

TOWN OF PERTH

Regular Town Board Meeting

August 4, 2022

6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Fagan, Councilman Barker, Councilman Fisher, Councilman Betz and Councilman Lewandowski

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk, Judith English; Town Attorney Carmel Greco Esq.; Town Justice, Wayne McNeil; Acting Highway Forman, Richard Wallace and Fire Chief of the Perth Volunteer Fire Department, Peter Watrobski.

Supervisor Fagan opened the Meeting at 6:05 p.m. A salute to the flag was held and a moment of silent prayer was observed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the July 7, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting were offered for approval by Councilman Lewandowski and seconded by Councilman Betz. All were in favor; motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The communication listed on the Agenda is filed in the Town Clerk's Office as well as the late communication, where they are available to anyone who wishes to see them.

The late communication was from **Jayne Kaczor** who was purging the Town records. She has finished purging the Court records, but due to health issues is resigning from any further work in the Records Room.

UPDATE FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Lewandowski read the report from the Director of the **Perth Youth Commission, Lisa Wallace**, which will be filed with these minutes. She said in the report that T-ball was a success with about 75 players attending. Summer Camp drew in the largest number of campers yet, with about 165 children signing up.

The report also stated that there were issues with rodents in the concession stand and shed. They ruined \$250.00 worth of snacks. Something better has to be installed around the bottom of the concession stand and shed to help keep animals out.

Our New York State inspections, both at the campus and at the beach, went well. The inspector now wants five certified CPR staff on campus, instead of the one or two that we were previously told.

Councilman Barker stated that he would like to meet with the Perth Youth Commission Director after the summer season to discuss setting up a Youth Commission Committee to help with the decision making for the group, and to ensure that there is accountability for the funds being expended.

Supervisor Fagan told him that the budget for the Youth Commission is decided during the Budget hearings in October. **Town Justice, Wayne McNeil**, added that the Youth Commission Director needs help and direction regarding the group. He also added that in the past the Concession Stand in the Town Park was run by the Park Committee and the funds raised went to expenses for the Park. The Park Committee seems to have disappeared.

Councilman Betz read the **Assessor's Report**, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. The Assessor reports that in September he will be attending the Annual Fall Assessor's Conference, and will be taking twelve hours of classes there. That will satisfy his Continuing Education Credit requirement thru 2024.

Councilman Barker reported for the Highway Department that everything is going well. He read from a report prepared by the **Highway Superintendent, David Dopp** that his department is now doing mowing. They are also assisting the County with road shoulders, and then the County will be helping the Town of Perth with their shoulders.

The garbage truck broke down Tuesday morning. It was taken to Frank's Heavy Duty Truck garage, and it was fixed in about an hour. Truck #5 needed new brakes put on and Truck # 7 had an air leak fixed. Also, the John Deere mower tractor blew a rear tire which was replaced.

Councilman Fisher questioned whether the company repairing the Calderwood Road bridge should be able to add additional cost to the Town because they saw a need for more work to be done than was in their bid for the project.

Supervisor Fagan stated that the company doing the work was hired under the County Contract so no other bids were required. **Councilman Barker** stated that it should be made sure that the work on the bridge was within the guidelines of the bid before the additional expenditures were authorized.

Fire Company Chief Watrobski told the Town Board that the bridge has only been yellow flagged, and he would not like to see it be red flagged which would prohibit its use; if the repairs are not done to the satisfaction of the State.

Councilman Fisher went on to say that he feels that the truck repairs should be done after bids are received for the work. It should not be automatically done by one repair shop. **Fire Chief, Peter Watrobski**, stated that he uses the same repair shop as the Perth Highway Department and feels that when they need work done they are fair in their costs and do the work immediately.

Councilman Barker stated that there is a difference in the Fire Company needs, and the Highway Department needs, in that the Fire Company cannot wait for repairs since their vehicles are used for emergencies and must be available. He would like to see at least two bids obtained for projects and repairs.

Acting Forman of the Highway Department, Richard Wallace, stated that he recently reviewed OSHA standards for the Highway workers. **Supervisor Fagan** told him that it is a DOT regulation that whenever an employee is in the roadway they must be wearing a reflective vest or jacket. **Foreman Wallace** says that there are some Highway employees that object to wearing a vest.

Supervisor Fagan told him that safety rules are needed to be followed for the Highway Department. **Foreman Wallace** said that presently there is no protocol regarding safety. **Supervisor Fagan** responded that in the Contract between the Highway Department and the Town, a worker may be fired for failing to obey a lawful order regarding safety.

