

TOWN OF PERTH
Regular Town Board Meeting
March 4, 2021

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

ABSENT: Councilman Fisher

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk, Judith English; Budget Officer, Patricia Herba; Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.; Town Assessor, David Walendziak; Highway Superintendent, David Dopp; Dog Control Officer, Joseph Passino; and Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Thomas Herba.

Supervisor Fagan opened the Meeting at 1:02 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 February 4, 2021 were offered for approval by Councilman Korona and seconded by Councilman Lewandowski. 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 for anyone who wishes to see it.

UPDATE FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Lewandowski read the **Dog Control Officer's** Report, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. There were a total of three dog complaints, three dogs at large, two dog bites, three dogs with no license, two dogs with no rabies vaccinations, and one dog attack. The dog attack is explained in the full dog report.

Councilman Betz read the **Assessor's Report**, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. The Assessor reported that he will finish all the posting and calculating of the new Agriculture Exemptions in the next week or so.

Sole Assessor, David Walendziak, stated that The Town will take a hit in the Equalization Rate this year. He reported that he cannot do the data collecting because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Supervisor Fagan asked if the data collecting could be done from the road, but Mr. Walendziak stated that people are not always accurate about what is in their homes, and that makes it is difficult to accurately portray what the assessment should be.

Assessor Walendziak went on to say that the other Assessor's in the County are talking about having the County hire a data collector that could be utilized by all of the Towns, so that the assessments could be kept up to date.

Highway Superintendent, David Dopp, reported for his department that he has been in touch with different commercial garbage haulers to see if it would be less expensive to have a commercial company take over the picking up of the Town's garbage rather than having the Highway Department doing it.

Supervisor Fagan suggested that the Town find out some figures for the commercial haulers to pick up the Town's garbage. He said that RFP's will have to be drawn up. He stated that he will ask Fulton County Solid Waste if the Town could still pay tipping fees for the use of the landfill at the municipal rate instead of the commercial rate, if the Town hires a commercial hauler.

The Town of Perth taxpayers pay for the landfill so he does not see why the Town could not pay the lower municipal tipping fees. He asked this question at the County Board of Supervisor's Meeting and was told that as long as the garbage could be separated so that it consisted of only Town of Perth refuse the municipal fees would apply.

Councilman Korona asked why the Town of Perth residents could not obtain a permit to go to the Mud Road Landfill with their junk. The Town of Perth does not have a transfer station so there is no way to get rid of old furniture,

appliances, etc. except to leave it out for the Highway Department to take away on their garbage runs, or hire a commercial hauler to come and get it. This means more trips for the Town to the landfill wasting time and gas. A permit for residents to go to the Mud Road Landfill would solve this problem.

Supervisor Fagan stated that he would find out how Town of Perth residents could obtain a permit to go to the Landfill.

Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq. stated that residents can be ticketed for littering for leaving garbage laying around, and putting out material that the Highway Department does not pick up with residential garbage. The **Code Enforcement Officer** would be in charge of writing those tickets.

Highway Superintendent, David Dopp, stated that until the problem of having only one garbage truck is rectified, they will be picking up garbage on the east side of Town on Mondays, and the west side of Town on Tuesdays. They will be excluding State Route 30 and County Highway 107 , which would be picked up on Wednesdays.

Superintendent Dopp also discussed the bridges on Calderwood Road and Stairs Road. They both need to be replaced. He will look into the options to see what would work the best for the Town.

Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq., stated that the State wants each municipality to prepare an emergency plan in case there is another problem like the covid-19 virus. The State is mandating that a plan be developed. He asked Supervisor Fagan if the County has devised one yet. He said that the County has not developed one yet. This plan is due by April 1, 2021.

Supervisor Fagan stated that he has not yet filed the Annual Update Document for 2020. He is almost finished with it, and it will be filed soon. He stated that the Town of Perth did better than expected for 2020. The Sales Tax was up, and the fund balance in the General Fund and Highway Fund were also higher.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 37- AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PAVING BIDS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the advertisement for bids for asphalt concrete paving for 2021 as per specifications prepared by the Superintendent of Highways. Bids are to be received at the Town Clerk's Office by 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, 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 # 38- AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A TIME CLOCK

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the purchase of an ATR480 Totalizing Time Clock, and four packs of time cards for a total of \$317.30 from Acroprint, to be charged to Account A5132.4 Garage 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 # 39- RESCHEDULE APRIL TOWN BOARD MEETING

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth reschedules the April Town Board Meeting from Thursday, April 1st to Thursday, April 8th at 1:00 p.m.

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 # 40- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT # 3-2021

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes payment of bills on abstract #3-2021 as follows:

Prepaid General	16-29	\$14,383.03
Prepaid Highway	5-7	\$5,799.36
Highway	26-40	\$22,967.39
General	42-62	\$13,754.93

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 to close the meeting at 2:45 p.m. by Councilman Lewandowski, and seconded by Councilman Korona. All were in favor; motion carried.

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Perth will be held on April 8, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex, 1849 County Highway 107, Perth, N.Y.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith English
Perth Town Clerk