

TOWN OF PERTH
Regular Town Board Minutes
September 9, 2021
6:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Councilman Korona and Councilman Fisher

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk, Judith English; Highway Superintendent, David Dopp; Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.; Highway Employee, Richard Wallace 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 August 12, 2021 Regular Town Board Meeting were offered for approval by Councilman Betz and seconded by Councilman Lewandowski. 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.

Judith English, Town Clerk, shared an E-mail that she received from **Anne Philippi, Account Manager of the American Red Cross Blood Services** stating that their recent Blood Drive held on August 24th at the Perth Community Center was a great success. Thirty seven units of blood were collected, which was above the goal that was set. There were seven first time donors, which she said was wonderful. She is very grateful that the Town is opening the Community Center for the Red Cross to host blood drives.

The Town Clerk also received a copy of a letter sent to **Fulton County Highway Superintendent, Mark Yost**, denying a request for reduced speed limit on County Highway 132 from Linda Drive to Nelson Road.

UPDATE FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Lewandowski read the report for the Dog Control Officer, **Joseph Passino**, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. There were a total of four complaints; dogs at large two, dogs impounded two, one dog bite, one abuse case and one barking dog complaint.

Councilman Betz read the **Assessor's Report**, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. New York State hosted a web-ex meeting on the solar farm model for assessing them and tried to explain it to the assessors present. It is very complicated. It is based on a discounted cash flow process. He states that he will do what needs to be done to make it work.

Councilman Betz also reported for the **Historian** that he has had a couple of requests for information. He would like to go back to the trail off of Stairs Road that he and Sylvia Zierak visited last spring. He is waiting for there to be a frost so the ticks are not as active.

Highway Superintendent, David Dopp, reported that his Department is working with Fulton County on the shoulders of the roads that have been recently paved. He also states that the new mowing tractor is working well. He would like to send the old tractor to the auction, and see if someone would buy it.

Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq. reported that he would like to have the Town Board's ideas for changing the Town Park Law. A discussion followed. There was consensus on banning dogs from the Park, because people who bring their dogs are not picking up after them; and the Park is used by the children of the Town who should not have to worry about stepping in dog poop or having the dogs urinate in the sandbox.

On the question of allowing beer in the Park there was discussion with the **Town Clerk, Judith English**, stating that the Town's Insurance carrier (NYMIR) is not in favor of having any alcohol on municipal properties. She went on to say that there is no way to tell who is bringing beer into the Park or if they are observing the law regarding the drinking age. At the end the Town Board decided to allow beer.

It was also decided that the fine for violating Park Rules should be raised from \$50.00 to \$250.00. **Attorney Greco** will have the new Town Park Law ready to be introduced at the October Meeting, and a date set for a Public Hearing on it. All of the rest of the Town's legal work is up to date.

Supervisor Fagan reported that the County has received all of the Capital projects requested for the 2022 budget. They are currently working on the 2022 budget. He went on to say that the County is in good shape financially, and he hopes that taxes will not have to be raised.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 75- AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF MONEY

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the following transfers of money to the Youth Program:

The amount of \$145.00 from Account A1990.4 Contingent to Account A7310.4 Youth Program Contractual, and the amount of \$1,201.00 from Account A1990.4 Contingent to Account A7310.1 Youth Program Personal Service.

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 # 76- AUTHORIZE THE TOWN JUSTICES TO APPLY FOR A GRANT

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the Town Justice Court to apply for a grant from the Justice Court Assistance Program in the 2021-22 grant cycle in the amount of up to \$30,000.00.

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 #77- AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR PERTH SENIORS LUNCHEON

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of the amount of \$324.50 to the China Wok Restaurant for catering a luncheon at the Community Senior Center on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 for the Perth Seniors, to be charged to Account A6772.4 Programs for the Aging.

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 #78- APPROVE CHANGE IN TEAMSTER'S CONTRACT

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth approves the language change in Section 2.1.6 Part Time Employee in the Teamster's Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Town of Perth Highway Department to change the pay for part time laborers from \$15.00 an hour to \$18.00 an hour and after one year of employment to \$4.50 less than the regular full time employees are paid.

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 # 79- AUTHORIZE SALE OF TRACTOR

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the sale of the Perth Highway Department's 1976 Ford Mower 2600 tractor at Auctions International.

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 # 80- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #9-2021

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of bills on abstract #9-2021 as follows:

Prepaid General	96- 107	\$3,901.71
Prepaid Highway	25-27	\$7,341.45
Highway	85-90	\$2,678.46
General	185-197	\$8,143.76

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski
Seconded by: Councilman Betz

All of the Councilmen present signed each voucher indicating their approval.

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 6:45 p.m. by Councilman Lewandowski to close the Meeting, and seconded by Councilman Betz. All were in favor; motion carried.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex, 1849 County Highway 107, Perth, NY.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith English
Perth Town Clerk