town of Broadalbin and Johnstown's Town Board are all in support of their petition.

Fire Chief, Peter Watrobski, of the Perth Volunteer Fire Company Inc., reported that the Department has obtained a FEMA grant for some new equipment. He also stated that they have a new fire engine coming soon. They are looking at enlarging their parking lot to make room for more volunteers, and extra parking when they have EMT classes in their building.

Chief Watrobski also reported that he is concerned about the driveway at the Perth Middle School blocking the fire lanes. He states that because there are no fire hydrants in the Town he has to have more room for the water lines to be laid and for the pond for the water that the tankers bring to the scene. He has brought these concerns to the school with no response. He would like the Town of Perth Code Enforcement Officer, **Mark Concilla**, to see if there was anything that he could do to remedy the situation. Supervisor Fagan suggested that the Fire Department get law enforcement involved to give tickets to persons whose cars were illegally parked and perhaps have some cars towed.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #46- ALLOW HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO HIRE A WORKER

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth allows the Highway Superintendent to hire a full time laborer in the Highway Department, salary and benefits to follow the Teamster's Contract.

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 #47- ALLOW THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO HIRE A WORKER

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth allows the Highway Superintendent to hire a part-time laborer in the Highway Department to work up to twenty four hours a week at a salary of \$15.00 an hour.

Offered by: Councilman Betz
Seconded by: Councilman Fisher

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

RESOLUTION # 48- AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PAVING

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the advertisement for bids for asphalt concrete paving for 2020 (Stairs Road) as per specifications prepared by the Superintendent of Highways. Bids are to be received at the Town Clerk's Office by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2020.

Offered by: Councilman Betz
Seconded by: Councilman Fisher

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

RESOLUTION # 49- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #3-2020

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of bills on abstract #3-2020 as follows:

Prepaid	19-30	\$9,660.68
Prepaid Highway	4-6	\$5,474.16
Highway	17-24	\$26,975.60
General	51-71	\$11,485.19

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski
Seconded by: Councilman Betz

Each Councilman indicated their approval by signing each voucher.

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

With all of the business concluded for the evening at 6:43 p.m. a motion was made 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, April 2nd at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex, 1849 County Highway 107, Perth, N.Y.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith English
Perth Town Clerk