

TOWN OF PERTH

Regular Town Board Meeting

May 6, 2021

6:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Councilman Fisher

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk, Judith English; Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.; Highway Superintendent, David Dopp; Dog Control Officer, Joseph Passino; President of the Perth Seniors, Elaine Gasner; Trip Coordinator for the Perth Seniors, Dolores Leggiero; Member of the Perth Seniors, Marshall Legiero; Pastor of the Perth Bible Church, Mark Appell; Perth Highway Employee, Richard Wallace; and Rebecca Dopp.

Supervisor Fagan opened the Meeting at 6:05 p.m. A salute to the flag was held and a moment of silent prayer observed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the Regular Town Board Meeting held on April 8, 2021 were offered for approval by Councilman Betz 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. There were no late communications.

UPDATE FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Korona reported for **Buildings** that the Town ball fields need work before the start of the T-Ball Season. They need to be mowed, and the base paths need to be raked.

The water in the concession stand froze over the winter, and broke some pipes. This occurred because the custodian shut the water off, but failed to drain the pipes; for the second year in a row. The situation is being repaired by **Tom Myers** who also fixed it last year.

Rubber chips for the playground surface are ordered, and will be applied before the Youth Commission Summer Camp starts. The water fountain in the park is broken. **Supervisor Fagan** stated that due to the Covid-19 virus, it cannot be repaired at this time. Also the Park needs to be weed whacked.

Councilman Lewandowski read the report for the **Youth Commission**, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. T-ball will start on May 14th and run for 7 weeks. During this time the Concession Stand will be open. **Lisa Wallace, Director**, is still waiting for rules and regulations from New York State so she can finish the schedule of activities for the Summer Camp.

Councilman Betz read the **Assessor's Report**, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. The Tentative Roll is completed. Grievance Day will be Tuesday, May 25th from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex. There has been one grievance filed to date.

Councilman Betz also gave the **Historian's Report**. He and the previous historian, **Sylvia Zierak**, are investigating an old foundation off of Stairs Road on Robert Furda's property. They found some pottery shards that were dated by an archeologist to the period from 1810 to 1820. They will continue to investigate this area.

Highway Superintendent, David Dopp, reported for the **Highway Department** that the paving bids came in at a reasonable rate. **Callanan Industries** was the lowest bidder at \$51.88 per ton in place. They will be awarded the contract for paving for 2021. Since the Town is receiving extra CHIP money this year and the paving bids came in at a good price, **Superintendent Dopp** would like to add Morrow Road to the roads to be paved this year.

Superintendent Dopp has been conferring with the Fulton County Soil & Water Department as to what can be done to replace the bridge on Stairs Road. They will continue working with the Town to see what will be the most cost efficient way to accomplish this.

Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq., stated that the documents needed for the Town to purchase the street lights from National Grid have all been submitted. The rest of the Town's legal work is up to date.

Supervisor Fagan reported that he has not finished the Annual Update Document, but hopes to get it done soon. He stated that Fulton County is already starting to work on the 2022 Budget. For 2020 the County sales tax and mortgage tax went up. The fund balance also increased a bit.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Pastor Mark Appell of the **Perth Bible Church** came to the Meeting to publicly thank the Town of Perth Dog Control Officer for his action recently regarding a dog that was attacking persons in his driveway. He and his family were frightened, and could not leave their home. Pastor Appell stated that Mr. Passino arrived, and was attacked by the dog. He shot the dog, thus ending the ordeal. The dog survived.

Elaine Gasner president of the **Perth Seniors** asked if the Town Board would have any objection if the Seniors bought a barbeque chicken dinner on Friday, May 28th at the Perth Volunteer Fire Company, and took it to the Community Senior Center to eat. The Town Board did not voice any objection. They would pay for the dinner out of their Town Budget for 2021.

Mrs. Gasner also wanted to voice her support for the Town of Perth asking for a reduction in the speed limit on a portion of County Highway 132.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:00 p.m. **Councilman Korona** made a motion for the Town Board to go to Executive Session for personnel reasons. All were in favor; motion carried.

At 7:10 p.m. Councilman Korona made a motion for the Town Board to end the Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilman Lewandowski. All were in favor; motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 50- AWARD THE 2021 PAVING CONTRACT

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth awards the contract for 2021 paving in the Town of Perth to Callanan Industries at a cost of \$51.88 per ton in place.

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 # 51- AUTHORIZE A CLERK FOR GRIEVANCE DAY

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the hiring of a clerk for the Assessor's Office for Grievance Day, May 25, 2021 (Cassidy VonStettina)

Offered by: Councilman Betz
Seconded by: Councilman Korona

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

RESOLUTION # 52- AUTHORIZE LETTER TO FULTON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes a letter be sent to the Fulton County Highways and Facilities Superintendent, Mark Yost, stating that the Town of Perth requests that a portion of County Highway 132 have the speed limit lowered as a safety measure; from Linda Drive to Nelson Road.

Offered by: Councilman Betz
Seconded by: Councilman Korona

A vote was taken with Supervisor Fagan, Councilman Betz and Councilman Korona voting in favor. Councilman Lewandowski voted no. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 53- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #5-2021

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of bills on Abstract #5-2021 as follows:

Prepaid General	43-54	\$11,613.15
Highway Prepaid	11-13	\$5,702.16
Highway	48-57	\$3,229.46
General	90-111	\$19,006.92

Each Councilman present 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 evening, a motion was made to close the Meeting at 7:16 p.m. by Councilman Korona and seconded by Councilman Lewandowski. All were in favor; motion carried.

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Perth will be held on June 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex; 1849 County Highway 107, Perth, New York.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith English
Perth Town Clerk