

TOWN OF PERTH

Regular Town Board Meeting

May 5, 2022

6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Fagan, Councilman Lewandowski and Councilman Fisher

ABSENT: Councilman Betz and Councilman Barker

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk, Judith English; Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.; Highway Superintendent, David Dopp; Acting Forman Highway Department, Richard Wallace; Tax Collector, Ann Morck; Fire Chief of the Perth Volunteer Fire Company, Peter Watrobski; President of the Perth Seniors; Elaine Gasner; Dog Control Officer, Joseph Passino; Custodian, Robert Nolan; Boy Scout, Cameron LaFountain and his father Chris LaFountain; Rebecca Dopp; Gladys Griffith; Bruce Krohn; and Paul Priamo.

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 April 7, Regular Town Board Meeting were offered for approval by Councilman Lewandowski, and seconded by Councilman Fisher. All were in favor; motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The communication as listed on the Agenda is available at the Town Clerk's Office for anyone who wishes to see it. There were no late communications.

UPDATE FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Supervisor Fagan reported for the **Assessor**, a copy of this report will be filed with these minutes in the Town Clerk's Office. Grievance Day will be on Tuesday May 24, 2022 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex.

The **Dog Control Officer, Joseph Passino's** report will be filed with these minutes. There were a total of three dogs at large, which were impounded because they were not licensed. There was also a total of three dog bites.

Highway Superintendent, David Dopp, reported for his Department that the job preparing Royal Coachman Drive for paving is going well. Broadalbin Highway Department came down to help, since a portion of the road is in the Town of Broadalbin. They have been cleaning out the ditches and removing stones that were starting to come up through the existing road.

He went on to say that the highway crew has been very busy following the recent snow storm. They have been picking up branches and brush that fell due to the heavy wet snowfall.

Supervisor Fagan asked Superintendent Dopp if he has heard anything from the County or State about the Calderwood Bridge. Two years ago it was yellow flagged by an inspector. The next year a second inspector removed the flag, after looking at the bridge. **Superintendent Dopp** stated that he has not heard anything about the bridge being in disrepair for the past two years.

Superintendent Dopp also mentioned that he would like to purchase a new loader and an excavator for ditching. He gave some prices, and stated that he would like to have a resolution done at this meeting to go ahead and purchase the equipment.

Town Attorney, Carm Greco told the Town Board that four members of the Board have to vote on spending public monies, and as there were only three Town Board members present the resolution could not be done tonight.

Fire Chief Peter Watrobski reported for the Perth Volunteer Fire Company that they had over thirty calls due to the recent snow storm. They were on call from 3:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. During the storm they took over the intersection between State Route 30 and County Road 107 by using their generator for the traffic lights. Some of the firemen took time off from work so they would be available for calls.

Elaine Gasner, President of the Perth Seniors asked if the Seniors could have a clock that works. The two hanging on the walls at the Community Senior Center presently do not keep proper time.

Town Clerk, Judith English added that there has to be a working clock in the Community Senior Center to be used for opening and closing elections. The next election will be a primary election to be held on June 28, 2022.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Gladys Griffith stated that a dog came to her home and killed 43 ducks, chickens and turkeys. She called the Dog Control Officer and he refused to come and told her to call the sheriff. The sheriff told her to call the Dog Control Officer, but when she told them that he had refused to come the sheriff sent an officer to investigate.

Bruce Krohn from Royal Coachman Drive asked if the paving of the road could be postponed until his son, who has a home on this road, could have a pond in his yard filled in. This will allow time for the dump trucks carrying the dirt needed to not drive over a newly paved road.

Highway Superintendent, David Dopp, told him that the paving company is anxious to get started before the prices go up even more and he cannot guarantee that the paving of Royal Coachman can be held up. Whenever they want to start they will.

Supervisor Fagan reported that he would like to add approximately seven new street lights to the Town on County Highway 107 at the intersections with other roads. He does not feel that this will add to the Town's street light expenses.

Supervisor Fagan also stated that the election districts as redrawn by the Democrats were ruled unconstitutional by the New York State Appeals Court, and will be redone by an independent agent named by the Court.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 60- AWARD THE PAVING BID FOR 2022

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth awards the paving bid for 2022 to Callanan Industries with a bid of \$83.56 per ton in place. Roads to be paved are Royal Coachman Drive, Stairs Road from Midline Road to County Highway 126 and Eccles Drive.

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski
Seconded by: Councilman Fisher

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 CLERK FOR GRIEVANCE DAY

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the hiring of Cassidy Von Stettina as a Clerk for the Assessor's Office for Grievance Day, May 24, 2022.

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 # 62- AUTHORIZE SIGNING OF AGREEMENT TO SPEND HIGHWAY FUNDS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the Supervisor, Councilmen, and Town Attorney to sign the Agreement to Spend Highway Funds for 2022.

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski

Seconded by: Councilman Fisher

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

RESOLUTION # 63- 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 Park from Adirondack Septic, at a cost of \$140.00 per month from May 2, 2022 to October 3, 2022 with service provided weekly, to be charged to Account A7110.4 Parks Contractual.

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 # 64- AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR SENIORS LUNCHEON

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of the amount of \$630.00 to the Perth Seniors for their Anniversary dinner which was held on April 27, 2022 at the Raindancer, to be charged to Account A6772.4 Programs for Aging Contractual.

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 # 65- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #5-2022

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of bills on Abstract #5-2022 as follows:

Prepaid General	42-53	\$4,710.30
Prepaid Highway	13-15	\$7,032.44
Highway	31-39	\$38,891.99
General	83-105	\$21,270.57

Offered by: Councilman Fisher

Seconded by: Councilman Lewandowski

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 evening a motion was made to close the Meeting at 7:17 p.m. by Councilman Lewandowski and seconded by Councilman Fisher. All were in favor; motion carried.

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Perth will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex 1849 County Highway 107, Perth, NY.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith English
Perth Town Clerk