**Agenda**

Town of Persia Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

May 11, 2023

**Workshop 6:00pm to discuss the bond counsel.**

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

**All stand for the Pledge of Allegiance**

Roll Call:

Supervisor: John T. Walgus:

Councilmember: Theresa A. Girome:

Councilmember: Gloria J. Tomaszewski:

Councilmember Robert O. Dingman:

Councilmember: Seth H. Howard:

 Others present:

Highway Superintendent: Daniel H. Ackley

Town Clerk: Denise M. Trumpore

Senator’s Young’s Zoar Valley Safety Task Force – William Cain

Village of Gowanda Disaster Coordinator – Nicholas Crassi

1st Asst. Chief Gowanda Fire – Mark Hebner

**Supervisor John T.** **Walgus:**   \* I will need a resolution for the Supervisor report. \* I ask for a resolution to accept the financial report for April. \* We have two budget modifications that will need a resolution. \* I received notice from the Village of Gowanda regarding a Joint Activity Fund that was established in 1984. This was sponsored by 4 municipalities including the Town of Dayton, Town of Perrysburg, Town of Persia and the Village of Gowanda. The Village of Gowanda would like to dissolve this fund as all revenue, donations, support from other governments, and expense allocations is budgeted and accounted for through the Village of Gowanda General Fund Budget. The dissolving of the Joint Activity Fund will have no impact on the Continued service provided by the Village of Gowanda recreation program and activities. The Gowanda recreation program and activities will continue to be provided and included in the General Fund budget as usual. So, I have a resolution to approve the dissolution of the Gowanda Joint Activity Fund. \* We have two birthdays this month to celebrate, David Redman who is Chairman of the Planning/Zoning Board, and Tammy Grimmer our Dog Control Officer and Deputy Town Clerk.

**Highway Superintendent Daniel H. Ackley:** \*Read highway bills. \*

**Councilmember Theresa A. Girome:** \*

**Councilmember Robert O. Dingman:**  \*

**Councilmember Seth H. Howard:** \*

**Councilmember Gloria J. Tomaszewski:** \*

**Assessor Kate Harrington:** \* by email \* Informal Assessment Review Applications were reviewed in April. Only 5% of Persia property owners contacted us about their new assessments. Of that 5%, 41% provided information that justified lowering their assessments. \* Those still not satisfied with their assessment can grieve it with the Board of Assessment Review at the Town Hall on June 6th from 4:00 to 8:00pm. The required form RP-524 is available online, at the Assessor’s Office, and at the Persia Town Hall. \* The Assessing Office has corresponded with several property owners about their assessments, tax bills, and exemptions. \* There were four property transfers in March, However, these cannot be added to our system until July 1st. In the meantime, you can find more information about these sales here http://www.cattco.org/real-property-and-gis/sales

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

Total transactions for April -146

Total Collected: $ 2,035.00

Towns Portion: $ **987.44**

\*I ask for a resolution to accept the minutes from April 13th. \* April 23rd to the 26th I attended the NYSTCA 41ST conference in Syracuse. I was awarded a $450.00 scholarship which was sponsored by the NYSTCA. This will be used to offset the fees to attend. I want to thank the board for allowing me to attend this conference. I learned from talking with other town clerks that the Persia Board has excellent open communication with each other, and even though problems may arise, we get it out in the open and discuss it for the better of the town. I went to classes on clerk basics, Birth, Death and Marriage updates, Retirement reporting and NYS archives. In the mornings there was an open discussion group on hot topics that a town clerk may come across. Also, every year the NYSTCA honors one of its members who has exhibited a high degree of professionalism in her office and this year Sue Koch from the Town of Little Valley was awarded this award.

