

BUDGET MEETING
November 10, 2022

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk, Judith English; Highway Superintendent, David Dopp; Acting Highway Foreman, Richard Wallace; Perth Youth Commission Director, Lisa Wallace; Tax Collector, Ann Morck; Town Justice Wayne McNeil; Principal Broadalbin Perth Elementary-Middle School, Mrs. Barker; Rebecca Dopp; and Lynn Morck.

Supervisor Fagan opened the Meeting at 6:03 p.m. A salute to the flag was held and a moment of silent prayer observed.

At 6:04 p.m. a motion was made to go into Executive Session by Councilman Betz and seconded by Councilman Fisher. The purpose of this Session is to interview a person for Dog Control Officer for the Town of Perth. All were in favor; motion carried.

At 6:34 p.m. a motion was made to come back from Executive Session and resume the Regular Town Board Meeting by Councilman Barker and seconded by Councilman Lewandowski. All were in favor; motion carried.

Town of Perth Youth Commission Director, Lisa Wallace, wished to discuss the recent cut to her budget. She will not fight to restore the increase that was proposed in the Tentative Budget that was subsequently reduced by about one half in the Preliminary Budget.

After a two hour discussion a decision was made to restore the increase in the Youth Commission Budget. A provision of this was to ask for more accountability from the Youth Commission Director regarding the spending, and perhaps to restore the Youth Commission Board made up of Town of Perth residents to assist the Director in her future planning for the activities of the Summer Camp and any other endeavor that would be undertaken.

It was also brought up that the Summer Camp is comprised of both the Town of Perth and Town of Broadalbin children. Approximately half of the participants live in the Town of Broadalbin. The Town of Perth Supervisor will write to the Supervisor of the Town of Broadalbin and the Village of Broadalbin Mayor to ask for a donation to the Town of Perth Youth Commission to offset the cost of the extra counselors and buses needed to accommodate the Children attending the Summer Camp in Perth that are from the Town of Broadalbin.

A motion was made by Councilman Lewandowski to increase the Perth Youth Commission budget for 2023 to the original request in the Tentative 2023 Budget and seconded by Councilman Betz. The Supervisor and Councilmen Lewandowski Betz, and Fisher voted in favor. Councilman Barker voted no. Motion carried.

Supervisor Fagan also proposed for the Budget that the amount of sales tax to be received by the Town be increased by the amount of \$16,118.00. With this increase in the sales tax the Town taxes will not be increased for 2023.

A motion was made to increase the amount of sales tax to be received by the Town in 2023 by \$16,118.00 by Councilman Lewandowski and seconded by Councilman Betz. All were in favor; motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 132- ADOPT THE 2023 FINAL TOWN OF PERTH BUDGET

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth adopts the 2023 Preliminary Budget as amended by restoring the Youth Commission Budget to its original request and increasing the sales tax amount to be taken in as the 2023 Town of Perth Final Budget.

Offered by: Supervisor Fagan

Seconded by: Councilman Betz

A vote was taken with Supervisor Fagan, Councilman Lewandowski, and Councilman Betz voting in favor. Councilman Fisher abstained so his vote is counted with the prevailing yes vote. Councilman Barker voted no. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 133- RESCHEDULE THE DECEMBER TOWN BOARD MEETING

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth reschedules the Regular Town Board Meeting from Thursday, December 1st to Thursday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex.

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 # 134- APPOINT A DOG CONTROL OFFICER

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth appoints Patricia Ashbey as Dog Control Officer for the Town of Perth effective November 15, 2022. Salary is to be \$6,500.00 per year paid bi-weekly.

Offered by: Councilman Fisher
Seconded by: Councilman Lewandowski

A vote was taken with the Supervisor and all of the Councilmen present motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 135- APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth approves the Memorandum of Understanding agreed to by the Town of Perth Highway employees and the Teamsters Union Local 294 increasing the pay for an acting foreman of the Department from one dollar extra per hour to three dollars extra per hour.

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.

With all of the business concluded for the evening a motion was made at 8:06 p.m. to close the Meeting 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 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex 1849 County Highway 107, Amsterdam, N.Y.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith English
Perth Town Clerk