

**TOWN OF PERTH**

Regular Town Board Meeting

Saturday, August 8, 2020

12:00 P.M.

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

**ABSENT:** Councilman Korona

**ALSO PRESENT:** Town Clerk, Judith English; Highway Superintendent, David Dopp, Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.; Town Justice, Wayne McNeil; Sole Assessor, David Walendziak; and Custodian, Robert Nolan.

Supervisor Fagan opened the Meeting at 12:06 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 July 9, 2020 were offered for approval by Councilman Lewandowski and seconded by Councilman Betz. All were in favor; motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The communication as listed on the Agenda is filed in the Town Clerk's Office where it is available to anyone who wishes to see it.

**UPDATE FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Custodian, Robert Nolan**, reported for **Buildings** that Hawk Drilling Company Inc. has fixed the problem with the water purification system in the Town Hall. The trappers who set traps at the Town Park caught a total of three woodchucks and one rabbit.

**Councilman Betz** read the **Assessor's** Report, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. He reported that he has sent out second notices to the mobile home park owners that have not yet paid for the 2019 permit fees.

**Highway Superintendent, David Dopp**, reported that the shoulders have been done on Stairs Road. He would like to thank County Highway Superintendent, Mark Yost, for helping out with this project. The Town of Perth Highway Department will be going to Broadalbin to help their Highway Department soon.

**Superintendent Dopp** also stated that he has been in touch with Magiolda Construction about working on the southwest portion of the parking lot at the Town Hall Complex. He says that he has been given a proposed cost of about \$5,000.00 to bring dirt in and level it off and build a driveway down the west side of the lot that will connect to County Highway 107, made with millings.

**Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.**, stated that he will go over the updated requirements required by the State to the Harassment Policy, and have the new policy ready for the next Town Board Meeting for the members to go over.

**Supervisor Fagan** reported that the County Board of Supervisors is starting work on the 2021 Budget. The Capital projects will be limited to those regarding either safety or health. It is unsure how much the State will be contributing to the County next year due to the coronavirus depressing tax payments. It will be a tough year to estimate revenue for the County.

**Supervisor Fagan** also stated that he did not feel that it would be wise to rent out the Senior Community Center to the public until the pandemic is no longer a significant threat to the Community. He instructed, **Town Clerk Judith English**, to notify all of the persons who had already booked the Community Center of this decision.

### **PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

**Wayne McNeil**, a member of the Perth Cemetery Board of Directors, wished to give the Town Board an update on the Cemetery. The Town of Perth gives the Cemetery a donation every year for upkeep.

The Cemetery recently bought a shed to keep the equipment needed to open graves so that they would not have to bring them each time. He also reported that the Cemetery has received numerous donations from the families of persons buried there. He states that the Cemetery is in relatively good financial shape.

**Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.**, told Mr. McNeil that the Cemetery officers should bring the books to the Town Board Meeting at the beginning of the new year to justify the contribution of the Town to the Cemetery. Mr. McNeil responded that the Cemetery will hold their annual meeting in January 2021 and would be glad to show the books to the Town of Perth Town Board.

**Wayne McNeil and Peter Betz** would like to thank **Sexton Robert Fisher** for all of his assistance in cleaning up the cemetery and keeping it so neat looking.

**Town Justice McNeil** stated that **Joseph Passino** has been assisting the Town Court on court nights. He is setting up the Community Center and cleaning it including the tables, chairs, door handles and bathrooms. Before letting the defendants in he takes their temperature. He lets them into the courtroom one at a time allowing them one other person to accompany them. **Justice McNeil** feels that **Mr. Passino** should be compensated for these duties by the Town. The Town Board agreed.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **RESOLUTION #68-** AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT TO BTU

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of the amount of \$1,472.00 to BTU Heating and Cooling Inc. for a no heat call on 01/02/2020 (Replaced the Control Board), and a call on 06/16/2020 to reinstall the A/C Unit; to be charged to Account A1620.4 Buildings and Grounds.

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 #69- 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 \$17.00 from Account A1990.4 Contingent to Account A1330.4 Tax Collector 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 # 70- Commemorating the Perth Volunteer Fire Company Inc. on its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that **The Town Board of the Town of Perth** would like to express its congratulations to the **Perth Volunteer Fire Company Inc.** on the occasion of their **75<sup>th</sup> anniversary** serving the **Town of Perth**. Through the years it has grown from strictly a fire company to also include EMT services. The members spend many hours in training each year in order to provide these invaluable services to the Town of Perth residents.

It is with profound gratitude that the **Town Board of the Town of Perth** wishes to recognize the dedication of the men and women of the **Perth Volunteer Fire Company** who serve the Town of Perth, and carry out their duties in a professional and selfless manner.

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 # 71- AUTHORIZE WORK ON LOWER DRIVEWAY**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the purchase of top soil, the grading of same and landscaping work on the lower driveway at the Town Hall Complex at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00 to be charged to account A1620.4 Buildings Contractual. (Work to be done by the Town of Perth Highway Department)

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 # 72- APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE ZBA**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth appoints Joseph Passino to the Zoning Board of Appeals to replace Jeffrey Hertik who resigned; term to be from 08/08/2020 to 12/31/2023.

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 # 73- CLOSING THE COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER TO RENTAL**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth that the Community Senior Center will not be available for rental until further notice due to the Covid-19 virus.

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 THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #8-2020**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of bills on abstract #8-2020 as follows:

Prepaid	80-91	\$4,468.75
Prepaid Highway	22-24	\$7,092.81
Highway	65-72	\$151,760.30
General	168-190	\$74,285.83

Offered by: Councilman Betz

Seconded by: Councilman Lewandowski

Each Councilman indicated their approval by signing each voucher with the exception of Councilman Fisher who refused to sign voucher #68 Highway for Hometown Highway for posts for highway signs, #70 Highway for 4XHeaven for anti- rust and salt spray for the undercarriage of trucks, #71 for Road Run-in Parts for various auto parts and #72H H&M Equipment for brush hog blade. Supervisor Fagan signed those vouchers so all of the vouchers were signed by a majority of the Town Board.

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 afternoon a motion was made at 12:50 to close the Meeting 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 September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith English  
Perth Town Clerk