

**TOWN OF PERTH**

Regular Town Board Meeting

February 1, 2024

6:00 p.m

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Fagan, Councilman Lewandowski, Councilman Fisher, and Councilman Barker(6:18)

**ABSENT:** Councilman Priamo

**ALSO PRESENT:** Town Clerk, Judith English; Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.; Sole Assessor, David Walendziak; Highway Superintendent, David Dopp; Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Joseph Priamo; Broadalbin-Perth Lion's Club representatives, Robert Townsend, Tyler McNeil and Edward Balaban; Assistant Chier of the Perth Volunteer Fire Company, Peter Watrobski; Rebecca Dopp and Timothy Ott.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the Organizational Meeting held on January 2, 2024 were offered for approval by Councilman Lewandowski and seconded by Councilman Fisher. All were in favor; motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Communication from the Red Cross Blood Services thanking the Town Board of the Town of Perth for letting them use the Senior Community Center for their blood drives 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** read the report from **Dog Control Officer, Patricia Ashby**, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes.

Ms. Ashey reports that she had four calls regarding dogs running loose. She picked them up and placed them in shelter vet care. The dogs were returned to their owner, after licenses were purchased at the Town Clerk's Office.

There was a call for a loose dog in the Deerfield Mobile Home Park. The dog has been going on other people's property, and causing live stock damages. The owner has since given the dog to another person, but the case is still on going to come to agreement for damages caused by this dog.

Ms. Ashby goes on to report that she had a state inspection recently, and all went well. Everything passed, and she is waiting for an official letter stating this.

**Sole Assessor, David Walendziak** reported for December 2023 and January 2024. A copy of these reports will be filed these minutes. In December he reports that the Seniors' and Agricultural exemption renewals have been coming in and they are all posted on the 2024 file.

For the January Report he states that to date he has not received any information from the solar farms that will be used to calculate the 2024 assessments. If they do not respond soon he will be using last year's information and go with that.

**Highway Superintendent, David Dopp** reported that the Department is busy patching pot holes. He also reported that insurance will take care of the bill for truck #1A which had an accident. The Town will be responsible for just the \$1,000.00 deductible. As the truck was making a turn the right wing dug in and did a lot of damage.

**Town Attorney, Carmel Greco Esq.**, reported that the Maple North Solar License bond did not have the Maple Road 2 named on it. This will have to be added. Also, they will need a performance bond that will guarantee that the work gets done. The Perth Volunteer Fire Company needs an access road to the project in case of fire. There must be a road around both projects. The company sent a site improvement bond in the amount of 440,000.00 dollars which was approved by the Town Board. They divided the two projects into Maple North 1 and Maple North 2 with \$220,000.00 allocated to each one.

**Attorney Greco** also reminded the Town Board that there is still some objectionable language in the contract with Niagara Mohawk regarding the Town of Perth being held responsible for injuries to workers on the job doing repairs; even if the worker was deemed negligent.

**Supervisor Fagan** stated that Vireo Health is going to open an escrow account for the addition to their company. **Attorney Greco** suggested that the Town of Perth hold the money in a General Fund. Supervisor Fagan stated that he would look into the matter.

**Assistant Fire Chief, Peter Watrobski**, reported that there is only one fire hydrant that works on County Route 117 where Vireo Health is located. The water line is maintained by the City of Gloversville, and they have had on going issues.

**Supervisor Fagan** stated that there are eight new members to the Fulton County Board of Supervisors for 2024. Supervisor Fagan is on the Finance and Public Works Committees and is Chairman of the Personnel Committee.

### **PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

**Robert Townsend**, President of the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club wished to thank the Town Board of the Town of Perth for letting them use the Community Senior Center for their meetings. The Lions support the communities of Broadalbin, Perth and Mayfield with an emphasis on the youth of these communities. They offer eye screening and hearing screening at the schools.

Last summer they spoke with the Town of Perth Youth Commission Director, Lisa Wallace to ask if there was anything they could be of assistance with. She stated that she has purchased new picnic tables for the Town Park and they need to be sanded down.

**Joseph Priamo** asked the Town Board if the Town could obtain a flashing speeding sign which shows how fast a car is going when it passes the sign. He feels that there is a lot of speeding in the Town of Perth.

**Supervisor Fagan** told him that these signs are very expensive. He stated that Sheriff Giardino has recently hired a new part time deputy whose only duty will be traffic control. This should cut down on the speeding in the Town.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **RESOLUTION #34-** AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF MONEY TO PAY TAXES

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the transfer of the amount of \$920.92 from Account A1990.4 Contingent to Account A1950.4 Taxes and Assessments on municipal property.

## **DISCUSSION**

**Supervisor Fagan** stated that the Town of Perth was given possession of one half of Della Valle Drive Extension, and inherited an unpaid tax bill. The Town will receive the other half of the road when it is foreclosed on in 2024 for failure to pay taxes.

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 # 35-** AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON ABSTRACT #2-2024

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Perth authorizes the payment of bills on abstract #2-2024 as follows:

General:	17-37	\$79,467.46
Prepaid General	7-15	\$256,734.06
Highway	8-15	\$16,282.43
Prepaid Highway	1-	\$12,256.78

Offered by: Councilman Lewandowski

Seconded by: Councilman Fisher

Each Councilman present signed the vouchers presented indicating their approval with the exception of the following:

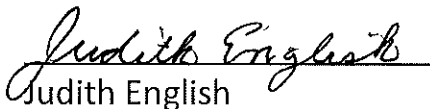
Councilman Barker did not sign Prepaid General #7 NYS mandated disability insurance, and #10 to the Perth Volunteer Fire Company per contract for fire protection for the Town of Perth; Highway vouchers #11a, 11b from Amsterdam Auto Parts, #13 for a sander chain for truck #4. And #14 from JC Smith Inc for road patch for potholes.

With all of the vouchers having the required number of signatures; motion carried.

With all of the business concluded for the evening a motion was made by Councilman Lewandowski and seconded by Councilman Fisher to close the Meeting at 7:25 p.m. All were in favor; motion carried.

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Perth will be held on March 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Complex, 1849 County Highway 107, Perth, New York.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Judith English", written over a horizontal line.

Judith English  
Perth Town Clerk