

**TOWN OF PERTH**

Regular Town Board Meeting

April 7, 2022

1:00 p.m.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Town Clerk, Judith English; Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.; Highway Superintendent, David Dopp; Fire Chief of Perth Volunteer Fire Company, Peter Watrobski; Town Justice, Wayne McNeil; Pastor of the Perth Bible Church, Mark Appell; Acting Forman of the Highway Department, Richard Wallace; Representative from Empire Paving, Robert Scolaro; Representative from Cobleskill Paving, Bart Andreoci; and Representative from Callanan Industries, John Hladik.

**Supervisor Fagan** opened the Meeting at 1:00 p.m. A salute to the flag was held and a moment of silent prayer was observed.

**Highway Superintendent, David Dopp** asked the Supervisor if he would ask those at the Meeting to remember the family of **Lee Zierak** in their prayers. Mr. Zierak worked for the Town of Perth Highway Department for 37 years, and recently passed away.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the March 3, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting were offered for approval by Councilman Lewandowski and seconded by Councilman Fisher. All were in favor; motion carried.

**PAVING BID OPENING**

At 1:05 p.m. the paving bids received were opened by **Town Clerk, Judith English** with the following result per ton in place:

Callanan Industries	\$83.56
Cobleskill Stone	\$87.00
Empire Paving	\$86.57

**Highway Superintendent, David Dopp**, took the bids to his office and the winning bid will be announced at the May 5, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The communications as listed on the Agenda will be filed in the Town Clerk's Office where they will be available to anyone who wishes to see them. There were no late communications.

**Supervisor Fagan** spoke regarding Letter F from Borrego Solar Systems announcing their withdrawal from their solar farm project on County Highway 132. The Company lost their court case with the Town re the SEQR report and they did not wish to spend any more money or time on that report.

**UPDATE FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Councilman Betz** reported on the **Memorial Day Ceremony** that he has contacted the Fire Department and the Broadalbin-Perth School Superintendent. The School Superintendent stated that he would have the Valedictorian speak at our ceremony. He also told Councilman Betz that the school has several small groups of musicians that would be willing to participate.

**Councilman Lewandowski** reported for the Youth Commission that T-Ball will run from May 6<sup>th</sup> until June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Highway Superintendent, David Dopp**, reported for his department that he has received bids for the new truck that he would like to order. He would like to see the Town Board pass a resolution today so that he can order it. It takes a considerable amount of time to get the truck after it is ordered. The Town would likely not receive it until the first quarter of 2024.

He went on to say that he expects that the Town will receive the same amount of CHIPS money in 2022 as last year; \$145,000.00.

**Sole Assessor, David Walendziak**, reported for his department that he has been very busy. He will have the tentative roll done by May 1<sup>st</sup>. He has been doing road work for the 2021 permits. The Board of Assessment Review is missing one member, and he is actively searching for someone, preferably with experience with real estate and/or construction.

**Town Justice, Wayne McNeil**, stated that the renovations to the Town Hall will start next week with the new flooring. There will also be a new custom made Court bench and pew seating for the courtroom. The Town Court will be donating the existing bench to the Fulton County Sheriff's building for the new Fulton County central court arraignments.

**Fire Chief of the Perth Volunteer Fire Company, Peter Watrobski**, stated that they have been very busy. Fire calls so far have been up this year from last year. He wanted to report that **Assistant Chief Scott Friedlander**, recently saved a two year old child who was not breathing. Scott heard the call of a child not breathing and turning blue. He was at the residence in a few minutes time, and was able to revive the child. **Fire Chief Watrobski** arrived soon after **Fireman Friedlander**. and he was informed that the child was now breathing. A Life Net helicopter was called, and landed at the Town Hall parking lot to take the child to Albany Medical Center Hospital.

**Chief Watrobski** asked if the Town Highway Department would be able to fix several dry hydrants located on Town Roads that have been damaged from traffic accidents. **Fire Chief Watrobski** also stated that the Fire Department is going to be talking to property owners in the Town who have ponds on their land to ask for permission to use them in an emergency. They are also looking into purchasing a vacuum pump to help in getting water from the ponds.

