

TOWN OF PERTH

Regular Town Board Meeting

July 9, 2020

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.; Assessor, David Walendziak; Dog Control Officer, Joseph Passino; and Sylvia Zierak.

Supervisor Fagan opened the Meeting at 6:00 p.m. A salute to the flag was held and a moment of silent prayer observed.

Supervisor Fagan asked everyone present to remember **Cecil Daggett's** family in their prayers. Mr. Daggett passed away recently at the age of 101. He was a lifelong resident of the Town of Perth. He served the Perth community in a wide variety of roles throughout his long life, including as a Town Councilman, Town Clerk, Volunteer Fireman, and Trustee of the Perth Center Cemetery Association.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the Regular Town Board Meeting held on May 9, 2020 were offered for approval by Councilman Korona and seconded by Councilman Lewandowski. 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. There were two new communications.

H. Letter from Town Justice Paul Giudilli stating that he is resigning from the position as of June 30, 2020 as he is moving out of the Town of Perth.

I. Letter from the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets indicating that their inspection of the Montgomery County SPCA was unsatisfactory. Another inspection will take place in thirty days.

In regards to letter E. the Supervisor would like to thank **Mrs. Zierak** for the many years of service to the Town of Perth as Historian, including the very informative and interesting book about the history of the Town of Perth. Many new residents to the Town buy the book from the Town Clerk so they can learn about the community they are joining.

UPDATE FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Korona reported for **Buildings** that there is an infestation of woodchucks in the Town Park. They are scaring the children who are there for summer camp of the Youth Commission, and the director, **Lisa Wallace** is afraid of them biting the kids. Dog Control Officer, **Joseph Passino**, stated that he would contact a humane trapping company (Peace of Mind Solutions) to handle the situation. The playground would have to be closed while the traps are in place.

Councilman Korona would like to thank the Highway Superintendent, **David Dopp** and his employees for helping with the paving of the parking lot at the Town Hall Complex.

Highway Superintendent, David Dopp, offered an opinion concerning the remainder of the parking lot that was not paved. He suggested filling it in with dirt so it is level and planting grass on it. He would then like to see a paved driveway down the west side of the lot so you could exit to County Highway 107 from there. This solution would cost far less than paving the remaining parking lot. **Supervisor Fagan** asked him to get estimates for how much this suggestion would cost.

Joseph Passino stated that he was asked by Custodian, **Robert Nolan** if Joe's son Robert could paint the downstairs bathroom, and replace some ceiling tiles. Mr. Passino stated that his son could paint the bathroom, replace the tiles, get rid of the spiders in the ceiling and replace the exhaust vents at an estimated cost of \$275.00.

Councilman Lewandowski read the July Summer Camp Report for the Town of Perth Youth Commission, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. The Director, **Lisa Wallace** states that the camp is going great. It runs Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. She has many fun things scheduled for this season including a petting zoo, pony rides, a circus, a face painter, nerf wars, water slides, a carnival and more.

T-Ball will start on Friday, July 10th and run for six weeks on Friday nights.

Councilman Betz read the **Assessor's** Report, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. The Assessor states that all paperwork for Grievance Day has been filed with the County. The Final Roll has been completed and filed with the Town Clerk on July 1st.

Highway Superintendent, David Dopp, reported that the paving of Stairs Road went well. Mowing is continuing in the Town.

Stairs Road extension from County Route 126 to Midline Road was not paved this year because a small bridge on the road needs to be taken care of. A temporary fix was made to the bridge so it is safe for now, but **Superintendent Dopp** was advised to not let it go too long before getting it permanently fixed. He went on to say that the money saved by not paving the road, should pay for the repairs.

Superintendent Dopp also reported that the bridge on Calderwood Road was flagged yellow this year after being inspected. To repair this bridge will be a big project, and probably cost a few hundred thousand dollars.

Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq. stated that the Town will have to update its Harassment Policy to include new information required by New York State. He feels that an addendum could be added to the Policy to cover the added provisions needed to fulfill the new requirements.

The rest of the Town's legal work is up to date.

Supervisor Fagan related that Fulton County is still having their meetings using Zoom. Capital projects are being considered for 2021. Only those related to health or safety will be on the list. Work on the 2021 budget has started. All of Fulton County employees are back to work, and the Department of Motor Vehicles is now open to the public. **Supervisor Fagan** also stated that the Town of Perth Community Senior Center is open for rental with a maximum of fifty people allowed and coronavirus precautions adhered to.

Supervisor Fagan also wanted to thank Crane Sealcoating for the nice job they did of striping the parking lot at the Town Hall Complex after it was recently paved.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #57- APPOINT A TOWN HISTORIAN

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth appoints Peter Betz as Town of Perth Historian term to be from 07/01/2020 to 12/31/2020 to replace Sylvia Zierak who recently resigned the position.

