

## Minutes

### Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

March 8, 2018

### 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 Lucie Kaczor, James Sweet, Jan Silverheels and James Moyer who have past since the last meeting.**

#### 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:**

Mel Shaw: Building Inspector

Megan Walker: Gowanda Pennysaver & News

Arnold Andolsek

Jack Broyles

Bob Fields

David Swift

**Supervisor John Walgus:** \* I ask the bills for Abstract #3 for General and Highway be approved by resolution. \* I ask Supervisor report for February is accepted by resolution. \* I ask the financial report for February be accepted by resolution. \* I have processed payroll for the month. \* We have received a thank-you letter from the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation for the town donation to our local Meals on Wheels Program. The month of March is Meals on Wheels month in the United States so hundreds of local Meals on Wheels programs across the country reach out to their communities and build support that will enable them to serve seniors all year long. \* Our consultant from C.J. Brown Energy for the

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NYSERDA Clean Energies Communities grant was here on February 15<sup>th</sup>; we did a walk thru of the town hall and the highway garages and inspected the facilities and completed the energy audit required by the NYSERDA. \* I was notified by NYSEG two weeks ago that crews from Ashplund Services will be working on the town trimming trees. \* I attended the Comprehensive Plan on February 26<sup>th</sup>. \* I went to a rail corridor meeting with Crystal Abers from the Cattaraugus County Economic Dev., Planning & Tourism on February 26<sup>th</sup>. \* I have been asked a few times for the password for the free community wifi; to log on to the system the password is netsync4u. \* Gernatt's has applied for a special use permit for a gravel mine expansion on Point Peter Road; the Planning and Zoning Boards will hold a public hearing on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for public comment. We have sent letters to residents on Point Peter and Skinner Hollow Road informing them about the public hearing. \* Our insurance agent for NIMIR contacted me about the town's insurance policy. The premium will increase about 2%. The annual capitalization is \$187.07; the capitalization is the fee you pay to be in the program, this will be the 4<sup>th</sup> year of paying the fee to NYMIR, after year 5 NIMIR will start to return these fees back to the town. \* And, only one birthday this month and that is to Tom Povhe on March 30<sup>th</sup>. \* I would like a resolution to enter into a letter of engagement with Bahgat & Bahgat for bookkeeping services ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2018; their price did not go up. \* I sent a letter to the NYS Comptroller's office for an extension on filing the AUD on the advice of Bahgat & Bahgat.

**Highway Superintendent Daniel Ackley:** \* Read highway bills. \* In the aftermath of the latest snowstorm the highway had to remove many fallen trees from the roads in Persia; it got so bad that night I called off the cleaning up at midnight and wait until mother nature stopped. \* I received a grant application from Senators Young's office in which I applied for a reimbursable grant for emergency vehicles; I put in for a plow truck.

**Councilperson Theresa Girome:** \* We had a Comprehensive Plan meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>; Crystal Abers was able to attend and helped us a great deal. Also, Paula Schueler has been helping me a great deal on this project. The next Comprehensive Plan meeting will be March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Councilperson Gloria Tomaszewski:** \* I attended the Ambulance Board meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>. A review of the month's activities calls were gone over. There was a discussion as to having 8 hour shifts instead of 12. Also, there are plans being made for a chicken & biscuit dinner on March 21<sup>st</sup>. and a gun raffle in May. \* I talked with Bill Cain who was wondering if the town could appoint a town constable to enforce the trespassing on the Nature Conservation land. I suggested that he might want to come to a board meeting and address the board. I did indicate that the board has cut expenses to stay under the CAP. \* I

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attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>. I sent Crystal Abers of copy of my plan so she could review it.

**Councilperson Robert O. Dingman:** \* I disbursed the checks from the town to the Library and the Chamber of Commerce. \* I attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Assessor Mary Bailey:** \* Cattaraugus County Real Property hired Kate Harrington as an assessor aide. Kate will be working with me every Monday at the town hall. \* The exemption deadline has passed and it is very busy in the office. Louise called any senior who I had not received a renewal form from.

**Town Clerk Denise Trumpore:** \* I ask for a resolution to accept the minutes from February 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be a free rabies clinic on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9am to noon at the Cattaraugus Co. DPW garage.

Total transactions for February: 62

Total Collected: \$ 788.00

Towns Portion: \$ **389.42**

**Building Inspector: Mel Shaw** \* There will be a Planning & Zoning meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>; during that time will also be a public hearing where Gernatt's is applying for a special use permit for a mine expansion on Point Peter Road.

## **Public Participation**

**Bob Fields** approached the board; Mr. Fields was complaining about the dogs in the town. He wondered why people do not have to have training to own a dog and would like the town to pass a law to make it illegal to walk your dog in the Village. Mr. Fields also thought the Dog Warden should have more authority, or hire a constable to prosecute people who fail to obey the dog laws that are now in effect.

**David Swift** approached the board to state that it is International Women's Day.

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**RESOLUTION # 19 Audit of Claims**

On a motion of Councilperson Girome  
Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski  
The following was  
ADOPTED AYES – 4 Girome, Tomaszewski, Dingman, Walgus  
NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED that the bills contained on abstract abstracts #3 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:**

**Abstract 3 - General vouchers #46 to #57 Total = \$ 4,369.85**

**Abstract 3 - Highway vouchers #13 to # 16 Total = \$ 1,679.14**

**RESOLUTION #20 Approval of Minutes**

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski  
Seconded by Councilperson Dingman  
ADOPTED AYES – 4 Tomaszewski, Dingman, Girome, Walgus  
NAYS - 0

**RESOLVED to approve the minutes from February 8, 2018**

**RESOLUTION #21 Supervisors report**

On a motion of Councilperson Girome  
Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski  
ADOPTED AYES – 4 Girome, Tomaszewski, Dingman, Walgus  
NAYS - 0

**RESOLVED to accept the Supervisor report for February 2018.**

**RESOLUTION #22 Financial Report**

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman  
Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski  
ADOPTED AYES – 4 Dingman, Tomaszewski, Girome, Walgus  
NAYS - 0

**RESOLVED to accept the financial report for February 2018.**

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**RESOLUTION #23 Letter of engagement with Bahgat & Bahgat**

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Tomaszewski, Girome, Dingman, Walgus

NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED to sign a letter of engagement with Bahgat & Bahgat for bookkeeping services ending December 31, 2018.**

With no further business, and hearing no objection  
the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Trumpore

Town Clerk