**Supervisor Fagan** reported that the Town's Tech consultant, Mr. Doug Teresco has recommended that the Town Clerk and the Supervisor purchase new computers.

Mr. Teresco also suggested that the Town use a different E-Mail service than Spectrum. He does not believe that Spectrum is a safe E-Mail system. He would like to move the Town's E-Mail to a more secure server.

**Town Clerk Judith English**, mentioned that she has recently received three E-mails, two purportedly from Highway Superintendent, David Dopp about help with direct depositing his pay check, and one supposedly from Supervisor Fagan re Town business. None of these communications were real. **Town Justice, Wayne McNeil** stated that his E-Mail goes thru the New York State Court System, and is compliant with New York State security protocols.

**Supervisor Fagan** also reported that the Town's insurance has gone up. This is due to the new trucks, and now the new computers. Also National Grid insisted that the Town's liability insurance increase from two million to five million before the Town could purchase the Town's street lights from them. **Councilman Lewandowski** asked if the Town could get different quotes for the insurance premium. **Supervisor Fagan** said that the insurance the Town has thru NYMIR is the most cost efficient.

### **PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

**Paul Priamo** of Royal Coachman Drive came to speak about the condition of the road that he lives on. It is scheduled to be paved this year by the Town, but he does not believe that paving alone will solve the problem. There are boulders coming up through the surface of the road, and some spots are in really bad shape. He thinks that the road has to be tore up and rebuilt.

After a rather heated discussion by Mr. Priamo, **Highway Superintendent, David Dopp**, explained that they will be using two inches of modified dense binder instead of 1 1/2 inch of type 6 dense binder for the paving, and will ditch the road before they begin.

The Highway Department will also remove any boulders that are coming up thru the road. He believes that the residents of Royal Coachman Drive will be happy with the results.

**RESOLUTION # 53- AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR PERTH SENIORS LUNCH**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of the amount of \$550.00 for the Perth Seniors St. Patrick's Day Luncheon on 03/16/2022 to be charged to Account A6772.4 Programs for Aging Contractual.

Offered by: Councilman Fisher  
Seconded by: Councilman Barker

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

**RESOLUTION # 54- AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF MONEY**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the transfer of the amount of \$3,460.00 from Account A1990.4 Contingent to Account A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance.

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski  
Seconded by: Councilman Fisher

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

**RESOLUTION # 55- ORDER NEW TRUCK**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the ordering of a 2023 Freightliner tandem axle, automatic plow truck with body and plow at a cost of \$255,568.66. (by the time the truck is delivered there may be an escalation cost applied to the price)

Offered by: Councilman Barker  
Seconded by: Councilman Fisher

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

**RESOLUTION # 56- AUTHORIZE SALE OF TRUCKS**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the sale of the 2000 International Recyclable Truck and the 2003 LT 9500 Sterling truck at Auctions International as surplus equipment.

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 # 57- AUTHORIZE RENOVATIONS**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the renovations to the Town Hall and Town Justice Court at a cost not to exceed \$33,360.00.

Offered by: Councilman Fisher  
Seconded by: Councilman Barker

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

**RESOLUTION # 58- AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TECHNICAL PROPOSAL**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth accepts the proposal put forth by USMSOLUTIONS in the amount of \$5,890.00 for two new desk top computers and one new lap top computer, upgrading the computers that are being replaced, new E-Mail server and various other upgrades to make the computers more secure.

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski  
Seconded by: Councilman Barker

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

**RESOLUTION # 59- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #4-2022**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of bills on Abstract #4-2022 as follows:

Prepaid General	28-41	\$10,550.80
Prepaid Highway	9-12	\$9,351.68
Highway	25-30	\$13,622.81
General	60-82	\$49,385.83

Offered by: Councilman Lewandoski

Seconded by: Councilman Betz

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 the afternoon a motion was made to close the Meeting at 3:05 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 held on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Perth Town Hall 1849 County Highway 107, Perth, NY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith English  
Perth Town Clerk