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 #58- AUTHORIZE RENTAL OF A PORTA-POTTY

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the rental of a porta-potty for the Town of Perth Park from June 15th thru August 15th for the use of the Youth Commission Summer Camp at a cost of \$130.00 per month to be charged to Account A7110.4 Parks Contractual.

Offered by: Councilman Korona
Seconded by: Councilman Lewandowski

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

RESOLUTION #59- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of the following bills from the Highway Department:

Frank's Heavy Duty Truck for 1995 Volvo in the amount of \$5,899.34 for removing the transmission and replacing it with a rebuilt transmission; to be charged to Account A8160.4 Refuse and Garbage Contractual.

Frank's Heavy Truck in the amount of \$2,450.35 for the 1995 Volvo for replacing the complete rear brake chambers; to be charged to Account A8160.4 Refuse and Garbage Contractual.

H.L. Gage Sales Inc. in the amount of \$4,107.73 for the 2007 International for a muffler and exhaust with installation; to be charged to DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual.

Frank's Heavy Duty Truck in the amount of \$3,990.71 for the 2003 Sterling 10 wheeler for replacing front brakes to be charged to account DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual.

Offered by: Councilman Korona

Seconded by: Councilman Lewandowski

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

RESOLUTION #60- ESTABLISH STANDARD WORKDAY

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth enacts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, by its regulation NYCRR 315.4, the Office of the State Comptroller requires municipalities to establish a standard work day for each elective or appointed official who participates in the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System, now be it hereby

RESOLVED, for the purpose of determining days worked, no fewer than six (6) hours for part-time officials or more than eight (8) hours for full time officials shall be established as a standard workday; and be it further

RESOLVED commencing the start of a new term, elected and appointed officials keep a three (3) month record of work activities to be completed within 150 days, and those records shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Board no later than 180 days from taking office; and be it further

RESOLVED the Clerk of the Board will post this resolution on the Town website, or on the official sign board at the Town Complex for a minimum of thirty days; and be it further:

RESOLVED that a certified copy of the Resolution and an affidavit of posting shall be filed by the clerk of the Governing Board with the Office of the State Comptroller within forty-five (45) days of the adoption of the Resolution.

Offered by: Councilman Korona

Seconded by: Councilman Lewandowski

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

RESOLUTION # 61- AUTHORIZE THE HIRING OF A HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the hiring of a full time employee for the Highway Department, salary and benefits to follow the Teamster's Contract regarding Highway Employees.

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 #62- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT FOR VETERANS FLAGS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of the amount of \$300.00 for flags to be placed at the Town of Perth Center Cemetery on the graves of the Veterans buried there, to be paid to the VFW Post 8690, to be charged to Account A7550.4 Celebrations Contractual.

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 # 63- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF THE ZBA

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of the amount of \$75.00 annually to the members of the Town of Perth Zoning Board of Appeals, to be paid by voucher and charged to account 8010.4 Zoning 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 # 64- AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR WOODCHUCK REMOVAL

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the hiring of Peace of Mind Pest Solutions of Amsterdam, NY to trap and relocate the woodchucks in the Town Park at a cost of \$425.00 for five days and if a second five days is needed an additional \$225.00 to be charged to Account A7110.4 Parks Contractual.

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 # 65- AUTHORIZE CLOSURE OF BANK ACCOUNT

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the Town Clerk to close Account #0555102314 which was only used to deposit sporting license sales money. DEC has decided that the Town of Perth does not sell enough licenses for it to be worthwhile, and therefore the Town Clerk will no longer be able to sell them; therefore the account is no longer necessary. There is currently a balance of .30 cents in this account.

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 #66- AMEND 2020 TOWN OF PERTH BUDGET

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth amends the 2020 Town of Perth Budget by increasing Account 1620.2 Buildings Equipment by the amount of \$60,146.00, and increasing the fund balance by the same amount, to pay for the paving of the Town of Perth Complex parking lot and driveway.

Offered by: Councilman Korona
Seconded by: Councilman Lewandowski

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

RESOLUTION # 67- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #7-2020

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of bills on abstract #7-2020 as follows:

Prepaid	68 – 79	\$3,961.40
Prepaid Highway	18 - 21	\$8,475.07
Highway	55 – 64	\$19,194.96
General	139 – 167	\$16,616.82

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski

Seconded by: Councilman Korona

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.

With all of the business concluded for the evening a motion was made at 7:20 p.m. by Councilman Korona to close the Meeting and seconded by Councilman Lewandowski; all were in favor: Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Perth will be scheduled taking into account the severity of the coronavirus activity in the area. The date and time of the meeting will be posted on the Town of Perth website and in the local newspaper.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith English