

## Minutes

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

August 8, 2019

**\*\* Notice of the public hearing for the Zoning Ordinance updates was posted in the Observer on July 18<sup>th</sup> with same being posted on the Town of Persia website and the Town of Persia Signboard.**

**Public Hearing 6:00pm**

**Budget Workshop at 6:30pm**

**Supervisor John Walgus calls meetings to order at 7:00p.m.**

### Roll Call:

Supervisor: John T. Walgus: present

Highway Superintendent: Daniel H. Ackley: present

Councilperson: Theresa A. Girome: present

Councilperson: Gloria J. Tomaszewski: present

Councilperson: Robert O. Dingman: present

Councilperson: Seth H. Howard: absent

Town Clerk: Denise M. Trumpore: present

### Others present:

Jack Broyles

**Supervisor John T. Walgus:** \* I would like to open the public hearing tonight for comment on updating the zoning ordinances., later we will vote on the changes when Ms. Girome moves the question. \* I have paid the pre-pays and have processed payroll. \* I ask for a resolution to approve the Supervisors report and also a resolution to accept the financial statement from Bahgat & Bahgat. \* As communicated to me by electronic mail, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers is set to announce next month that the \$6.7 million flooding mitigation plan (diversion channel) will begin in 2020. \* On July 15<sup>th</sup>, I attended the joint Planning & Zoning board meeting ; Ms. Girome can elaborate on this during her agenda. \* On July 23<sup>rd</sup> I attended a meeting in Little Valley with Trustee Koch from the Village of Gowanda and Brian Davis of the Cattaraugus County Soil and Water Conservation District. We discussed the debris (trees

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and brush) that litter Thatcher Brook and ways we can mitigate the problem to prevent flooding. Mr. Davis was very helpful and gave us options on how to accomplish this. \* The NYSERDA grant at the highway department 's garage and office has been completed; new heating systems, LED lighting and a tank less water heater has been installed. \* I have signed for the town and received back from the Catt. Co. Attorney's office the executed contract with the county for the assessing services on behalf of the town. \* There will be one budget modification as Mr. Dingman moves the question tonight for the expenditure of CHIPS monies for various road projects. On July 24<sup>th</sup> I attended the Annual Cattaraugus County Planning Board dinner and meeting in South Dayton along with our newest member Deborah Brown. It gave us a chance to interact and meet the county planning board members and discuss planning and zoning issues that relate to the town. We had a chance to talk to Paul Bishop the planner for Cattaraugus County about our zoning ordinance updates. \* The Cattaraugus County Shared Services initiative 2019 meetings will begin in Ellicottville starting August 15<sup>th</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup>. We will be tasked to find more ways to combine services and save money. No word from Albany yet for the 50% reimbursement we are to receive for the last plan we submitted. Our reimbursement for the NYS Dept. of State will be approx. \$17,000. \* Next month we start the budget process, I have given the dept. heads their budget wish lists and ask them to return them back to me by September 1<sup>st</sup>. I am requesting a budget workshop on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm and also September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. \* Just a reminder that the town wide dog enumeration begins Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>; we have seen an increase in licenses since the articles appeared in our local papers. \* Hunting licenses and doe permits are now available. \* Happy birthday to Mr. Dingman this month.

**Highway Superintendent Daniel H. Ackley:** \* Cattaraugus County Highway Superintendents Association collected over 1200 pounds of canned goods which were donated to the Ronald McDonald House; the Town of Persia donated 127 pounds. \* I am asking the board to put our 1989 Mack truck out for sealed bids to be opened on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Councilperson Theresa A. Girome:** \* I was here tonight at 6:00 at the public hearing with the Zoning Board to discuss updating the zoning ordinances and ask for a resolution to accept the updated Zoning Ordinance. \* On July 15<sup>th</sup> I attended the Planning & Zoning meeting which we discussed Gernatt's mining permits. The next meeting will be on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Councilperson Robert O. Dingman:** \* I am requesting we have a public hearing to amend our current Local Law on the Senior Citizen Exemption; this amendment would allow for

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unreimbursed medical and prescription drug expenses to be deducted from the owners' income to potentially increase their percentage of exemption. \* We will need a resolution to increase the highway expenditure budget by \$13,738 which represents monies available through the CHIPS program. \*The committee that ran the Happening raised over \$12,000 and have asked the Chamber to be their legal entity for the next Happening.

