

TOWN OF PERTH

Regular Town Board Meeting

June 2, 2022

6:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Councilman Fisher

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk, Judith English; Budget Officer, Patricia Herba; Town Attorney, Carmel Greco; Highway Superintendent, David Dopp; Town Justice, Wayne McNeil; Fire Chief of the Perth Volunteer Fire Company, Peter Watrobski; Acting Highway Foreman, Richard Wallace; Dog Control Officer, Joseph Passino; President of the Perth Seniors, Elaine Gasner; Rebecca Dopp; Roland Ramonowski; Paul Priamo; and Tom Herba.

Supervisor Fagan opened the Meeting at 6:01 p.m. A salute to the flag was held and a moment of silent prayer observed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the May 5, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting 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 for anyone who wishes to see them. There were no late communications.

UPDATE FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Lewandowski read the **Dog Control Officer's** report, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. There were a total of three dogs at large, one dog bite and one report of a dog attacking ducks and chickens.

Councilman Lewandowski also read the Perth **Youth Commission** Report, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. **Director, Lisa Wallace**, has been working getting the Summer Program up and running. She listed the trips they will be taking. She expects that they will need a second bus along with substitute counselors, because of the number of children signed up.

Councilman Betz read the **Assessor's Report**, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. The Assessor reports that Grievance Day was held on May 24th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There was one grievance filed. No reduction was given by the Board of Assessment Review to this applicant.

Councilman Barker reported that he has obtained a quote for an upgrade of the Town's internet service, from Spectrum. It would mean an additional \$20.00 per month to give the Town better and faster internet service. The service would also be more secure.

Highway Superintendent, David Dopp, reported for his Department that he would like to purchase a different excavator than the one he brought to show the Town Board at last month's Meeting. This one is smaller and can be driven down the road. He feels that this model will last much longer than the other one.

He stated that Callanan Paving has started cutting the keyways out so they can start paving soon. He reported that the Village of Hagaman will pay for the part of Eccles Drive that is in the village.

Supervisor Fagan asked **Superintendent Dopp** to keep an eye on the development of the cul-de-sac that Mr. Kinowski is building at the end of Eccles Drive to make sure that it employs the Town's specifications for cul-de-sacs. He also would like him to keep an eye on the road work at the Tryon Technology Park.

Councilman Barker stated that he would like to see the Highway Department Budget. He feels that once the budget is done it should not be changed except for emergencies.

Superintendent Dopp stated that payroll was over the budget because of having to call part-time help in for plowing this winter. He also said that the price of sand and salt that the Department has to purchase has gone up. He also said that he has \$65,000.00 in his Budget from CHIPS money from the state, and this is dedicated for road paving or repair.

Councilman Barker went on to say that **Superintendent Dopp** should have checked the tires on the trucks that he purchased from the Town of Amsterdam, before paying for the vehicles. He might have obtained a lower purchase price if he saw that the tires would have to be replaced.

Supervisor Fagan stated that the Town of Perth Memorial Day Ceremony went well. He reported that there have been a number of unexpected expenses incurred lately. The State has required that we test the Town's water supply for PFOA. Also the Youth Commission has had a spike in children signing up for the Summer Program. About 160 children are signed up, which will require the hiring of two additional counselors and an extra bus and driver.

As for the County he said that it was lucky that it received extra CHIPS money for this year's paving. The County will start on its capital projects in July. Over all the County finances are healthy. Sales tax has gone up 14%; a large part of it is collecting tax on internet sales.

One unexpected cost was incurred because of a prisoner who had a felony charge in Fulton County. The Judge in his case deemed him too dangerous to be set free, while awaiting trial. While in the jail the prisoner developed a rare cancer that neither Nathan Littauer Hospital nor Albany Medical Center were equipped to treat. The only place for him to receive care was in Westchester County, and is very costly. Fulton County Sheriff, Richard **Giardino**, is trying to get some of the money spent by the County on this prisoner back. In the future the State will take over the expenses for this prisoner.

