

TOWN OF PERTH

Regular Town Board Meeting

April 8, 2021

1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Fagan, Councilman Korona and Councilman Betz

ABSENT: Councilman Lewandowski and Councilman Fisher

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk, Judith English; Budget Officer, Patricia Herba; Highway Superintendent, David Dopp; Town Attorney, Carmel Greco; Dog Control Officer, Joseph Passino; Custodian, Robert Nolan; Highway Employee, Richard Wallace and Shane Strong.

Supervisor Fagan opened the Meeting at 1:00 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 March 4, 2021 were offered for approval by Councilman Korona and seconded by Councilman Betz. All were in favor; motion carried.

OPENING OF PAVING BIDS

The paving bids that have been received by the Town Clerk's Office were opened by Town Clerk, Judith English with the following results per ton in place:

Evolution Construction	\$59.85
Cobleskill Stone Products	\$54.00
Peter Luizzi Bros.	\$56.25
Callanan Industries	\$51.88
Empire Paving	\$54.12

The Town of Perth Highway Committee will go over the bids and make sure they meet specs, and decide on the winner at the May Meeting.

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 the Town Hall Complex Park needs work. **Custodian, Robert Nolan**, stated that he will start work soon on cleaning up the park. **Park Committee Chairman, Patricia Herba**, stated that the playground area needs work. Rubber mulch is needed and some of the swings and slides need to be attended to.

Custodian Nolan reported that he has pulled the two charcoal grills out of the park as they were damaged. It was discussed whether to replace them, and it was decided to just let people bring their own grills to use. **Chairman Herba** also said that the sandbox could use some more sand, and the sand toys should be replaced. Also the basketball nets should be replaced.

Councilman Korona stated that the Broadalbin Youth Commission is planning to work on the ballfields at the Perth Town Park. **Park Chairman Patricia Herba** said that the persons planning to come work on the fields will have to come to the Town Board Meeting and state what they are planning to do. The Town will need details of what they are planning to construct, for example dugouts. Also dirt will be needed on the fields, and it must be decided who is going to pay for it.

Councilman Betz read the **Assessor's Report**, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. Grievance Day will be the fourth Tuesday in May which is the 25th , from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Highway Superintendent, David Dopp, reported that the State will allocate most of the money withheld last year (2020) from the Town for this year's (2021) highway expenses. This will be in addition to the money earmarked for this year.

He stated that the bridge on Stairs Road will cost approximately \$14,000.00 to replace. **Supervisor Fagan** suggested that **Superintendent Dopp** contact the Fulton County Soil & Water Department for assistance with the project. They have an excavator that could be of use. **Supervisor Fagan** suggested that paving the road be held off until next year to allow the new bridge to settle.

Superintendent Dopp said that the bridge on Calderwood Road would probably be red flagged this year. **Supervisor Fagan** stated that he believes the Town should have an engineer look at the bridge, and give a second opinion. Because the deck is not that old, perhaps it will not cost as much as was anticipated.

Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq., reported that the contracts between National Grid and the Town of Perth regarding street lights in the Town are ready for the Supervisor to sign. **Supervisor Fagan** asked him to get in touch with **Jim Sullivan** of the **NBT Bank** to see if we could get a letter of credit or a performance bond for the New York Power Authority.

Attorney Greco also stated that the Town of Perth Dog Control Officer was recently arrested for shooting a firearm within 500 feet of a residence. He was called for a dog attacking people, and was forced to shoot it when it attacked him. The dog survived and no one was injured. The Town will have to call its insurance carrier NYMIR to obtain a lawyer for **Joseph Passino** the **Town's Dog Control Officer**.

Supervisor Fagan stated that he has done some research regarding garbage pick-up in the town of Perth. He came to the conclusion that the best and least expensive way to do this is to buy a one armed garbage truck that picks up the cans and empties them without anyone having to leave the truck. This would speed up the process and eliminate the injuries incurred when jumping on and off the truck to empty the cans.

The Town could order a truck for 2022 when the present day garbage truck is all paid for, and then go on a ten year cycle to replace the truck. The Town would buy the containers for the residents. They would have their choice of size. If they would like a second container they must purchase it themselves. This arrangement should allow all garbage to be picked up in two days.

Superintendent Dopp asked if the Highway Department could keep the second part-time man as there is a lot of work that can be done, and **Supervisor Fagan** stated they could.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Michael Cappodiferro of County Highway 132 came to ask if the Town of Perth would send a letter to the Fulton County Highway Superintendent asking if he would contact the New York State Department of Transportation requesting a reduction of the speed limit for part of County Highway 132. Specifically he would like the speed reduced around the intersection of County Highway 132, Morrow Road and Stairs Road.

There is a blind curve located there and he feels that it is a dangerous area for motorists , pedestrians, bike riders and farm vehicles. Also residents have to cross this road/intersection to get their mail. There have been two fatalities at this site, and a number of less serious accidents.

Supervisor Fagan stated that the Town will send a letter to Fulton County Highway Department with his request. He will also talk to the Fulton County Sheriff's Office, and see if they can have a patrol visit this area more often.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:00 p.m. **Councilman Korona** asked to open an Executive Session for personnel matters. **Councilman Betz** seconded the motion; all were in favor: Motion carried.

At 2:08 p.m. **Councilman Betz** made a motion to close the Executive Session and resume the Regular Town Board Meeting. **Councilman Korona** seconded the motion; all were in favor: Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #41- AUTHORIZE THE SIGNING AGREEMENT TO SPEND HIGHWAY FUNDS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the signing of the Agreement to Spend Highway Funds for 2021.

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 # 42- 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 from Adirondack Septic at a cost of \$130.00 per month from May 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021 with service provided weekly; 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 # 43- 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 \$557.00 from Account A1990.4 Contingent to A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance.

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 #44- Authorize an addendum to the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Town of Perth and the Teamsters' Local 294 dated January 1, 2020-December 31, 2023 to clarify the current health insurance opt-out language covered under section 10.1.2. The entire text of this addendum will be filed with these minutes.

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 # 45- APPROVING CONTRACTS WITH NATIONAL GRID

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth approves the contracts with National Grid regarding street lighting in the Town of Perth. The entire text of this resolution will be filed with these minutes.

Offered by: Councilman Korona
Seconded by: Councilman Betz

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Fagan	Aye
Councilman Korona	Aye
Councilman Betz	Aye

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 46- APPROVE SEQR REPORT FOR NATIONAL GRID STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth accepts the negative Type 2 SEQR report for the contract with National Grid regarding street lighting for the Town of Perth.

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 # 47- AUTHORIZE SALE OF 1995 VOLVO TRUCK

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the sale of Truck #10, 1995 Volvo Garbage Truck at Auctions International.

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 # 48- CHANGE TIME FOR TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth changes the time of the Regular Town Board Meetings from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the months of May thru October 2021.

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 # 49- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #4-2021

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of bills on Abstract #4-2021 as follows:

Prepaid General	30-42	\$8,942.90
Highway Prepaid	8-10	\$5,799.36
Highway	41-47	\$19,799.61
General	63-89	\$42,314.32

Each Councilman present 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 afternoon a motion was made to close the meeting at 2:45 p.m. by Councilman Korona 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 May 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex, 1849 County Highway 107, Perth, N.Y.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith English
Perth Town Clerk