

TOWN OF PERTH

Regular Town Board Meeting

September 8, 2022

6:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Councilman Fisher

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk, Judith English; Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.; Acting Forman Highway Dept., Richard Wallace; Member of the BAR, Paul Priamo; Fire Chief Perth Volunteer Fire Company, Peter Watrobski; Michael and Joann Wood; and Danielle Alteri.

Supervisor Fagan opened the Meeting at 6:00 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 August 4, 2022 were offered for approval by Councilman Lewandowski and seconded by Councilman Betz. All were in favor; motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The communications as listed on the Agenda are filed in the Town Clerk's Office, where they are available to anyone who wishes to see them. There were no late communications.

In re to letter E from the Greater Grace Christian Church of Broadalbin it was decided after discussion among the members of the Town Board and Town Attorney that it would not be wise to have religious services in a municipal building. (separation of Church and State)

UPDATES FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Betz read the **Assessor David Walendziak's** Report, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. The Assessor reports that the property transfers have all been posted, and the files are up to date.

Councilman Barker read the report from the **Superintendent of Highways, David Dopp**. Mr. Dopp reports that the shoulders on the Town roads are all done, and he would like to thank the Fulton County Highway Department for their assistance. Mowing for the Town is still being done.

He went on to report that the Calderwood Bridge repairs have been completed, and he has received a letter from Bell Engineering stating that the repairs done were satisfactory.

He further wrote that the Town Highway crew has been busy putting in driveway pipes for Town residents. They are also cleaning ditches and the new mini excavator is working well. CB radios have been installed in the two new dump trucks, the new loader, and the new mini excavator.

Acting Foreman of the Highway Department, Richard Wallace, reported that the Department will be down one full-time worker for two or possibly three months. He asked to hire a full-time worker to fill in. **Councilman Barker** suggested that the full-time hours should be given to the present part-time worker, and then hire a new part-time worker. The Town Board agreed, so Mr. Wallace will follow their suggestion.

Mr. Wallace went on to report that the new garbage truck should be delivered to the Town in late December 2022 or in early January 2023. Resident **Paul Priamo** asked if the Town is going to pay for the garbage cans that will be needed for the new truck. Supervisor Fagan told him that it would be too expensive for the Town to purchase cans for all of the residents.

Council Barker also reported that he has obtained two quotes for the shredding of purged Town Court documents. He is recommending that the Town contract with Adirondack Mobile Shredding at a cost of \$630.00. They will be available to do the shredding in late September or early October.

Town Attorney, Carmel Greco, reported that he finally got the decommissioning plan for the solar farm on Route 30 in the Town of Perth. The plan runs for one year, and will have to be renewed on a yearly basis. They sent Attorney Greco a 20 year bond in the amount of \$308,000.00. According to the Fulton County Planning Department, that amount is low but the Town will just have to live with it. There was a learning curve associated with the handling of solar farms, and in the future the cost of decommissioning a solar farm will be calculated for what it would cost at the end of its usefulness (approximately 20 years).

Supervisor Fagan stated that the Town of Perth's 2023 Budget and the 2023 Fulton County's Budget will be difficult to predict. Inflation is running around 6% with the price of fuel leading the way. Also, the price of road salt has increased significantly. He reported that the budget sheets for 2023 have been delivered to all of the Town's departments, and are due back to him on September 20th.

He also told the Town Board that this morning he attended a ceremony at the Fulton County Courthouse marking the 250th anniversary of the building. It was opened in 1772. There will be more festivities held this Saturday to mark the occasion.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Michael and Joanne Wood along with **Danielle Alteri** of Midline Road in the Town of Perth came to the Meeting with complaints of dogs barking incessantly at all times of the night and day. Since the Town of Perth Dog Control Officer has resigned as of September 1st, they called the Fulton County Sheriff's Office with their complaint. The Sheriff's Office told them that there was nothing that they could do about the situation. However, the Sheriff did go and talk with the owner of the dogs. After that it was quiet for a short while, and then the barking started up again.

Supervisor Fagan advised them that he will follow up on the situation. The Town of Perth has a law on the books regarding barking dogs causing a nuisance. The owners can be issued a ticket and fined. The amount of the fine goes up with each offense.

Paul Priamo of Royal Coachman Drive, asked Supervisor Fagan if the Town will be adding any new streetlights when it takes over the ownership of the lights from National Grid. **Supervisor Fagan** told him that the Town will be adding 8 new lights at intersections where there are presently no lights. He added that the Town has received a grant to equip all of the streetlights with sensors. The sensors will provide information on the weather, and can be monitored remotely.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #102- AMEND RESOLUTION #92-2022

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth amends Resolution #92-2022 to reflect the changes needed in the repair of the Calderwood Road Bridge and the additional cost of \$6,943.00, bringing the total to \$54,993.00.

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 #103- AMEND THE 2022 HIGHWAY BUDGET

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth amends the 2022 Highway Budget as follows to pay for Calderwood Road Bridge repair:
Increase Account DA5120.4 Bridges Contractual by the amount of \$54,993.00
Increase Account DA2770 by the amount of \$54,993.00 Unclassified Revenue (SLFRF)

Offered by: Councilman Betz

Seconded by: Council Lewandowski

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

RESOLUTION # 104- AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF MILEAGE

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of the amount of \$12.81 to Nancy Hart, Town of Johnstown Dog Control Officer, for mileage she incurred in picking up a dog in the Town of Perth; at the request of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office.

Offered by: Councilman Barker
Seconded by: Councilman Betz

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

RESOLUTION #105- AUTHORIZE SHREDDING OF COURT RECORDS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the shredding of the records purged from the Town Court by Adirondack Mobile Shredding Company at a cost of \$630.00, to be charged to Account A1110.4 Justices Contractual.

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski
Seconded by: Councilman Barker

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

RESOLUTION # 106- ACCEPT OF RESIGNATION FROM DCO

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth accepts the resignation of the Town's Dog Control Officers, Joseph and Robert Passino, as of September 1, 2022.

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 # 107- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #9-2022

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of bills on abstract #9-2022 as follows:

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| General Prepaid | 88-98 | \$6110.14 |
| Highway Prepaid | 26-28 | \$7,060.79 |
| Highway | 64-69 | \$59,094.87 |
| General | 177-189 | \$8,951.17 |

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski

Seconded by: Councilman Betz

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 7:25 p.m. by Councilman Lewandowski and seconded by Councilman Betz. All were in favor; motion carried.

The next meeting of the Town Board will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2022 at the Town Hall Complex, 1849 County Highway 107, Amsterdam, NY.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith English
Perth Town Clerk