Budget Officer, Patricia Herba, reported that the Port-a-Potty rented by the Town for the Town Park has been moved; probably by some vandals. Supervisor Fagan told her to call Adirondack Septic and ask them to move it back.

She also stated that the Custodian has only put up three of the six "No Dogs Allowed" signs in the Town Park. She feels that one should be put up at the entrance to the Town Complex and the other two at either side of the Park where people enter.

Ms. Herba went on to say that she does not feel that the Custodian is doing his cleaning work adequately in the Town Hall. She has received numerous complaints regarding the condition of the building. There is a lot of trash in the cellar that could be removed, as well as the cobwebs around the black electrical box that holds the Town's internet and phone network equipment.

Town Justice, Wayne McNeil, agreed with Ms. Herba that more needs to be done cleaning the Town Hall Complex. The Town and the Justice Court spent a lot of money recently to renovate the Town Hall with new floors. These floors should be mopped at least once a week, if not more frequently.

Justice McNeil went on to say that he would like to thank the people that helped move the furnishings so the new floor could be laid. He would like to thank **Councilman Fisher** and **Budget Officer, Patricia Herba** and her daughter **Sara Herba** for helping him move the heavier things and **Town Clerk, Judith English**; **Tax Collector, Ann Morck**; **Councilman Peter Betz**; and **Court Clerk, Joanne Piurek** for helping with the not so heavy items.

Special Thanks go to **Joseph and Robert Passino** for volunteering to help including painting the hall ways, and a very special thank you to **Pastor Mark Appell** of the Perth Bible Church for donating the pew seats for the Court Room; thus allowing the renovation to come in under budget by \$5,100.00.

Fire Chief, Peter Watrobski, reported that the Fire Department is looking for a new ladder truck with a longer ladder so the department can better serve the Tryon Technology Park in case of fire.

Fire Chief Watrobski also reported that there was a large brush fire recently on Nadler Road. Quite a few different companies responded. Some of the trucks got stuck in the field. He repeated from the last Town Board Meeting that the Fire Company is actively looking for volunteers to serve.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Roland Romanowski of County Highway 107, Perth, asked the Town Board if they knew what the new wiring is for that is going up in the Town. He explained his back ground in electronics in the military and his various degrees related to this. **Paul Priamo**, who works for Spectrum told him that the wiring is for 5G for the internet service.

Mr. Romanowski also asked if the Town was changing their street lights to LED bulbs. Supervisor Fagan told him that this was true. **Mr. Romanowski** then expressed his concern over 5G wiring and LED bulbs. He is of the belief that these two things emit dangerous radiation.

He also asked if the Town has any vacant land that could be used for a Community Garden. He is worried about the availability of food, and the cost due to the war in Ukraine. The Town Board thought that a Community Garden was a good idea, and will take it under advisement.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 66- AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF CHAIRS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the purchase of 7 chairs for the Town Board Members and the Town Clerk and Town Attorney to use during the Town Board Meetings from Hummel's at a cost of \$228.36 each, total to be \$1,598.52; to be charged to Account 1620.2 Buildings 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 #67- APPOINT FIRST DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth appoints **Deuty Town Clerk, Rebecca Bain**, as first Deputy Town Clerk to work 10 hours a week in the Town Clerk's Office to replace Patricia Herba who will retire on July 1, 2022. She will also be Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics.

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 #-68 AUTHORIZE HIRING CLERK TO PURGE RECORDS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the hiring of **Jayne Kaczor** to purge the Town Justice Court files and other department's records in the Records Room at the part-time Clerk salary (15.76 per hour) the total not to exceed \$1,500.00; to be charged to Account A1110.1 Justices Personal Services.

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 # 69- AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR FLAGS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of the amount of \$300 .00 to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8690 for the flags to be placed on the graves of the veterans buried in the Perth Cemetery, tp be charged to Account A7550.4 Celebrations 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 # 70- AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF MONEY

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the transfer of the amount of \$210.00 from Account A1990.4 Contingent to Account A1220.4 Supervisor Contractual A1220.4 Supervisor Contractual to build Dell Optiplex 3090 Micro Computer.

