

Minutes

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

February 8, 2018

Workshop 6:30pm

Supervisor John Walgus calls meeting to order at 7:00pm

***Everyone stands for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

*** Everyone stands in remembrance of Persia residents who have past since the last meeting.**

***Public Hearing for Local Law 2018-1 has been posted in the Observer on January 18th & 19th and also posted on the Town of Persia Website and Town Hall bulletin board.**

Roll Call:

Supervisor: John Walgus: present

Highway Superintendent: Daniel Ackley: present

Councilperson: Theresa Girome: present

Councilperson: Gloria Tomaszewski: present

Councilperson: Robert O. Dingman: present

Town Clerk: Denise Trumpore: present

Others present:

Megan Walker: Gowanda Pennysaver & News

Jack Broyles

Supervisor John Walgus: * We will begin the meeting with a moment of silence for Harold Kralovics, Mary Denea and Legislator Paula Stockman. * I would like to open the floor for comment on the public hearing which is pertaining to amending local law 2013-2 the Animal Control Law; We would like to change Section 3, Paragraph B, subparagraph 1 change seizure from \$10.00 to \$20.00 and change \$10.00 a day for each day or part of a day for keeping and caring for such to \$20.00 a day. * I have processed the payroll. * I ask the bill for Abstract #2

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for General and Highway be approved by resolution. * I ask Supervisor report for January is accepted by resolution. * I have asked our accounting team for guidance on forming a Strategic Plan Committee. I have asked them to set up two capital projects that the committee can devise the most cost effective way to plan ahead for vehicle purchases for the highway department and for a program to update the town hall. * I attended the Cattaraugus Counties Supervisors meeting on February 1st; I spoke with Crystal Abers for the counties land bank and learned that the property I nominated in the town for consideration to use the County Land Bank process has made the preliminary list. The property has passed the first hurdle of many and hopefully it will proceed to remediation. Also, Mrs. Abers is on the NYS REDC and I asked her to look for a grant for our highway department to build a salt barn. * I attended our Comprehensive Plan meeting and we discussed the RFQ from Joy Kubler Associates on helping refine our plan; at this time it is out of our financial reach, but we will continue to work and make progress with the plan. * I want to thank the council members for conducting the justice audit and the Town Clerk audit and I have forwarded the justice audit on to Albany. * I have received word from Albany thru the County Administrator Jack Searles that the municipalities' that were involved and approved the counties shared services agreement are still in the running for matching funds for savings on each individual municipalities plan. Also, the district court system and shared justices plan that were discussed is a dead issue. The state does not want to approve cost saving plans like this at this time. * On February 5th the Highway Superintendent and I met with our NYMIR representative, Randy Glenn; we talked about the upcoming renewal of our insurance policy on April 1st, possible premium increases, the 5 year capitalization plan, our shared services agreements with other municipalities and insurance agreements with sub-contractors the town uses.* We have received word from C.J. Brown Energy who is the consultant the town entered into contract with, a qualified NYSERDA Flex Tech Consultant that NYSERDA has given us the green light to begin the energy audit on the town hall and highway buildings as part of the towns Clean Energy Communities \$50,000 grant award. They will be sending a P.E to begin the process on February 15th. We Finalized the application November of last year. * And finally, I'd like to say happy birthday to Mel Shaw (1-29), Denise Trumpore (2-4), and Jim Musacchio (2-24).

Highway Superintendent Daniel Ackley: * Read highway bills. * Supervisor Walgus and I met with NIMIR our insurance agent and it seems a big stickler is dealing with insurance and helping other towns under the shared services; I wish they could come up with a uniform insurance agreement so towns can help each other and not worry about insurance coverage. * I have the yearly agreement for the expenditure of highway monies that I need the board to sign. * I will be working with Gernatt's this year to pave Skinner Hollow Road to Point Peter Road.

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Councilperson Theresa Girome: * We had a Comprehensive Plan meeting on January 29th, we continue to move forward and I am meeting with Paula Schueler who is helping me. The next Comprehensive Plan meeting will be on February 26th at 6:30pm and Gloria has stated that Crystal Abers will also be attending.

Councilperson Gloria Tomaszewski: * I would like to have a resolution to hire Thomas S. Raiport at Court Security Officer. * Attended an Ambulance board meeting on January 16th; committee assignments were made and the Operation Manager reported on calls. * Attended a Healthy Community Funding board meeting on January 17th; People Inc. showed their report from taking over Cattaraugus County Community Action. * Theresa and I did the justice audit for Judge Andolsek and Judge Schindler on January 19th; both sets of books were complete and accurate and all questions were answered. * Had a special Ambulance meeting on January 27th to discuss the purchase of a ambulance, It was approved that the President and the Operation Manager look at the ambulance ; the Operation manager and his wife along with two board members made the trip out to see ambulance and made the purchase. * I attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting on January 29th. I contacted Crystal Abers and she will be coming to the next meeting on February 26th and may bring in a current Comprehensive Plan from another town to view.

Councilperson Robert O. Dingman: * I audited the Town Clerk books along with Theresa .

Assessor Mary Bailey: * Currently in the State budget is a proposal that would make it mandatory for all Enhanced STAR recipients to sign up for the Income Verification Program (IVP). This would mean that NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance would verify their incomes for Enhanced STAR and they would not have to renew each year with the assessor. This proposal was not approved last year.

Town Clerk Denise Trumpore: * I ask for a resolution to accept the minutes from January 11th. * The first month of collecting taxes is done and the Town has been paid their warrant of \$327,333.00, the rest of the tax money received will be forwarded to the County.

Total transactions for January: 81

Total Collected: \$ 1,107.00

Towns Portion: \$ **531.92**

RESOLUTION # 13 Audit of Claims

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

The following was

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Dingman, Tomaszewski, Girome, Walgus

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NAYS - 0

RESOLVED that the bills contained on abstract abstracts #2 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

Abstract 2 - General vouchers #20 to #45 Total = \$ 35,635.93

Abstract 2 - Highway vouchers #8 to # 12 Total = \$ 2,410.77

RESOLUTION #14 Approval of Minutes

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES - 4 Girome, Tomaszewski, Dingman, Walgus

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to approve the minutes from January 11, 2018

RESOLUTION #15 Supervisors report

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

ADOPTED AYES - 4 Girome, Dingman, Tomaszewski, Walgus

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the Supervisor report for January 2018.

RESOLUTION #16 Financial Report

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

ADOPTED AYES - 4 Tomaszewski, Girome, Dingman, Walgus

NAYS - 4

RESOLVED to accept the financial report for January 2018.

RESOLUTION #17 Local Law 2018-1

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

ADOPTED AYES - Dingman, Girome, Tomaszewski, Walgus

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to amend Local Law 2013-2 as follows;

Section 3, Paragraph B, subparagraph 1 change seizure from \$10.00 to \$20.00 and change \$10.00 a day for each day or part of a day for keeping and caring for such to \$20.00 a day.

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RESOLUTION #18 Hire Thomas S. Raiport

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Girome, Tomaszewski, Dingman, Walgus

 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to hire Thomas S. Raiport as Court Security Officer.

With no further business, and hearing no objection
the meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Trumpore

Town Clerk