

Agenda

Town of Persia Regular Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

December 12, 2019

Reorganization Workshop 6:00 pm

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

Roll Call:

Supervisor: John T. Walgus:

Highway Superintendent: Daniel H. Ackley:

Councilperson: Theresa A. Girome:

Councilperson: Gloria J. Tomaszewski:

Councilperson: Robert O. Dingman:

Councilperson: Seth H. Howard:

Town Clerk: Denise M. Trumpore: present

Others present:

Supervisor John T. Walgus: * I have paid the pre-pays and have processed payroll. * I ask for a resolution to approve the Supervisors report and a resolution to accept the financial statement from Bahgat & Laurito Bahgat. * I want to thank the DCO committee, Theresa Girome, Gloria Tomaszewski and Dick Bridges for their hard work interviewing candidates and choosing a new DCO; her name is Tammy Grimmer and she is presently going through the Health Dept. for her rabies vaccinations. I have turned over the dog warden equipment and paperwork to her, and she has already received some calls. * I have been working with the Cattaraugus County Dept. of Emergency Services, the Highway Superintendent, our Disaster Coordinator and our Code Enforcement Officer on updating the town's component of the Counties Hazardous Mitigation Plan. The plan was last updated in 2014. * I attended the Cattaraugus County Supervisors Meeting this month, topics we discussed were the NYS Retirement System, Catt. Co. Civil Service and municipal web sites. We now have our Right to Farm law, Cold War Exemptions Law, Senior Citizens Exemption Law and dog license applications on the town's web site which is persiany.org. * Thanks to all the volunteers who helped at the town hall for the Christmas in Gowanda including and the cookie bakers who

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entered in the cookie contest this year. We had 10 entries with Mary Wingard of Gowanda winning best tasting with her Apple Sauce Cookie and Debra Martin from Collins for best looking with her Wreath Cookie.* The night was a resounding success* I attended the Planning & Zoning meeting on November 18th; they are updating the animal's control and zoning laws regarding dogs and cats. Our final mortgage tax payment came in and it just about what we anticipated it would be. Sales tax revenue is up from last year and we will be able to dedicate a large portion to the equipment reserve and the rest to the general fund savings. The final payment from NYSEDA arrived. Some of the budget modifications before us tonight is replacing monies used to finish the projects. There is some fine tuning to be completed such as the new AC system that will be done next year. * Tonight, is the final vote for the Cattaraugus Counties Shared Services Initiative in Little Valley. I still have not heard when we will be reimbursed for our cost savings from 2017 & 2018. * I received the final paperwork from the DASNY's SAM grant we applied for in 2017 for storm damage that occurred in 2015. * William Hojnacki, Chair of the Planning & Zoning Board retired last month. He has volunteered for the town for more than 30 years. Good luck Bill on your retirement. Dave Redman was voted to replace Bill as Chair and Debbie Brown moved up from an alternate. We can use someone to replace the alternate position vacated by Ms. Brown. * Next month, Judge Schindler will swear in all newly elected officials and court personnel. * I will be asking for a workshop on January 9th at 6:30pm to discuss the reorganization meeting. * We had our town Christmas party on the 9th; it was nice to see the employees and guests enjoying themselves. * Happy birthday to Mark Hojnacki on the 19th.

Highway Superintendent Daniel H. Ackley: * read highway bills. * I worked on the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. * Highway plowed 8 times since the last meeting and borrowed a woodchipper to cleanup some debris. * I attended the Highway Superintendents meeting earlier today, attendance is down. * ask the minutes from November 14th, resolution #104 state equipment reserve NOT repair reserve.

Councilperson Theresa A. Girome: * I attended the Planning & Zoning meeting on November 18th. * I was a judge for the cookie contest, and it was a sweet time. I sent thank-you notes to people who donated cookies for our Christmas in Gowanda night. * I attended the Village of Gowanda meeting on December 10th.

Councilperson Robert O. Dingman: *I attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Councilperson Seth H. Howard: * I attended the Christmas in Gowanda.

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Councilperson Gloria J. Tomaszewski: * I was also a judge for the cookie contest and helped with Christmas in Gowanda here at the town hall.