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 # 71- AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR PFOA TESTING

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of the amount of \$1,170.00 to Hawk Drilling Co. Inc. for PFOA testing of the water at the Town Hall Complex which was ordered by the New York State Department of Health; to be charged to Account A1620.4 Buildings Contractual.

Ordered by: Councilman Barker
Seconded by: Councilman Betz

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

RESOLUTION # 72- AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF MONEY

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the following transfers: \$656.00 from Account A1990.4 Contingent and the amount of \$5,234.00 from Account A7110.2 Parks Equipment to the following accounts to pay for the USM Solutions bill for new computers and E-mail Server and upgrades to make all computers secure plus Microsoft Home and Business 2021 with a three year hardware warranty:

\$1,509.00 to Account A1220.2 Supervisor Equipment
\$1,509.00 to Account A1410.2 Clerk Equipment
\$1,338.00 to Account 3620.2 Code Enforcement Equipment
\$1,534.00 to Account 1650.4 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 #73- 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 \$132.00 for the Perth Seniors' Memorial Day Luncheon; to be charged to Account A6772.4 Programs for Aging.

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 # 74-AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF A VOLVO LOADER

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the purchase of a Volvo L60H loader at a cost of \$60,048.00 from ALTA Equipment Company; to be charged to Account DA5130.2 Machinery Equipment. The purchase price is after the deduction of the amount of \$97,000.00 for the trade in of a Case 621EXT 2014 SN NEF2221675.

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 # 75-AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF AN EXCAVATOR

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the purchase of a Volvo EW60E Hydraulic Crawler Excavator Small (Mini) at a cost of \$73,862.00 from ALTA Equipment Company; to be charged to Account DA5130.2 Machinery Equipment. The purchase price is after the deduction of the amount of \$25,000.00 for the trade in of Case 580M 2010 VSN 532106 backhoe.

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 PAYMENT FOR TRUCK REPAIRS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of the amount of \$6,485.53 to Cummins Sales and Service, Albany Branch, for rebuilding the motor on Truck #7 a 2016 Freightliner 108SD; to be charged to Account DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual.

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 HIRING OF TWO PYC SUMMER AIDES

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the hiring of two additional aides for the Summer Youth Program due to a substantial increase in enrollment in order for the program to meet New York State Department of Health staff to participant mandated ratios; to be charged to Account A7310.1 Youth Program Personal Service; to be paid \$350.00 bi-weekly.

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 # 78- 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 A7310.1 Youth Personal Service.

Offered by: Councilman Betz

Seconded by: Councilman Barker

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

RESOLUTION # 79- AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO BECOME THE BUDGET OFFICER

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the Supervisor to become the Town Budget Officer effective on July 1, 2022 upon the retirement of the current Budget Officer, Patricia Herba; salary to be \$9,455.00 annually.

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski
Seconded by: Councilman Barker

A vote was taken with Councilman Barker, Councilman Betz and Councilman Lewandowski voting in favor; motion carried. Supervisor Fagan recused himself.

RESOLUTION # 80- ADD STREET LIGHTS TO THE TOWN

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth will add eight street lights at intersections on County Highway 107 at a cost of \$12,694.96 to be charged to Account A5182.2 Street Lights Equipment. The lights to be added will be at the intersections of County Highway 107 and Steers Road; Highway 107 and Noonan Road; County Highway 107 and McQueen Road; intersection of Steers Road and Smith Road; intersection of Noonan Road and McQueen Road; intersection of Noonan Road and Opalka Road; intersection of Sacandaga Road and Opalka Road; and the intersection of Lepper Road and Mosher Road.

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 # 81- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #6-2022

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

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| General Prepaid | 54-66 | \$13,801.66 |
| Highway Prepaid | 16-18 | \$6,470.68 |
| Highway | 40-46 | \$15,798.33 |
| General | 106-132 | \$80,334.11 |

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. All were in favor; motion carried.

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, Perth, NY.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith English
Perth Town Clerk