Councilman Barker added that at the next Town Board Meeting in September, safety standards and rules will be discussed. If the Town provides the clothing for the Highway Employees then the Town can say what should be worn or not worn for safety purposes, and it should be uniform in color.

Town Attorney, Carmel Greco added that the Town's insurance carrier, NYMIR, will be aware of the safety requirements for the Highway Department, and they should be used as a reference.

Town of Perth Fire Company **Chief, Peter Watrobski**, told the Town Board that the firemen wear reflective rip away vests when on a fire call. He also stated that the Company is in need of storage space. For the present they are using a small shed out in back of the building.

Supervisor Fagan told the Town Board that he is getting used to his extra duties as Budget Officer. He turned in his first retirement report to the Comptroller's Office. He believes that in a month or two he will have everything stream lined.

He went on to say that the Town is in need of two de-humidifiers for the Town basement and the Records Room. He also stated that both the County and Town Budgets will be affected by the rise in fuel prices, both gasoline and fuel for heating.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 94- AUTHORIZE SIGNING OF THE SNOW & ICE CONTRACT

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the signing of the contract with Fulton County for snow removal for the winter of 2022-2023. The contract states that the Town of Perth Highway Department will maintain the entire length of County Highway 132 during the winter months, a distance of 3.02 miles at a payment from the County of \$5,500.00 per mile' for a total of \$16,610.00.

Offered by: Councilman Betz

Seconded by: Councilman Armstead

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

RESOLUTION # 95- RESCHEDULE THE SEPTEMBER TOWN BOARD MEETING

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth reschedules the September Town Board Meeting from Thursday, September 1, 2022 to Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

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 # 96- 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 \$29,779.00 from Account A8160.2 Refuse and Garbage Equipment to Account A1620.2 Buildings Equipment to cover the cost of the renovations to the Town Hall and the new chairs for the Town Board.

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 # 97-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 \$3,000.00 from Account A1990.4 Contingent to Account A1420.4 Attorney Contractual to cover the \$3,000.00 bill for legal services for Dog Control Officer, Joseph Passino.

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 # 98- 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 \$2,000.00 from Account A8160.2 Refuse and Garbage Equipment as follows: \$923.75 to Account 1650.4 Central Communications to cover expenses for phone, fax etc relocations; \$538.13 to Account A1220.4 Supervisor Contractual and \$538.12 to Account A1410.4 Clerk Contractual for expenses from installation of new computers and program migrations.

Offered by: Councilman Barker

Seconded by: Councilman Lewandowski

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

RESOLUTION # 99- 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 \$355.44 from Account A1990.4 Contingent to Account A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance to cover the insurance for the Youth Commission Summer Program.

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski

Seconded by: Councilman Barker

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

RESOLUTION # 100- AMEND THE HIGHWAY BUDGET

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth amends the 2022 Highway Budget as follows:

Increase Account DA5110.4 General Repairs by \$58,082.00 (paving)

Increase Account DA5110.41 Road Striping by \$3,918.00 (over budget)
Increase Account DA5130.2 by \$133,902.00 for the purchase of the new loader and excavator
Increase Account DA5130.4 by \$16,300.00 (repairs over budget)
Increase Account DA2665 by \$16,300.00 (sale of surplus equipment)
Increase Account #DA3501.0 by \$62,000.00 from CHIPS
Increase Account DA2770 by the amount of \$133,902.00 (SLFRF money for the new loader and excavator)

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski
Seconded by: Councilman Barker

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

RESOLUTION # 101-AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #8-22

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of bills on abstract #8-22 as follows:

General Prepaid	80-87	\$4,628.38
Highway Prepaid	22-25	\$7,348.87
Highway	56-63	\$149,064.51
General	158-176	\$16,725.21

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski
Seconded by: Councilman Betz

Councilman Fisher left the Meeting before the vouchers were presented for signing. The remaining three Councilmen, Barker, Lewandowski and Betz, indicated their approval by signing each voucher.

A vote was taken with the Supervisor, Councilman Barker, Councilman Betz and Councilman Lewandowski voting in favor; motion carried. Councilman Fisher left the Meeting before the vote.

With all of the business concluded for the evening a motion was made to close the Meeting at 8:00p.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, September 8, 2022 at the Town Hall Complex 1849 County Highway 107, Amsterdam, N.Y.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith English
Perth Town Clerk