

TOWN OF PERTH
Regular Town Board Meeting
October 6, 2022
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Fagan, Councilman Lewandowski, and Councilman Barker

ABSENT: Councilman Betz and Councilman Fisher

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk, Judith English; Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.; Highway Superintendent, David Dopp; Acting Forman of the Highway Department, Richard Wallace; Town Justice, Wayne McNeil; Director of the Youth Commission, Lisa Wallace; President of the Perth Seniors; Elaine Gasner; Rebecca Dopp and Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Thomas Herba and Joseph Passino.

Supervisor Fagan opened the Meeting at 6:10 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 September 8, 2022 were offered for approval by Councilman Lewandowski and seconded by Councilman Barker. All were in favor; motion carried

UPDATE FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Supervisor Fagan read the **Assessor's** report, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. The Code Enforcement Officer is working on getting the Assessor copies of the building permits that were issued from June this year thru September. Once he gets the copies they will be posted and looked at for assessment purposes.

Councilman Barker reported for the **Highway Department** that they are doing an excellent job working on the culverts in Town. Trash week is going well.

Councilman Barker reported that **Highway Superintendent, David Dopp**, recently attended the annual banquet of the Highway Superintendents where he received several awards. One was from **Assemblyman Robert Smullen**, which was a certificate of merit for the excellent job that Highway Superintendent, David Dopp, does in the Town of Perth. Another was a New York State Senate Citation for the Town of Perth Highway Department in recognition of their work and dedication in keeping the roads safe. There was a third award from the Wallace Davis Stop DWI Association honoring the Town of Perth Highway Department. These plaques are displayed at the Highway Garage on Midline Road.

Superintendent Dopp, wished to thank the **Town Board of the Town of Perth** for their support thru the years which enabled them to do their job keeping the roads safe. They authorized new equipment when it was needed, and did not complain when overtime was required.

Councilman Barker reported that he recently attended a meeting at the Broadalbin Perth School at which it was mentioned that the school is very thankful to the Town of Perth Highway Department for the condition that they keep the Town roads in making it safe to transport the students.

Superintendent Dopp also reported that the mower was recently damaged by a tire blowing out. It damaged the arm of the mower and destroyed the inside of the cab. The repair cost will be approximately \$8,200.00. Insurance will take care of most of the cost, and the mower will be fixed in 2 or 3 weeks.

Councilman Barker also reported that he has spoken to the residents that came to the September Town Board Meeting to complain about dogs barking, and other animals that come into their yard from their neighbors place. He has been corresponding with them, and keeping them up to date on his efforts to resolve their problem. He states that they are happy that someone is looking into it for them.

Councilman Barker spoke with **Town Justice Wayne McNeil** about the local laws regarding barking dogs. **Justice McNeil** told him that tickets could be handed out to offenders of this law, and a fine levied. The fine is increased with each offense.

Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq., reported that the bond for the decommissioning of the solar farm on State Route 30 has not been signed yet. He states that he will call **Code Enforcement Officer, Mark Concilla**, tomorrow about this.

Lisa Wallace, Director, reported for the **Youth Commission** that this program will need a substantial increase in the budget for 2023. The counselors that are hired for the Summer Program are not getting paid minimum wage, which is \$13.30 per hour for this type of position, according to New York State. Currently they are making about \$7.00 an hour which makes it extremely difficult to hire counselors. Also, the State is requiring a larger number of counselors to be CPR certified.

President of the Perth Seniors, Elaine Gasner, reported that the Perth Seniors recently had a pizza party. At the next meeting they are planning to have a Chinese auction, and serve Chinese food. They have several new members who have joined the club. They now meet in the Community Center the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

Ms. Gasner also remarked that the Seniors are not happy with the state of cleanliness in the Center. The floor is dirty as are the chairs and tables. She also states that there are two clocks in the room, neither of which work. She suggests getting a clock that runs before Election Day, November 8, 2022 as the Community Center is used as the voting place for the Town of Perth.

Supervisor Fagan stated that the new street lights are going to be installed in a couple of weeks. They will have sensors on them to give the Town and the Highway Department information on the weather and condition of the roads.

Acting Forman, Richard Wallace stated that this information will be useful, but it will not preclude actually going out and checking on the roads during inclement weather. There are many areas in the Town where drifting snow is a problem and the sensors will not show this.

Supervisor Fagan also reported that the Town is in discussion with the Montgomery County SPCA regarding dog control services. He hopes to have a contract soon.

Supervisor Fagan again requested that Code Enforcement Officer, **Mark Concilla**, be made a full-time employee. The other two Councilmen present, **Armstead Barker** and **Gay Lewandowski**, asked to have more time to consider the proposal.

Town Justice, Wayne McNeil, reported for the Perth Cemetery that they are planning to have a columbarium built, and would like the Town of Perth to waive the building permit fee. The Town Board will put a resolution on the Agenda for tonight's Meeting agreeing to waive the fee.

Supervisor Fagan briefly went over the Tentative Town of Perth 2023 Budget, but felt that since the Meeting was missing two Councilmen, a Budget Workshop Meeting on October 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. would be appropriate. The Meeting will be open to the public.

OLD BUSINESS

The **Town of Perth Assessor, David Walendziak**, has prepared an update for income levels for seniors in the Town of Perth to get discounts on their taxes. The income levels have not been changed since 2008.

Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq. will prepare a local law incorporating the new income levels for the Town Board to review at the next Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Barker has found dehumidifiers at Lowes and Home Depot. He feels that the ones at Home Depot reflect the best value for the money.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Thomas Herba wanted to mention that the sensors on the street lights will not show the difference in temperature on roads that get sun, and those that are tree shaded. The roads might be freezing in one spot but not in another, therefore they will still have to be checked in person.

