

TOWN OF PERTH

Regular Town Board Meeting

July 7, 2022

6:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Councilman Fisher

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk, Judith English; Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.; Town Justice, Wayne McNeil; Acting Highway Forman, Richard Wallace; and Dog Control Officer, Joseph Passino.

Supervisor Fagan opened the Meeting at 6:11 p.m. A salute to the flag was held and a moment of silent prayer observed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the June 2, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting were offered for approval by Councilman Betz and seconded by Councilman Lewandowski. All were in favor; motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

There was one late communication, an E-Mail from the Town of Perth Planning Board outlining amendments to the Town of Perth Zoning Law regarding solar farms; specifically the size of the panels and the setbacks required. Supervisor Fagan will follow-up on this.

UPDATE FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Lewandowski reported for the **Dog Control Officer**. A copy of his report will be filed with these minutes. There were a total of three complaints; one dog at large, one cat bite, and one dog bite.

Supervisor Fagan reported for the Youth Commission that the Director of the Summer Camp, Lisa Wallace, sat down with him recently to discuss the budget for the program. She feels that in order to get the proper number of counselors needed to satisfy the State's requirements for counselor to participant she will have to hire more. The program has multiplied in the number of children signing up.

Councilman Barker stated that he believes that since a lot of the participants signing up for the Summer Camp live in the Town or Village of Broadalbin, that these municipalities should assist the Town of Perth with the costs involved. The numbers are about one half from the Town of Perth and one half from the Broadalbin area.

Councilman Barker also stated that he would like to see the Town Park used more for the community. He suggested perhaps a farmer's market. **Town Justice McNeil** suggested that the Town resurrect the Youth Committee that used to be appointed by the Town Board to assist in running the program. He suggested perhaps an outdoor movie night for the children with the concession stand selling popcorn and other treats. Councilman Barker liked that idea and suggested a brain-storming meeting with the Town Board to come up with ideas that would be fun for the Community.

Councilman Betz read the **Assessor's report**, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. He reported that in two weeks he will be taking a two day Continuing Education class on Exemptions. This will give him all of his required credits for 2022-2023.

Councilman Barker gave an update on his dealings with Spectrum for the Town. Richard Wallace from the Highway Department told him that the Highway Garage has WiFi now. They are still awaiting their computer. Councilman Barker stated that having a computer on site will enable an up to date inventory to be kept of the equipment and tools that the Department has. It will also enable a maintenance record to be kept on all of the vehicles.

Highway Superintendent, David Dopp, submitted a written report which will be filed with these minutes. He stated that the Town Board needs to pass a resolution to accept the bids from Auctions International regarding the two

Vehicles, that the Town sent there for sale, if they are in agreement with the amount. He went on to say that the new pieces of equipment are in and registered and they are ready for use. The bid on the 2003 Sterling Dump truck came in at \$15,100.00 and the bid on the 2000 International Recyclable truck was \$1,200.00.

Superintendent Dopp also reported that the Highway Department has been mowing and hauling in some shoulder material for the recently paved roads. He mentioned that the paving went well.

Acting Forman of the Highway Department, Richard Wallace, asked the Town Board if they would authorize a part-time person to act as a flag person for when the workers are mowing or doing other work on the roads. He feels that this is a safety issue. **Town Justice, McNeil** and **Councilman Barker** agreed with him that this is a dangerous situation without a flag person.

The Town Board authorized him to have a part-time person for 5 days a week for a period of eight weeks, at which time the highway budget will be reviewed to see where to go from there.

Supervisor Fagan stated that he is still getting used to where things are in his new office. He will be doing his first payroll cycle for the Town next Tuesday.

He recently received an updated quote for replacement of the fire alarm equipment at the Town Hall Complex, and it is \$600.00 more than the quote from last year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:05 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Lewandowski and seconded by Councilman Barker to go into Executive Session for discussion of pending litigation. All were in favor; motion carried.

At 7:20 p.m. a motion was made to close the Executive Session and resume the Regular Town Board Meeting by Councilman Lewandowski and seconded by Councilman Betz. All were in favor; motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 82-ACKNOWLEDGE SERVICE OF PATRICIA HERBA

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth acknowledges the service to the Town of Perth of Patricia Herba for twenty-two years as Budget Officer, Deputy Town Clerk, Code Enforcement Clerk; Personnel Officer; handling retirement and insurance for Town employees; serving on the Youth Commission and Chairman of the Park Committee.

