

TOWN OF PERTH

Regular Town Board Meeting

December 8, 2022

6:00 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk, Judith English; Highway Superintendent, David Dopp; Acting Foreman of the Highway Department, Richard Wallace; Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.; Tax Collector, Ann Morck; Fire Chief of the Perth Volunteer Fire Department, Peter Watrobski; Fulton County Sheriff, Richard Giardino; Member of the Board of Assessment Review, Paul Priamo; Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Joseph Priamo; Lynn Morck; Representative from Twin Bridges, Jim Beard; Mike Maranowsky; and Rebecca Dopp.

Supervisor Fagan opened the Meeting at 6:02 p.m. A salute to the flag was held and a moment of silent prayer was observed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

The minutes from the Budget Workshop held on November 10, 2022 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. There were no late communications.

UPDATE FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Lewandowski reported for the **Youth Commission**, a copy of that report will be filed with these minutes. **Lisa Wallace, Youth Commission Director** wrote that the Halloween Party was a huge success. The Perth Volunteer Fire Company, and the Perth Bible Church also participated in this event.

She will be putting up Santa's mailbox next to the Perth Town Hall's mailbox for children to put their letters to Santa in. Each letter deposited will be individually answered by Santa himself.

Councilman Betz read the **Assessor's Report**, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. He states that the senior income levels for a reduction in the Town of Perth's tax amount need to be determined soon, so that the limits can be loaded into the RPS files.

Highway Superintendent, David Dopp, states that all is going well in his Department.

Town Attorney, Carmel Greco, reported that Local Law #1-2022 of the Town of Perth entitled "Amending Local Law #1-1990 of the Town of Perth with Regard to Partial Real Property Tax Exemptions for Senior Citizens in the Town of Perth". The law will be introduced at this Meeting, and a resolution scheduling a Public Hearing on this Law will be offered.

Attorney Greco also reported that he is working on the Zoning Law regarding Solar Farms in the Town of Perth. The Town of Perth Planning Board has requested that several amendments be made to the Zoning Law on this issue; including the set back from the road, and adjoining properties. Also, the height of the solar panels is requested to be raised from eight feet to fourteen feet. He will continue on this project and give the Planning Board the results.

Supervisor Fagan reported that the computer for the Highway Department will be ready soon. USM Solutions will also be changing the E-Mail that the Town of Perth uses to a more secure site.

The Town of Perth 2023 Budget was adopted on November 10, 2022 at the Budget Workshop. There will be no raise in taxes for 2023 in the Town's taxes. The County tax bill will go up about \$2.00.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Fulton County Sheriff, Richard Giardino, came to the Meeting to catch the Town Board and residents up on what was going on in the Sheriff's Department. He stated that they have Resource Officers in the Broadalbin Perth Public schools. The Officers rotate between the schools.

He stated that his Department has trouble keeping officers, because they can make a better salary elsewhere. He feels that the County should address this, and re-examine the salaries they offer the deputies.

Supervisor Fagan stated that there is no contract at this time between the County and the Officers. He feels that one will be adopted soon and perhaps the problem of pay will be solved.

Town of Perth resident, **Paul Priamo** asked the Sheriff if perhaps the Sheriff's Department and the Cities of Johnstown and Gloversville could consolidate their police offices. **Sheriff Giardino** stated that that would cause more problems than it would solve. He feels that response time for calls would increase, and the Sheriff's Office would not be in charge of deploying officers. The Cities get a lot more calls which would leave the rural areas of the County under staffed.

Next there was a presentation by Twin Bridges regarding the Town of Perth contracting with them for garbage pick-up. A lengthy discussion followed the presentation. Speaking for the change was **Councilman Barker**. **Highway Superintendent, David Dopp** was against it. Several residents asked questions regarding the change.

Councilman Barker stated that both sides of the question about garbage pickup should be considered before any decision is made. **Superintendent Dopp** said that the decision has to be made soon so that residents can get prepared for any changes in their garbage pick-up service.

Pastor Marc Appell, pastor of the Perth Bible Church wished to invite the Town Officials and Town of Perth residents to the Christmas tree lighting ceremony to be held at the church on December 11th at 5:30 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 136- SCHEDULE CLOSE-OUT MEETING

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth schedules the Close-Out Meeting for 2022 on Thursday, December 29th at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex.

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 # 137- SCHEDULE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth schedules the Organizational Meeting of 2023 for Thursday, January 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex.

Offered by: Councilman Betz
Seconded by: Councilman Lewandowski

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

RESOLUTION # 138- AUTHORIZE SIGNING OF CONTRACT

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Contract with the Fulton County Department of Solid Waste for use of the Mud Road Landfill for 2023.

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 # 139- APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth appoints Diane Conrad of 379 Stairs Road to the Town of Perth Planning Board to complete the term of Jeffrey Green, who resigned; term to be from 12/08/2022 to 12/31/2023.

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

RESOLUTION # 140- TRANSFER OF MONEY

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth transfers the amount of \$275.00 from Account A9030.8 Social Security Employer Share to Account DA9010.8 State Retirement, and the amount of \$620.00 from Account DA9030.8 Social Security Employer Share to Account DA9010.8 State Retirement to cover the bill from the New York State Retirement System.

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 # 141- AMEND THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth amends the General Fund Balance by increasing the appropriated Fund Balance by \$8,000.00 and increasing Account A3620.4 Code Enforcement Contractual by \$8,000.00 to pay the bill from ACC Phases Code & Zoning Consultants.

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 # 142- INTRODUCE LOCAL LAW #1-2022

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Supervisor Fagan and Councilman Betz introduce Local Law #1-2022 entitled “Amending Local Law #1-1990 of the Town of Perth with Regard to Partial Real Property Tax Exemptions for Senior Citizens in the Town of Perth”. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for Thursday, December 29th at 6:05 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex on this law.

Offered by: Supervisor Fagan
Seconded by: Councilman Betz

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

RESOLUTION # 143- GARBAGE TRUCK

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth will continue forward with the purchase of a new garbage truck which was previously ordered by the Town, and keep garbage collection with the Town of Perth Highway Department.

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 # 144- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #12-2022

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of bills on abstract #12-2022 as follows:

General Prepaid	111-116	\$5,744.26
Highway Prepaid	35-37	\$7,060.79
Highway	85-94	\$50,163.87
General	217-238	\$39,080.29

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski
Seconded by: Councilman Betz

Each Councilman present indicated their approval by signing each voucher.
Councilman Fisher left the Meeting before the bills were presented for audit.

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 8:25 p.m. by Councilman Lewandowski, and seconded by Councilman Betz 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, December 29th 2022 at 6:00 p.m. This will be the Close Out Meeting for 2022. The next Regular Town Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 5th 2023 at 6:00 p.m. This will be the 2023 Organizational Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith English
Perth Town Clerk