

TOWN OF PERTH
Regular Town Board Meeting
June 1, 2023
6:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Councilman Barker

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk, Judith English; Town Attorney Carmel Greco Esq.; Acting Forman of the Highway Department, Richard Wallace; Chairman of the Town of Perth Planning Board, Ronald Cetnar; Pastor of the Perth Bible Church, Mark Appell; Member of the Board of Assessment Review, Paul Priamo; and James Skiff.

Supervisor Fagan opened the Meeting at 6:14 p.m. A salute to the flag was conducted and a moment of silent prayer observed. Pastor Mark Appell of the Perth Bible Church then gave a blessing for the Town of Perth, it's officials and it's residents.

PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Fagan opened the Public Hearing at 6:19 p.m. on Local Law # 3-2023 entitled "A Local Law to Provide Real Property Tax Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Pursuant to Section 466-A of the Real Property Tax Law".

No one was present to speak for or against the Law. Supervisor Fagan closed the Hearing at 6:45 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Communication as listed on the Agenda is filed in the Town Clerk's Office where it is available to anyone who wishes to see it.

UPDATE FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Lewandowski reported for the **Dog Control Officer** that she is almost done with the Dog Census for the Town of Perth.

Councilman Lewandowski also reported for the **Youth Commission** that the State Inspector wants plastic cones put up between the grass and the asphalt driveway. Other than that, the State gave the Perth Youth Commission a good report.

Councilman Betz read the **Assessor's** Report, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. Grievance Day went smoothly. There were four grievances. One was a property class change. One was a stipulation with an improvement code change, and there were two regular grievances that received reductions.

Acting Forman, Richard Wallace, from the **Highway** Department reported that the garbage pick-up changes are going well. The new truck with the electronic arm that picks up the trash cans is working well and it has made a huge cut in the time that it takes to pick up the Town's garbage.

Supervisor Fagan is hoping this new truck will enable the Highway Department to go back to picking garbage for two days instead of the three it now takes. Also, the new truck only needs one person to operate it which leaves two more highway employees to do other work for the Town, such as mowing and road work.

Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq. reported that Local Law #3-2023 entitled, "A Local Law to Provide Real Property Tax Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Pursuant to Section 466-A of the Real Property Tax Law" is ready for adoption at tonight's Meeting.

Supervisor Fagan reported that the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Town Hall Complex was well attended. The Perth Bible Church also had a Memorial Day Observance on the Sunday before Memorial Day. Supervisor Fagan attended and stated that it was very enjoyable. The attendees sang patriotic songs and paid tribute to our veterans.

Supervisor Fagan also stated that the Town has ordered new flags for the poles along County Route 107 from the Town Hall Complex to the corner with State Route 30 and along Route 30 both north and south to the Town of Perth boundary.

Supervisor Fagan went on to report that there is a proposal in the State to raise the deduction for Firefighters and EMT's that they are allowed to take from \$200.00 to \$1,000.00. However, they would have to decide if they want to take the income tax deduction or the property tax deduction offered by the Towns or Counties they reside in.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 64- APPOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMISSION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth appoints the Town of Perth Planning Board Members as the Town of Perth Comprehensive Plan Commission to update the Town of Perth Comprehensive Plan adopted in November 2013.

Offered by: Councilman Betz

Seconded by: Councilman Lewandowski

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

RESOLUTION # 65- APPOINT AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth appoints Kaleb Walker as an Alternate Member of the Town of Perth Planning Board.

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.

RESOLUTION # 66- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT FOR FLAGS FOR VETERANS' GRAVES

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of the amount of \$300.00 to the American Legion #337 for the flags to be placed on the graves of the veterans buried in the Perth Cemetery, to be charged to Account A7550.4 Celebrations Contractual.

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.

RESOLUTION # 67- AMEND GENERAL FUND BUDGET

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth amends the General Fund Budget to pay for the garbage cans as follows: Increase Account A8160.4 Refuse and Garbage Contractual by \$80,019.00 and increase Account A2770 Unclassified Revenues by \$80,019.00.

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 # 68- 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 \$1,948.00 from Account A1990.4 Contingent to A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance for coverage of the new garbage truck, for one year.

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 # 69- ADOPT LOCAL LAW #3-2023

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth adopts Local Law-2023 entitled "A Local Law to Provide Real Property Tax Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Pursuant to Section 466-A of the Real Property Tax Law".

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski

Seconded by: Councilman Fisher

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Fagan	Aye
Councilman Lewandowski	Aye
Councilman Betz	Aye
Councilman Fisher	Aye

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 70- AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF FLAGS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the purchase of twenty American Flags size three feet by five feet (made in America) from Hummel's at a price of \$39.95 each to be flown from the electric poles in the Town of Perth on County Highway 107 and State Route 30.

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.

RESOLUTION # 71- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #6-2023

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of bills on abstract #6-2023 as follows:

General Prepaid	48-56	\$5,719.43
Highway Prepaid	14-16	\$7,912.58
Highway	52-55	\$17,646.87
General	96-124	\$90,753.38

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski

Seconded by: Councilman Betz

Each Councilman present indicated their approval by signing each voucher.

With all of the business concluded for the evening a motion was made to close the meeting at 7:05 p.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 July 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex, 1849 County Highway 107, Perth, NY.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith English
Perth Town Clerk