Assessor Kate Harrington: (by email) * Liz and Carrie attended a RPS V4 Custom Reports training on November 7th. This one-day class focused on the reporting capability in RPS V4, the database used for assessing in Cattaraugus County, including creating and designing reports, saving reports in other formats, and using the output in different applications such as Excel. * Kate and Liz attended a training on November 19th in Randolph; this training taught by Bob Wright, current ORPTS Central Region Director, provided a concise overview of the Agricultural Assessment exemption, Agricultural Building exemption, land values, definitions, legislation, and more. * The assessing office corresponded with several property owners about their assessments, tax bills, and exemptions. * Seven property transfers were added for October.

Town Clerk Denise M. Trumpore: *

Total transactions for November: 76

Total Collected: \$ 1958.00

Towns Portion: \$ **450.54**

*I ask for a resolution to accept the minutes from November 14th.

RESOLUTION # 107 Audit of Claims

On a motion of Councilperson Howard

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

The following was

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Howard, Tomaszewski, Girome, Dingman, Walgus

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the bills contained on Abstract #12 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

Abstract 12 – General vouchers # 198 to # 222 Total = \$ 5,306.55

Abstract 12 – Highway vouchers # 93 to # 101 Total = \$ 2,688.23

RESOLUTION #108 Approval of Minutes

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Dingman, Girome, Tomaszewski, Howard, Walgus

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NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to approve the minutes from November 14th with correction to Resolution #104 noting Equipment Reserve NOT Repair Reserve.

RESOLUTION #109 Supervisors report

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Howard

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Girome, Howard, Tomaszewski, Dingman, Walgus

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the Supervisor report for November 2019.

RESOLUTION #110 Financial Report

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Dingman, Tomaszewski, Girome, Dingman, Walgus

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the financial report for November 2019.

RESOLUTION #111 Budget Modification

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Howard

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Dingman, Howard, Girome, Tomaszewski, Walgus

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to increase the General Fund Town Wide 2019 expenditure budget by \$25,000 which represents NYSERDA grant monies. This will increase the budgeted amounts for accounts A3089.2- State Aid, Other- NYSERDA by \$25,000, A1620.2 – Building – Equipment by \$18,808 and A5132.2 – Garage – Equipment by \$6,192.

RESOLUTION #112 General Fund Town Wide Budget Transfers

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Howard

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Girome, Howard, Tomaszewski, Dingman, Walgus

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to transfer \$3,363 FROM A1355.1 – Assessor -Personal Services TO A1355.4 – Assessor – Contractual.

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\$600 FROM A1355.2 – Assessor – Equipment, \$560 FROM A1355.11 – Assessor Deputy – Personal Services, \$373 FROM A1355.1 – Assessor – Personal Services **TOTALING \$1533 TO A1355.4 – Assessor – Contractual.

\$695 FROM A5132.4 – Garage – Contractual TO A5132.2 Garage – Equipment.

\$632 FROM A9030.8 – Employee Benefits – Social Security TO A9010.8 – Employee Benefits – State Retirement.

RESOLUTION #113 General Fund Outside Village Budget Transfers

On a motion of Councilperson Howard

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES –5 Howard, Tomaszewski, Girome, Dingman, Walgus
 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to transfer \$30 FROM B9030.8 – Employee Benefits – Social Security TO B9010.8 – Employee Benefits – State Retirement.

RESOLUTION #114 Highway Fund Town Wide Budget Transfer

On a motion of Councilperson Howard

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Howard, Dingman, Girome, Tomaszewski, Walgus
 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to transfer \$1518 FROM DA5130.1- Machinery – Personal Services, \$101 FROM DA9010.8 – Employee Benefits – State Retirement, \$216 FROM DA9030.8 – Employee Benefits – Social Security, \$3 FROM DA9040.8 – Employee Benefits – Workers Comp, \$26 FROM DA9950.9 – Transfer to Capital Reserve ** TOTALING \$1862 TO DA5130.4 – Machinery – Contractual.

RESOLUTION #115 Highway Fund Outside Village Budget Transfer

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Dingman, Girome, Tomaszewski, Howard, Walgus
 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to transfer \$427 FROM DB9060.8 – Employee Benefits – Hospital & Medical TO DB9010.8 Employee Benefits – State Retirement.

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RESOLUTION #116 Workshop

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Girome, Tomaszewski, Howard, Dingman, Walgus

NAYS – 0

RESOLVED to have workshop on January 9th at 6:30pm to discuss the reorganization meeting.

Hearing no objection, Supervisor Walgus adjourns the meeting in memory of residents Wesley Allen, Donald Burr, John Kokel and Richard Orth.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Trumpore

Town Clerk