

**TOWN OF PERTH**

Regular Town Board Meeting

December 5, 2019

6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Fagan, Councilman Korona, Councilman Lewandowski, and Councilman Betz.

**ABSENT:** Councilman Fisher

**ALSO PRESENT:** Town Clerk, Judith English; Highway Superintendent, David Dopp; Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.; Highway Employee, Richard Wallace; and Miriam Reyes.

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 November 7, 2019 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.

**UPDATE FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Councilman Korona** reported for **Buildings** that there is still water and mold in the Records Room in the basement. The Town has received a proposal to remedy the situation from Kevin Koval's Adirondack Basement in the amount of \$19,324.24.

**Supervisor Fagan** asked **Highway Superintendent, David Dopp** if he could get some dye to try and figure out where the water is coming from, and perhaps the Town could fix it.

It was discussed which contractors should be called in the case of work needing to be done at the Town Hall Complex. It was decided that **Lou's Electric** of Amsterdam would be called for any electrical work, **BTU** on Route 30 in the Town of Perth would be called to service the furnaces and air conditioners in the building, **Adirondack Septic** on Route 30 in the Town of Perth would be called for any septic problems, **Mormile Plumbing** on Route 30 would be called for any plumbing problems and **Charles Manell** would do the water testing for the Town. A list of these businesses will be given to the Town Board Members and personnel in the Town Hall Complex.

**Councilman Betz** read the **Assessor's Report**, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. The Assessor states that all of the Agricultural exemptions and the Low Income Senior exemptions have been processed, and will be mailed out.

**Councilman Korona** asked how many parcels have been finished for the new assessment files so that the Town's equalization rate can be raised, thus lowering taxes for the Town's residents. **Councilman Betz** stated that he asked the Assessor when the updated assessment will be finished, and he said he hoped to be finished by the summer. **Supervisor Fagan** said that he will follow-up on this.

**Highway Superintendent, David Dopp**, reported that the cleanup after Monday's storm went well. He would like to thank his highway crew for the excellent job they did of keeping the roads clear. The snow was heavy at times and visibility was close to zero.

**Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.**, reported that the Town's legal work is up to date. He reviewed the 2020 contract with the Fulton County Solid Waste Department and stated that Supervisor Fagan could sign it.

**Supervisor Fagan** stated that the County Budget is done. He said that the Town of Perth equalization rate is low, and if the Town residents want lower County taxes this will have to be taken care of.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

**Miriam Reyes** asked if there was any update on her neighbor's septic problems. Town Clerk, Judith English, stated that the neighbor has been in, and has obtained the necessary permits to get his septic system fixed. Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq., stated that in the contract that the neighbor had with the septic company was the provision that the company was responsible for getting the necessary permits, so the hold-up on the work was not all the homeowner's fault.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION # 120-** SCHEDULE THE 2019 CLOSE-OUT MEETING

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth schedules the Close-Out Meeting for 2019 on Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Offered by: Councilman Korona  
Seconded by: Councilman Lewandowski

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

**RESOLUTION # 121-** 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 \$200.00 from Account DA5110.4 General Repairs Contractual to Account DA5142.4 Snow Removal Contractual.

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski  
Seconded by: Councilman Korona

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

**RESOLUTION # 122- 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 \$200.00 from Account A1990.4 Contingent to Account A1650.4 Central Communications Contractual.

Offered by: Councilman Betz  
Seconded by: Councilman Korona

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

**RESOLUTION # 123- AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the Supervisor to sign the contract renewal with the Fulton County Department of Solid Waste for landfill use in 2020.

Offered by: Councilman Korona  
Seconded by: Councilman Betz

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

**RESOLUTION # 124- SCHEDULE 2020 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth schedules the 2020 Organizational Meeting for Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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 # 125- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #12-2019**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of bills on abstract #12-2019 as follows:

Prepaid	138-149	\$9,354.23
Prepaid Highway	32-34	\$5,465.15
Highway	99-105	\$38,010.14
General	249-283	\$42,561.28

Each Councilman 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.

At 6:30 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Korona and seconded by Councilman Betz to go into Executive Session for contract negotiations, and a land sale proposal from a Town resident; all were in favor: Motion carried.

At 6:45 p.m. a motion was made to come back from Executive Session and resume the Regular Town Board Meeting by Councilman Korona, and seconded by Councilman Lewandowski; all were in favor: Motion carried.

With all of the business concluded for the evening a motion was made at 7:04 p.m. by Councilman Lewandowski and seconded by Councilman to close the Meeting. All were in favor; Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Town Board will be the Close-Out Meeting to be held on Friday, December 27, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. The Organizational Meeting for 2020 will be held on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith English  
Perth Town Clerk