**RESOLUTION # 45 Audit of Claims**

On a motion of Councilperson

Seconded by Councilperson

The following was

ADOPTED AYES –

NAYS –

**RESOLVED that the bills contained on Abstract #5 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:**

**Abstract 5– General Vouchers # 68 to # Total: $**

**Abstract 5 - Highway Vouchers # 23 to # Total: $**

**RESOLUTION #46 Approval of Minutes**

On a motion of Councilperson

Seconded by Councilperson

ADOPTED AYES –

NAYS -

**RESOLVED to approve the minutes from April 13th.**

**RESOLUTION # 47 Financial Report**

On a motion of Councilperson

Seconded by Councilperson

ADOPTED AYES –

NAYS -

**RESOLVED to accept the financial reports for April 2023.**

**RESOLUTION # 48 Supervisor’s Report**

On a motion of Councilperson

Seconded by Councilperson

ADOPTED AYES –

NAYS –

**RESOLVED to accept the Supervisor’s Report for April.**

**Ending balances as of April 30, 2023 as follows:**

**General Fund Checking - $27,641.20**

**General Fund Savings - $544,657.26**

**Highway Fund Checking - $43,916.03**

**Highway Fund Savings - $248,901.50**

**Trust & Agency Payroll - $4,638.35**

**Highway Reserve Fund - $29,820.95**

**Building Reserve Fund - $37,806.55**

**RESOLUTION # 49 Budget Modifications**

On a motion by Councilmember

Seconded by Councilmember

ADOPTED AYES –

NAYS –

**RESOLVED to increase the General Fund Town Hall 2023 expenditure budget by $1,768 due to the use of APRA funds for the payment to Wendel for the payment to Wendell for the Town Hall Project. This will increase accounts A4039 – APRA REVENUE and A5020-29 – ENGINEERING – EQUIPMENT – APRA.**

**RESOLVED to increase the General Fund Town Wide 2023 expenditure budget by $728 by using review funds for the remaining payment to Wendell for the Town Hall project. This will increase account A5020.2 – ENGINEERING – APRA and decrease FUND BALANCE – UNAPPROPRIATED.**

**RESOLUTION # 50 Dissolution of the Gowanda Joint Activity Fund**

On a motion of Councilmember

Seconded by Councilmember

ADOPTED AYES –

NAYS –

**RESOLVED**

**WHEREAS, the Gowanda Joint Activity Fund was established in 1984 with (4) sponsoring municipalities: the Town of Dayton, Town of Perrysburg, Town of Persia, and the Village of Gowanda, for the purpose of establishing support for the youth recreation program and activities offered by the Village of Gowanda for all surrounding areas; and**

**WHEREAS, NYS Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) has advised the Village of Gowanda that they continue to allow an active Gowanda Joint Activity Fund in the OSC system; and**

**WHEREAS, all funds for the Village of Gowanda-sponsored recreation activities, including revenue, donations, support from other governments, and expense allocations have been budgeted and accounted for as part of the Village of Gowanda General Fund budget, while contributions are no longer being passed through the Joint Activity Fund; and**

**WHEREAS, OSC has directed that the Gowanda Joint Activity Fund be dissolved as it is no longer used or funded for the purpose for which it was established; and**

**WHEREAS, OSC has requested that the other sponsoring municipalities join in this resolution to dissolve the Joint Activity Fund as it is no longer used or funded for the purpose for which it was established.**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT resolved, that the Town of Persia hereby officially dissolves the Gowanda Joint Activity Fund.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of each sponsoring municipality’s adoption of this resolution will be sent to the OSC.**

**RESOLUTION # 51**

On a motion of Councilmember

Seconded by Councilmember

ADOPTED AYES –

NAYS –

**RESOLVED**

**RESOLUTION # 52**

On a motion of Councilmember

Seconded by Councilmember

ADOPTED AYES –

NAYS –

**RESOLVED**

**RESOLUTION #53**

On a motion of Councilmember

Seconded by Councilmember

ADOPTED AYES –

NAYS –

**RESOLVED**

**RESOLUTION #54**

On a motion of Councilmember

Seconded by Councilmember

ADOPTED AYES –

NAYS –

**RESOLVED**

**RESOLUTION 55**

On a motion of Councilmember

Seconded by Councilmember

ADOPTED AYES –

NAYS -

Hearing no objection, Supervisor Walgus closed the meeting with a moment of silence for Lillian Bondzich, Patricia Watson, Anna Gawlak and Evelyn Pachucinski who was a former Election Inspector for the Town who passed away since our last meeting at pm.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Denise M. Trumpore

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Town Clerk