

TOWN OF PERTH
Regular Town Board Meeting
August 3, 2023
6:00 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk, Judith English; Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.; Members of the Town of Perth Zoning Board of Appeals, Joseph Priamo and Joseph Passino; Acting Forman of the Perth Highway Department, Richard Wallace; Fire Chief of the Perth Volunteer Fire Company, Peter Watrobski; Pastor of the Perth Bible Church, Mark Appell; Assistant Principal of the Broadalbin Perth Elementary School, Kerri Barker; Elaine Gasner; Kevin Sitterly; and Gregory Betz.

Supervisor Fagan opened the Meeting at 6:00 p.m. A salute to the flag was held and a moment of silent prayer observed.

Supervisor Fagan informed the residents present of the recent death of **Joseph McCoski**. Mr. McCoski was a long-time resident of the Town of Perth and was active in many of the Community activities. He was a member of the Town of Perth Youth Commission for many years and a baseball coach for boys' baseball teams. A ball field in the Town Park is named for him; **McCoski Field**.

Mr. McCoski was also an employee of the Town as Custodian and Groundskeeper. When he could no longer do those duties at the age of 90, he was named an honorary Town Clerk.

He enjoyed being a greeter at the Town Hall Complex and instructing residents where the various offices were. The Town Clerks, Court Clerks and Tax Collectors were forever grateful for his presence, especially when they were alone in the evening. He never left anyone of them alone in the building, staying until they had finished their work, and then locking up for them.

Mr. McCoski especially liked tax paying time when many of his former ball players would come in to pay their taxes and reminisce with him. He was a kind and friendly face for the Town of Perth, and will be missed by many of its residents.

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.

UPDATE FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Lewandowski read the **Dog Control Officer's** report, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. Dog Control Officer, **Patricia Ashbey** reported that there five calls regarding dogs, and all were resolved.

The dogs from last month's dog bites were vaccinated, and are now licensed. There is one on- going alleged abuse case, which she has handed over to the Fulton County Sheriff's Department's Office for investigation.

Councilman Betz read the **Assessor's** Report, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. **Sole Assessor, David Walendziak**, reported that the deadline for filing small claims and Article 7 Court Cases regarding assessment has passed and the Town of Perth does not have any cases.

Acting Forman of the Town of Perth Highway Department, Richard Wallace reported that paving in the Town will begin on August 21st.

Councilman Barker stated that he had some complaints about mowing of the roadsides in the Town; specifically, that it was not getting done. **Mr. Wallace** answered that July was one of the wettest months on record in the area and the vegetation kept growing at a rapid rate. Thus, it was difficult to get the mowing done, and have it stay mowed. They will continue to work on it as time and the weather permits.

Councilman Barker also inquired if the fuel usage for the Highway Department for July was available. **Acting Forman Wallace** replied that the fuel invoices were in the vouchers for the Town Board to go over this evening.

Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq., reported that the Town's legal work is up to date.

Attorney Greco looked over the Snow and Ice Contract with Fulton County for plowing County Highway 132 by the Town of Perth Highway Department. He reported that the County has a new requirement regarding the contract. They would like a certificate of liability insurance from the Town of Perth naming Fulton County as an additional insured. Other-wise the contract is the same as last year.

Supervisor Fagan stated that he will be distributing budget sheets to be filled out by the various departments for the 2024 Town of Perth Budget. The requests must be returned to him by September 20th.

Supervisor Fagan reported that at a recent NYMIR inspection it was noted that some of the emergency exit lights were not working. The emergency lights are supposed to go on when there is a power outage. The Town will get quotes for replacing the lights. Also, the Town will get quotes for sealing the driveway at the Town Hall Complex.

Fulton County will be starting on the 2024 County Budget soon. Thanks to the New York State Legislature and Governor, approximately two million dollars will be added to the County Budget. The State has raised the salaries of public defenders dramatically, and has stopped the foreclosure sale of property for failure to pay taxes. These added fiscal burdens will be transferred to the residents in their tax bill.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Pastor Mark Appell asked if he could give a blessing to the Town of Perth, its residents and elected and appointed employees, which he proceeded to do.

He also announced that the Perth Bible Church will be holding a pig roast on September 17, 2023 which will be open to anyone in the community.

Peter Watrobski, Fire Chief of the Perth Volunteer Fire Company, reported that the Fire Company is doing some work on their building. They are adding a “mud room” and fixing some insulation that needs work. The building was constructed in 1997.

