

TOWN OF PERTH

Regular Town Board Meeting

November 5, 2020

6:00 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk, Judith English; Budget Officer, Patricia Herba; Highway Superintendent, David Dopp; Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.; Dog Control Officer, Joseph Passino; and Pastor of the Perth Bible Church, Mark Appell.

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 October 8, 2020 were offered for approval by Councilman Korona 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 was one late communication.

E. Letter from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets stating that the Montgomery County ASPCA has passed inspection for shelter services.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2021 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Supervisor Fagan opened the Public Hearing at 6:08 p.m. There was no one present to speak for or against it. The Hearing was closed by Supervisor Fagan at 6:23 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT

Supervisor Fagan opened the Public Hearing on the Fire Protection Contract with the Perth Volunteer Fire Co. Inc. at 6:10 p.m. There was no one present to speak for or against it. Supervisor Fagan closed the Hearing at 6:25 p.m.

UPDATE FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Korona reported for **Buildings** that a part of the gutter on the north side of the Town Hall was blown off on Monday.

Councilman Korona also reported that **Hawk Drilling Co.** came to fix the water purification system. They said that it was breaking down because not enough water was being used at the Town Hall. Since the Senior Community Center is not being rented water usage is down. Hawk did some moving of the parts of the system to rectify the situation.

He also reported that **Town Custodian, Robert Nolan**, will be unable to work for an indefinite period. **Councilman Betz** stated that he has spoken to **Robert Passino**, who substituted for Mr. Nolan the last time he was unavailable, and he has agreed to do it again. **Supervisor Fagan** stated that he will be paid by voucher.

Councilman Lewandowski read the **Dog Control Officer's Report**, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. There were a total of four complaints; three dogs at large, two dog bites and three dogs with no license.

Dog Control Officer Joseph Passino was asked by the Sheriff's Office to investigate cats running loose in the Northway Mobile Home Park. He stated that the only thing he could do as Dog Control Officer is check the rabies status of the cats. All were up to date on their vaccinations.

Councilman Betz read the **Assessor's Report** a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. He states that he gave a letter to Town Supervisor, Gregory Fagan, stating that he needs a new computer.

Councilman Betz reported for the **Historian's Office** that the previous Historian, Sylvia Zierak was catching him up on the Historian's duties so that he can take over. **Ms. Zierak** has agreed to stay on as an Assistant Historian.

Highway Superintendent, David Dopp, reported that Jacob Elrod the newest hire at the Highway Department has quit. **Superintendent Dopp** has hired a replacement who worked for the Village of Broadalbin Highway Department, and he has his CDL license.

Superintendent Dopp stated that he is afraid that the Town will be needing two new trucks in the not so distant future. He has two trucks that are costing the Town a lot of money for repairs. He stated that the Highway workers are trying to do what repairs they can themselves.

Superintendent Dopp stated that he is almost finished hauling sand for the winter.

Town Attorney, Carmen Greco Esq., stated that he has reviewed the contract for dog shelter services with the Montgomery County SPCA for 2021, and states that it is satisfactory; and can be signed by the Supervisor. He states that the rest of the Town's legal work is up to date.

Supervisor Fagan stated that it was nice to see people out and about on Halloween. **Youth Commission Director, Lisa Wallace**, had a Halloween Party for the children of the Community at the Town Hall Complex. There was a hay ride for the children and booths with candy handouts. Everyone wore masks and social distancing was observed.

Supervisor Fagan stated that the County is still working on the 2021 Budget and it is hoped that there will be no increase in taxes.

Several members of the Board of Supervisors recently were exposed to the Covid-19 virus, and are self-quarantining for fourteen days, so the Board's Meeting has been postponed until November 16th.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Pastor Mark Appell of the **Perth Bible Church** stated that the Church will be having a Christmas tree lighting on December 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. on the front lawn of the Church. He invited all of the Town Officials to attend. He notes that his church is the only one in the Town of Perth, and likes to think of the tree lighting as the Town's tree lighting.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 89- ADOPT THE 2021 FINAL TOWN BUDGET

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth adopts the 2021 Town of Perth Preliminary Budget as the Final 2021 Town of Perth Budget.

Offered by: Councilman Corona

Seconded by: Councilman Lewandowski

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

RESOLUTION # 90 – ACCEPT FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth accepts the 2021 Fire Protection Contract with the Perth Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$223,360.00.

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski

Seconded by: Councilman Corona

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

RESOLUTION # 91- 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 \$75.00 from Account A1990.4 Contingent to Account A1410.4 Clerk Contractual to pay for a new keyboard for the Town Clerk.

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 # 92- 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 \$1,816.00 from Account DA5130.2 Machinery Equipment to Account DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual to pay for miscellaneous parts.

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 # 93- 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 \$9,757.88 from Account DA5142.1 Snow Removal Personal to Account DA5110.1 General Repairs Personal to cover payroll for the Highway Department.

Offered by: Councilman Korona

Seconded by: Councilman Lewandowski

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

RESOLUTION # 94- AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF A PAPER SHREDDER

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the purchase of a confetti paper shredder from Hummel's for the Town Clerk's Office at a cost of \$249.95 and transfer the amount of \$250.00 from Account A1990.4 Contingent to Account A1410.2 Clerk Equipment for the new paper shredder.

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 # 95- 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 \$3,809.49 to Frank's Heavy Duty Truck Repair for work on Truck #4 (2003 Sterling), 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 # 96- AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR SHELTER SERVICES

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Contract for Shelter Services with the Montgomery County

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in the amount of \$2,700 in four quarterly installments.

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 # 97- AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A COMPUTER

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the purchase of a Dell Optiplex 3080 Desk top Computer and 24" monitor at a cost of \$1,390.00 and approximately \$315.00 for installation to be charged to Account A1355.2 Assessor Equipment and transfer the amount of \$1,705.00 from Account A1355.4 Assessor Contractual to Account A1355.2 Assessor Equipment.

Offered by: Councilman Fisher
Seconded by: Councilman Betz

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

RESOLUTION # 98- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #11-2020

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of bills on abstract #11-2020 as follows:

Prepaid General	121-132	\$5,976.11
Prepaid Highway	32-34	\$6,392.82
Highway	84-93	\$22,664.94
General	228-253	\$21,228.59

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski
Seconded by: Councilman Korona

Each Councilman indicated their approval by signing each voucher, with the exception of Vouchers # 92 for Road-Run-in Parts and # 89 for Frank's Heavy Duty Truck were not signed by Councilman Fisher.

Councilman Fisher stated that he would like the Highway Department to compare cost of repairs with other shops before assigning them to one company. He did not however object when the resolutions were brought up for payment.

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 7:05 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, December 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex 1849 County Highway 107, Perth, N.Y.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith English
Perth Town Clerk