

TOWN OF PERTH
Regular Town Board Meeting
June 6, 2024
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Fagan, Councilman Lewandowski, Councilman Fisher, and Councilman Priamo

ABSENT: Councilman Barker

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk, Judith English; Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq., Highway Superintendent, David Dopp; Pastor of the Perth Bible Church, Mark Appell; Rebecca Dopp and Kevin Sitterly.

Supervisor Fagan opened the Meeting at 6:00 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 May 2, 2024 were offered for approval by Councilman Lewandowski and seconded by Councilman Fisher. 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.

A & G_The thank you card from the Korona family as well as the Certification of membership for the Town of Perth in the Association of Towns for 2024 are posted on the Town Clerk's bulletin board in the Meeting/Court room.

D. **Supervisor Fagan** said that the surveys that the Fulton County Planning Department have sent out regarding providing sewer service have resulted in very favorable replies.

Pastor Appell asked if the advancement of the sewer line into the Town of Perth means that water would also become available. Supervisor Fagan stated that right now the availability of sewer services on State Route 30 in the Town of Perth will open this area up for new business.

Supervisor Fagan stated that as of now the Town is only considering providing sewer services. Water service from Johnstown now extends as far as the Tryon Park on County Route 107. It would be able to go further on County Route 107 if a taller water tank was installed there. The County will be looking at this in the future.

UPDATE FROM STANDING COMMITTEE

Councilman Lewandowski read the report from **Dog Control Officer, Patricia Ashbey**. She stated that she placed one dog in the shelter, and had another returned to its owner. She stated that she is encouraging residents not to pick-up stray dogs, as the Town of Perth is losing its contract for shelter services with Montgomery County SPCA as of July 5, 2024. The report went on to say that picking up a stray dog may not be safe for people or the dog.

Supervisor Fagan read the **Assessor's reports** from April and May. Assessor, **David Walendziak**, stated in April that the Tentative Assessment Roll has been completed, certified, and filed with the Town Clerk, Judith English. Grievance Day will be on Tuesday, May 28th, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

In the May Report he stated that there was only one grievance heard on Grievance Day. The paper work was completed, notarized and taken to the County Building. This year the Town of Perth added about \$19,000,000.00 to our total assessed value, and none was given back in grievance.

Highway Superintendent, David Dopp, reported that paving has started in the Town on Cherrywood Drive and Smith Road.

Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq. reported that Saratoga County has passed a law against squatters. He knows that this is not a problem as of now in the Town of Perth, but in the future we may need to think about adopting a similar law.

Supervisor Fagan asked **Attorney Greco** if he would obtain a copy of this law from Saratoga County for the Town Board to review.

Supervisor Fagan stated that the Town of Perth's website will be up and running soon. He asked all of the Town departments to please send their information to the new site.

He also reported that there were two nice Memorial Day Ceremonies in the Town of Perth. The one held at the Perth Bible Church had a very nice attendance including about 25 or 30 Military Veterans.

The Ceremony at the Perth Town Hall was also well attended. The Broadalbin-Perth **Valedictorian, Jordan Sowle**, gave an excellent speech; very patriotic. The **Assistant Pastor, Jordan Davoll, of the Perth Bible Church** did an excellent job organizing this event. The **Perth Bible Church Youth Group** did a wonderful job with the flag ceremony. They were very respectful of the flag, and took great care while doing their duties.

Supervisor Fagan also reported as a member of the Fulton County Board of Supervisors, that they are waiting for the New York State Legislature to finish up their 2024 Session. There was a bill that was withdrawn because of public outcry that stated that the State would allow lithium battery storage facilities anywhere. These are dangerous and have caused many fires. They will probably bring this bill up at the next session. The Legislature also would restrict sporting ranges near wetlands. Also, they want culverts and overpasses so that animals can safely cross the road.

The last proposal that is of concern to the Towns, is a plan to consolidate the Industrial Development Agencies in the State down to a total of ten. Currently there are a total of 109 IDAs in the State. This would mean that some agency far from the Town of Perth would be dictating where industries can be located in the Town, and what kind of industries would be acceptable. Fulton County is against all of these measures.

Councilman Priamo brought to the Town Board's attention that the soil around the driveway on the west side of the Town Hall Complex, is being washed away. He would like to see the driveway widened to prevent any damage to it from this

erosion. Supervisor Fagan asked the Highway Superintendent to get three quotes for this paving job.

Councilman Priamo also brought up the intersection of Stairs Road and County Highway 126 that was recently dug up by the the Fulton County Highway Department, in order to install a new culvert.

Highway Superintendent, David Dopp, stated that he called the **County Highway Superintendent, Mark Yost** and told him that the Town of Perth was in the process of having paving done at Cherrywood Drive, which is a short distance from the intersection in question. He suggested that Mr. Yost get in contact with the paving company and see if they could patch up where the County dug up the road.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #65-AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR FLAGS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment for flags on Veterans' graves for Memorial Day, in the Perth Cemetery. Payment will be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8690 in the amount of \$300.00, to be charged to Account A7550.4 Celebrations.

Offered by: Councilman Fisher

Seconded by: Councilman Lewandowski

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

RESOLUTION # 66- CHANGE DATE FOR JULY REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth changes the date for the July Regular Town Board Meeting from Thursday, July 4th to Tuesday, July 9th at 6:00 p.m. due to the Fourth of July holiday.

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 # 67- AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Pole Attachment Agreement with National Grid.

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski
Seconded by: Councilman Fisher

DISCUSSION

Supervisor Fagan stated that there will be a camera on the pole at the Town Hall Complex, and sensors on three of the poles in the Town. There are still about a dozen more lights needed some intersections in the Town, and at the firehouse. The cost of those lights and the work will be part of our maintenance agreement.

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

RESOLUTION #68- AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN DECOMMISSIONING BONDS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Decommissioning Bonds for Maple North and Maple South Solar Arrays.

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 #69- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #6-2024

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of bills on Abstract #6-2024 as follows:

General	102-135	\$21,216.10
Prepaid General	47-53	\$5,526.19
Highway	52-57	\$5,504.53
Prepaid Highway	13-16	\$9,874.88

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski

Seconded by: Councilman Fisher

Supervisor Fagan, Councilman Lewandowski, and Councilman Fisher indicated their approval by signing all of the vouchers presented. Councilman Priamo signed all of the vouchers excluding the following:

Councilman Priamo did not sign the following vouchers under prepaid general; #48 and #52 Charter Communications, #50 Benetech HRA contributions, and #53 Health Insurance premium for Highway Superintendent. Under Prepaid highway Councilman Priamo did not sign #13 Benetech HRA contributions, #14 Health Insurance premiums for the Highway workers (set by Teamsters Union Contract), #15 Benetech contributions for Acting Highway Superintendent, Richard Wallace, and #16 HRA contribution for Kurt Opalka (highway worker).

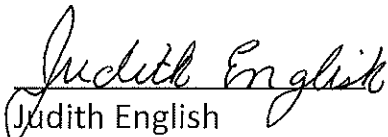
Under Highway Councilman Priamo did not sign #56 Road Run in Parts, and he also did not sign #57 Henderson Products for an upper arm tarp. In the General vouchers he did not sign #102 Legal Services for Town Attorney, #105 DVR Portable Restrooms LLC for the rental of a porta-potty for the Town Park, #107 for law books for the Town Justices, #108 Community Development Solutions, software maintenance for Code Enforcement Officer, #109 Blue 360 Media law books for Town Justices, #111 H&M Equipment lawn mower for highway garage lawn, #122 Hummels for office supplies, #123 and Tanner's Lumber supplies for Town Park.

With all of the vouchers having the necessary signatures for approval (3) the Resolution was passed.

With all of the business concluded for the evening a motion was made to close the Meeting at 7:15 p.m. by Councilman Lewandowski, and seconded by Councilman Fisher. All were in favor; motion carried.

During this Meeting a resolution was passed changing the date of the Regular Town of Perth Board Meeting from the first Thursday of the month due to it falling on the Fourth of July Holliday. Therefore, the next Regular Town of Perth Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9th at the Town Hall Complex 1849 County Highway 107 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Judith English
Perth Town Clerk