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 # 83-AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF MONEY

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the transfer of the amount of \$356.00 from Account A1990.4 to Account 1910.4 Unallocated Insurance.

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 #84-APPROVE PURCHASE OF SMOKE DETECTORS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth approves the purchase and installation of two wire Conventional Smoke Detectors for the Town Hall Complex from ADT Commercial to be charged to Account A1620.2 Buildings Equipment, at a cost not to exceed \$6,500.00

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 # 85- AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF A COMPUTER BACK-UP SYSTEM

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth approves the purchase of a Back-UPS BR1500M52 1500VA Sine Wave UPS at a cost of \$249.00 from USMSolutions to be charged to Account A1650.4 Central Communications Contractual.

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 # 86- AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF MONEY

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the transfer of the amount of \$2,800.00 from Account A1990.4 Contingent to Account A1650.4 Central Communications Contractual for rewiring the Town Hall phones after the renovations.

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 # 87- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT FOR TRUCK REPAIRS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of the amount of \$6,878.00 to Frank's Heavy Duty Truck Repair to be charged to Account DA5130.4; repairs as follows:

Truck #7- 2016 Freightliner \$1,082.05 for diagnosing computer codes, add antifreeze coolant and test cooling system

Truck #4- 2005 International dump truck \$3,235.97 for steering gear assembly replacement

Truck #1- 2004 GMC Bucket Truck \$1,725.22 Front End Loose, replace drag link assembly at gear and tie rod ends

Truck #6- 2019 Peterbuilt 348 \$169.00 Inspection and adjust brakes

Truck #8- 2017 Freightliner \$169.00 Inspection and adjust brakes

Truck # 5-2007 International Dump Truck \$494.00 fix air leak in brake chamber

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 # 88- AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF MONEY

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the transfer of the amount of \$3,918.00 from Account DA5110.4 General Repairs Contractual to Account DA5110.41 Road Striping.

Offered by: Councilman Barker

Seconded by: Councilman Betz

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

RESOLUTION # 89- APPOINT A COMPLIANCE OFFICER

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth appoints Councilman Barker to be a Compliance Officer for the Town of Perth Policy against Discrimination and Harassment to replace Patricia Herba who recently retired.

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 # 90- AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF MONEY

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the transfer of the amount of \$32,267.00 from Account A8160.2 Garbage Equipment to Account A1620.2 Buildings Equipment to cover the bills for the recent Town Hall renovations.

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 # 91- ACCEPT BIDS FOR EQUIPMENT BROUGHT TO AUCTION INTERNATIONAL

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth accepts the following bids offered by Auctions International Website:

2003 Sterling Dump Truck \$15,000.00
2000 International Recyclable truck \$1,200.00

Offered by: Councilman Barker
Seconded by: Councilman Lewandowski

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

RESOLUTION # 92- AUTHORIZE REPAIRS TO CALDERWOOD ROAD BRIDGE

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of Town of Perth authorizes repairs to the Calderwood Road Bridge at a cost not to exceed \$48,050.00 to be done by R&B Construction LLC. The bridge was yellow flagged recently, and is in need of some repairs . The repairs will include plating the bottom of the 3 flagged beams with 1/2 " X 10" X 20 ' plate steel, fully welded. Weld in 1/4" plate on both sides of the G7 beam where it has been flagged. They will scaffold and deck under the bridge, and clean all of the steel. After the steel has been pressure washed and cleaned with hand tools, and everything has been welded into place. They will apply two coats of Epoxy Primer, and one coat of Imron 2 part Epoxy Top Coat.

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 # 93- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #7-2022

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of bills on abstract #6-2022 as follows:

General Prepaid	67-79	\$5,423.06
Highway Prepaid	19-21	\$7,060.79
Highway	47-55	\$230,625.32
General	133-157	\$18,919.86

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 evening a motion was made to close the Meeting at 8:10 p.m by Councilman Lewandowski and seconded by Councilman Betz.

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Perth will be held on Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex 1849 County Highway 107, Amsterdam, NY.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith English
Perth Town Clerk