The Fire Company is asking the Town if it could provide a roll-off cart from the Fulton County Waste Department to hold the debris from this project. This way they would be charged the same tipping fees that the Town has with Solid Waste. Since the residents of the Town of Perth support the Fire Company through the Town Budget, it will save the residents money if they pay the lower tipping fees that the Town has; rather than the commercial rate. The Fire Company will pay for these fees.

Chief Watrobski went on to say that the Fire Company has been very busy. There was a house fire on State Route 30 where a man was injured and is hospitalized. There was also a house fire in West Galway. The Fire Company will be having a chicken barbeque fund raiser on Labor Day Weekend.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 77- ESTABLISH THE STANDARD WORKDAY FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth enacts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, by its regulation NYCRR 315.4, the Office of the State Comptroller requires municipalities to establish a standard work day for each elective or appointed official who participates in the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System, now be it hereby

RESOLVED, for the purpose of determining days worked, no fewer than six (6) hours for part-time officials or more than eight (8) hours for full time officials shall be established as a standard workday; and be it further

RESOLVED commencing the start of a new term, elected and appointed officials keep a three (3) month record of work activities to be completed within 150 days, and those records shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Board no later than 180 days from taking office; and be it further

RESOLVED the Clerk of the Board will post this resolution on the Town website, or on the official sign board at the Town Complex for a minimum of thirty days; and be it further:

RESOLVED that a certified copy of the Resolution and an affidavit of posting shall be filed by the clerk of the Governing Board with the Office of the State Comptroller within forty-five (45) days of the adoption of the Resolution.

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 # 78- AUTHORIZE SIGNING OF THE SNOW AND ICE CONTRACT

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the signing of the contract with Fulton County for snow removal for the winter of 2023-2024. The contract states that the Town of Perth Highway Department will maintain the entire length of County Highway 132 during the winter months; a distance of 3.02 miles. Payment is \$5,500.00 per mile for a total of \$16,610.00.

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski
Seconded by: Councilman Betz

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 79- AUTHORIZE REFUND FOR BUILDING PERMIT

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the refund of the amount of \$200.00 for a permit fee to Brown's Ford, as they have cancelled the proposed project that the permit was for.

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 # 80- 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 \$1,000.00 from Account A1990.4 Contingent to Account A7110.4 Parks Contractual for the rental of a porta-potty and new tire swings for the Town Park.

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 # 81- 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 \$876.00 from Account DA5110.4 General Repairs to Account DA5110 .41 Road Striping, to cover a bill that came in over budget.

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 # 82- AUTHORIZE ROLL OFF CONTAINER

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the placing of a roll off container at the Perth Volunteer Fire Company by the Fulton County Department of Solid Waste for the Fire Company construction project, with tipping fees to be paid by the Perth Volunteer Fire Company.

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 # 83- AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #8-2023

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of bills on abstract #8-2023 as follows:

General Prepaid	68-79	\$6,937.55
Highway Prepaid	20-22	\$7,912.58
Highway	66-74	\$10,337.38
General	145-161	\$13,849.13

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski
Seconded by: Councilman Fisher

Councilman Betz and Councilman Lewandowski indicated their approval by signing each voucher. Councilman Fisher signed all of the vouchers except #68B under Highway, which was for repairs to the 2017 Freightliner truck.

Councilman Barker signed all of the vouchers with the exception of all of the Prepaid Highway vouchers, #21, #22 and #23 which were for Health insurance for the highway employees. Also, he did not sign Prepaid General #75 which was for health insurance for Highway Superintendent, David Dopp and Code Enforcement Officer, Mark Concilla. Also, under Highway he did not sign #68 for repairs on the 2027 Freightliner truck. Since both Councilman Barker and Councilman Fisher did not sign this voucher, Supervisor Fagan did.

Councilman Barker also neglected to sign 4 vouchers under the General Account; #160 for an extra trip for Adirondack Septic to clean the port-a-potty in the Town Park, #158 for adjustment of brakes on the 2019 garbage truck, #157 for odor counteractant concentrate for the garbage trucks, and #147 for file cabinets for the Code Enforcement Office.

With all of the business concluded for the evening a motion was made to close the Meeting at 7:06 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 Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex, 1849 County Highway 107, Perth, New York.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith English
Perth Town Clerk