**Councilperson Seth H. Howard:** \* absent

**Councilperson Gloria J. Tomaszewski:** \* Attended the Planning & Zoning Board meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup> wherein discussion was had as to having the Town address reclamation and set backs concerning mining. Discussion was also had as to Gernatt's approaching the Town in the future for either a permit or extension for mining on the Chmiel property. I talked with President Pat Volk from the Ambulance Board; it was indicated some ground work has started on the Ambulance building and the proposed finish date is in January. President Volk also said they installed a temporary member replacing me.

**Assessor Kate Harrington:** (by email) \* The 2019 final roll was filed on July 1<sup>st</sup>. A copy of the roll has been left with the Town Clerk; it is also available on the County's website at <https://www.lcattco.org/assessment-rolls> . \* I attended a NYS Assessors' Association training July 14 - 19. This training covered reporting the three methods of valuing properties - cost, market, and income, it is a required course for NYS certification. \* There was one property transfer for March, three for April, six for May and 11 for June.

**Town Clerk Denise M. Trumpore:** \*

Total transactions for July: 141

Total Collected: \$ 2,168.00

Towns Portion: \$ **811.96**

\*I ask for a resolution to accept the minutes from July 11<sup>th</sup>. \* There will be a rabies clinic on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 9196 Rt. 62 in Dayton.

## **RESOLUTION # 74 Audit of Claims**

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

The following was

ADOPTED AYES - 4 Dingman, Girome, Tomaszewski, Walgus

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NAYS - 0

**RESOLVED** that the bills contained on abstract #8 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:  
**Abstract 8 - General vouchers # 126 to # 142 Total = \$ 9,286.80**  
**Abstract 8 - Highway vouchers # 48 to # 55 Total = \$ 38,970.91**

**RESOLUTION #75 Approval of Minutes**

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

ADOPTED AYES - 4 Tomaszewski, Girome, Dingman, Walgus

NAYS - 0

**RESOLVED to approve the minutes from July 11, 2019.**

**RESOLUTION #76 Supervisors report**

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES - 4 Dingman, Tomaszewski, Girome, Walgus

NAYS - 0

**RESOLVED to accept the Supervisor report for July 2019.**

**RESOLUTION #77 Financial Report**

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES - 4 Girome, Tomaszewski, Dingman, Walgus

NAYS - 0

**RESOLVED to accept the financial report for July 2019.**

**RESOLUTION #78 Senior Citizen Exemption Amendments**

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES - 4 Dingman, Tomaszewski, Girome, Walgus

NAYS - 0

**RESOLVED to have a public hearing on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm to discuss the Senior Citizen Exemption amendments to Local Law 2016-1.**

**RESOLUTION #79 Zoning Ordinances**

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

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ADOPTED        AYES – 4 Girome, Tomaszewski, Dingman, Walgus  
                     NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED to update the Zoning Ordinances**

**RESOLUTION #80 Budget modification**

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman  
Seconded by Councilperson Girome

ADOPTED        AYES –4 Dingman, Girome, Tomaszewski, Walgus  
                     NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED to increase the Highway Outside Village 2019 expenditure budget by \$13,738 which represents monies available through the CHIPS program. This will increase the budget amounts for accounts DB3501 – CHIPS and DB5112.2 – Improvements – Capital Outlay.**

**RESOLUTION #81 Budget Workshops**

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman  
Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED        AYES – 4 Dingman, Tomaszewski, Girome, Walgus  
                     NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED to have a budget workshop on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm and September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.**

**RESOLUTION #82 Sealed bids to sell 1989 Mack truck**

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman  
Seconded by Councilperson Girome

ADOPTED        AYES – 4 Dingman, Girome, Tomaszewski, Walgus  
                     NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED to sell the 1989 Mack truck by sealed bids to be opened September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**

Hearing no objection, Supervisor Walgus closes the public hearing and adjourns the meeting in memory of our town resident Robert Drain and I ask for a moment of silence to remember the victims of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise M. Trumpore

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