

**TOWN OF PERTH**

Regular Town Board Meeting

March 2, 2023

6:00 p.m.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Town Clerk, Judith English; Town Attorney, Carmel Greco; Fire Chief of the Perth Volunteer Fire Company, Peter Watrobski; Member of the Fire Auxillary, Marylou Coughlin; Pastor of the Perth Bible Church, Mark Appell; Acting Foreman of the Highway Department; Richard Wallace; Chairman of the Planning Board, Ronald Cetnar; Member of the Planning Board, Trevor Gilday; Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals; Joseph Priamo; Member of the Board of Assessment Review; Paul Priamo; Sole Assessor, David Walendziak; Dog Control Officer, Patricia Ashbey; James and Vickey Skiff; Wesley Ashbey; Steven Adamchick; Brenda Dado; Chris and Timmy Kordyak and Daniel and Christina DeLuca.

Supervisor Fagan opened the Meeting at 6:00 p.m. A salute to the flag was held and a moment of silent prayer observed. Paster Mark Appell then offered a prayer of blessing for the Town of Perth and its residents.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the February 2, 2023 Regular Town Board Meeting were offered for approval by Councilman Lewandowski and seconded by Councilman Betz. All were in favor; motion carried.

**UPDATE FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Councilman Lewandowski** read the Town of Perth Youth Commission Report prepared by **Perth Youth Commission Director, Lisa Wallace**, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. She stated that T-ball sign-ups have started. She is requesting that the T-ball fields be ready by the time they start playing on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Perth Youth Commission will be participating with the Perth Bible Church in their Easter Egg Hunt. The Perth Youth Commission will provide an Easter Bunny for family photos, along with setting up a booth with Easter goodies for the children.

**Councilman Betz** read the Assessor's report prepared by **Sole Assessor David Walendziak**, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. He reports that he is working on getting everything in shape for the Tentative Roll.

**Acting Forman Richard Wallace** reported for the **Highway Department**. He stated that he has visited the Edinburg Highway Department to see a new plow that they have purchased, and evaluate how it worked. This plow blade rides with the curve of the road. and scrapes the road better than the straight edge plow blades. The blades are short sections, and float and mold to the shape of the road. They get more snow off of the surface of the road than the full length blades. The new plow truck that has been ordered for the Highway Department will come equipped with this type of blade.

**Joseph Priamo** asked **Mr. Wallace** if they had thought of using brine on the winter roads. He replied that in order for the brine to work the air temperature must be a least eighteen degrees. **Supervisor Fagan** replied that the County has tried it, and has four trucks equipped. It is expensive to get started with brine. The truck and storage facility cost up to forty thousand, but the money is quickly recouped.

**Forman Wallace** also reported that he would like to thank **Councilman Fisher** for stopping to help when one of the Town's snow plows went off of the road. A wing support for the plow came off, but there was no damage to the truck. **Councilman Fisher** drove by and loaded the truck on his flat bed truck and took it to the Highway Garage.

**Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.**, reported that he has Local Law #2-2023 entitled "A Local Law Amending the Zoning Law of the Town of Perth as it Pertains to Solar Farm Construction and Development" ready to be introduced and a public hearing scheduled for it. These amendments were recommended by the Town of Perth Planning Board.

**Chairman of the Town of Perth Planning Board, Ronald Cetnar**, asked that any application to the Town of Perth regarding Solar Farms have an outside consultant at the Meeting. **Attorney Greco** stated that these applications could be handled on a case by case basis. **Attorney Greco** went on to say that if an outside consultant is required to give information regarding a proposed Solar Farm, the applicant is responsible for the fee for this service not the Town.

**Councilman Barker** asked what would happen if the company that is constructing the solar farm is sold to another company? **Attorney Greco** told him that any future buyer of the company would be obligated to comply with the requirements in place at the time of the application, including the Decommissioning Bond.

**Supervisor Fagan** reported that he is working on the AUD. He is about one third of the way thru it. He also stated that the Federal Government has given the States money to cover increased Medicaid costs. He hopes that this is the case as the cost of Medicaid to the County takes up much of the taxes paid. Counties in New York State pay more in Medicaid benefits than any other Counties in the Country.

### **AUDIT OF FINANCIAL RECORDS**

The 2022 Financial Records for **Town Clerk, Judith English** were audited by the members of the Town Board of the Town of Perth. The Town Board Members indicated their approval by signing the cover sheet attached to the records. The records included both computer generated monthly reports and sequentially numbered duplicate receipt books as well as bank reconciliation papers.

The 2022 Financial Records for Town of **Perth Town Justices, Wayne McNeil** and **Lisa Wallace** were also audited by the Town Board of the Town of Perth. They all indicated their approval by signing the cover sheets attached to their records. The records consisted of computer generated monthly reports and bank reconciliation reports.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:50 p.m. Councilman Lewandowski made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Town contractor. Councilman Betz seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

At 7:23 p.m. a motion was made to end the Executive Session and resume the Regular Town Board Meeting by Councilman Lewandowski. Councilman Betz seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION # 37- AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PAVING BIDS**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the advertisement of bids for asphalt concrete paving for 2023 as per specifications prepared by the Superintendent of Highways. Bids are to be received by the Town Clerk's Office by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2023.

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 # 38- AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR PERTH SENIORS LUNCHEON**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of the amount of \$245.00 as reimbursement to the Perth Seniors for their Valentine's Day luncheon, to be charged to Account A6772.4 Programs for Aging.

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 #39-** AUTHORIZE THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT TO SPEND HIGHWAY FUNDS FOR 2023

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the signing of the Agreement to Spend Highway Funds for 2023.

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 #40-** SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW #2-2023

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth introduces Local Law #2-2023 and sets the date for a Public Hearing on Local Law #2-2023 entitled "A local law Amending the Zoning Law of the Town of Perth as it Pertains to Solar Farm Construction and Development" for April 6, 2023 at 6:05 p.m.

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 # 41-** AUTHORIZE THE SIGNING OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #3-2023

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of bills on Abstract #2-2023 as follows:

General Prepaid	15-23	\$6,005.36
Highway Prepaid	4-6	\$7,067.01
Highway	14-23	\$24,992.34
General	33-53	\$15,380.57

Offered by: Councilman Betz

Seconded by: Councilman Lewandowski

Councilman Lewandowski, Councilman Betz, and Councilman Fisher indicated their approval by signing each voucher. Councilman Barker stated that he would like more time to look over the bills, and he would sign them later.

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 8:05 p.m. by Councilman Betz 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 April 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex 1849 County Highway 107, Perth NY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith English  
Perth Town Clerk