He also asked if the Town is still going to give each resident a free garbage can that will comply with the new automatic arm garbage truck that the Town is buying.

Supervisor Fagan stated that it would be too expensive for the Town to purchase new cans for the residents. He is hoping to get a lower cost per can from the dealer, if the residents wish to buy them.

Councilman Barker asked if there was anyone locally that can work on this new garbage truck with its computer components in case something goes wrong. He was told that there was no repair shop locally that could handle problems with this new truck.

Joseph Passino, who recently resigned as Dog Control Officer, would like to thank the Town Board for having him as Dog Control Officer for 20 some years.

He would also like to thank the Highway Department for hiring his son Robert. He enjoyed the job, and was sorry to give it up because of an injured shoulder.

Mr. Passino also asked where the pictures of the past Town Board members that used to hang in the Town Meeting room have gone. He was told that they were removed for the room to be painted, and have not been put back up.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 108- AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE IN PERMIT FEES

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes an increase in the Code Enforcement fees, which have not been increased since 2017 as follows:

Residential Building Permit from \$10.00 per 100 square feet to .20 cents per square foot

Minimal Residential permit application fee from \$50.00 to \$75.00

Commercial Building Permit Application fee from \$20.00 per 100 square feet to .35 cents per square foot

Minimum Commercial Permit Application Fee from \$100.00 to \$200 .00

Single Wide Mobile Homes (within parks or private lots) from \$ 50.00 to \$100.00

Double Wide Mobile Homes (within parks or on private lots) from \$75.00 to \$200

Sewage System Permits (new or repairs) from \$50.00 to \$150.00

Outdoor Wood boilers from \$75.00 to \$100.00

Swimming pools from \$50.00 to \$100.00
Business Certificates from \$30.00 to \$100.00
Demolition Permit from \$30.00 to \$75.00
Renewal of any permit from \$25.00 to \$50.00
Mobile Home Park Annual Renewal Fee up to 10 lots from \$2.50 per lot to \$5.00 per lot
Mobile Home Park Annual Renewal Fee (11 to 100 lots) from \$ 2.50 per lot to \$5.00 per lot
Mobile Home Park Annual Renewal Fee (over 100 lots) from \$2.50 per lot to \$5.00 per lot.
Single lot added to Mobile Home Park from \$50.00 to \$100.00
Double Lot added to Mobile Home Park from \$75.00 to \$100.00
Solar Farm (per megawatt) from \$500.00 to \$2,000.00
Application to Zoning Board of Appeals from \$75.00 to \$150.00
Application to Planning Board for Site Plan review from from \$175.00 to \$250.
Application to Planning Board for Sub-divisions from 175.00 to \$200.00
Effective date to be November 1, 2022

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 # 109- AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR TRAINING FOR CEO

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of the amount of \$375.00 to the Capitol District New York State Building Officials Conference for training for Town of Perth Code Enforcement Officer, Mark Concilla on October 3rd to October 5th.

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 # 110- 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 \$6,500.00 from Account 8160.2 Refuse and Garbage to Account 1620.2 Buildings Equipment to pay for new fire alarm sensors for the Town Hall Complex.

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 # 111- 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 \$1,363.00 from Account 1990.4 Contingent to the following accounts:

\$220.00 to Account 3620.4 Code Enforcement Contractual for training
\$168.00 to Account 1220 .4 Supervisor Contractual for new desk lamp and office supplies.
\$15.00 to Account 1410.4 for office supplies
\$960.00 to Account 1910.4 Unallocated Insurance

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 #112-SCHEDULE BUDGET WORKSHOP

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth schedules a Budget Workshop to be held on Thursday, September 27th at 6:00 p.m. to go over the 2023 Tentative Budget and adopt the 2023 Town of Perth Preliminary Budget.

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 #113- SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING ON 2023 BUDGET

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth schedules a Public Hearing on the 2023 Town of Perth Preliminary Budget for November 3rd at 6:05 p.m.

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 #114- SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth schedules a Public Hearing on the 2023 Fire Contract between the Town of Perth and the Perth Volunteer Fire Department for Thursday, November 3rd at 6:10 p.m.

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 #115- AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF DEHUMIDIFIERS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the purchase of two dehumidifiers for the Town Hall Complex; one for the Records Room, and one for the cellar. Also authorize the purchase of a clock for the Community Senior Center, which is used for the election place for both districts in the Town of Perth. These items are to be purchased at a cost not to exceed \$350.00 to be charged to Account 1620.4 Buildings.

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 #116- AUTHORIZE WAIVING OF PERMIT FEE FOR PERTH CEMETERY

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the Code Enforcement Officer to waive the permit fee for the Perth Cemetery Association for their installation of a columbarium.

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 #117- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #10-22

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of bills on abstract #10-2022 as follows:

General Prepaid	99-105	\$5,669.29
Highway Prepaid	29-31	\$7,060.79
Highway	70-79	\$24,638.63
General	190-202	\$16,988.91

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski
Seconded by: Councilman Barker

Each Councilman 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 7:54 p.m. by Councilman Barker and seconded by Councilman Lewandowski. All were in favor; motion carried.

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Perth will be held on Thursday, October 27th at 6:00 p.m. This will be a Budget Workshop on the 2023 Town of Perth Budget.

The next Regular Town Board Meeting will be held on November 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex, 1849 County Highway 107, Amsterdam, NY.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith English
Perth Town Clerk