**Minutes**

Town of Persia Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

June 9, 2022

**Workshop 6:00pm to discuss the solar array project**

**Public Hearing for Local Law 2022-1-- 7:00pm**

**\*Notice of Public Hearing was posted in the Observer on May 14th & May 21st.**

**Letters were also sent to landowners within 500 feet of the boundary of the property upon which the project is proposed along with letters to adjoining towns Dayton, Otto, Perrysburg, New Albion and the Village of Gowanda.**

**All stand for the Pledge of Allegiance**

Roll Call:

Supervisor: John T. Walgus: present

Councilperson: Theresa A. Girome: present

Councilperson: Gloria J. Tomaszewski: present

Councilperson: Robert O. Dingman: present

Councilperson: Seth H. Howard: (7:14) present

 Others present:

Highway Superintendent: Daniel H. Ackley

Town Clerk: Denise M. Trumpore

Jake Alianello – MDA Engineer

Mike Lipinski

**Supervisor John T.** **Walgus:**  \*I would like to open the public hearing for Local Law 2022-1 for comment. This Law will amend Solar Permitting (Article XXI) Section 6(b) wherein “Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar Systems are permitted as accessory and principal uses in the Town of Persia, subject to the following conditions, unless specifically waived by the Town Board as part of the permit. This is something the Planning & Zoning Board felt we needed to give the town the ability to determine our own destiny. If the law is approved, by the board tonight, it will be sent to the County Planning Board for their review before it is sent to the State. \* I ask for a resolution to accept the financial report for May. \* I also need a resolution for the Supervisor report. \* Tonight, after a long hiatus, and after being reconstituted, the Thatcher Brook Task force finally met. I have asked the Deputy Supervisor and the Highway Superintendent to attend the meeting. After Mayor Smith was first elected, I personally asked him to keep the town in the loop about the progress the task force was making. As with the normal procedure, and at the village board meeting I attended, he personally responded to my questions on why the town was being left out of the Army Corp of Engineers negotiations and he said he would advise me on the progress that the Task Force was making and future developments. That was the LAST time he spoke to me about this subject many years ago. \* The Board of Assessment Review (BAR) met on June 7th with Assessor Lerow to listen to our residents’ comments and concerns about their property assessments. At last month’s meeting Assessor Harrington spoke to us about the BAR and the re-assessment plan that the town will be undertaking beginning in 2023. This is commonly known as a re-val. \* I have spoken to two engineering firms about our request for quotes (RFQ) for the NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA). Hopefully we will be awarded a grant to begin the process. This morning I met with the engineer from Wendel Associates and gave him a tour of the second floor of the town hall, and now are waiting on their plan for the refurbishing of the second floor of the town hall. \* Birthday wishes go out this month to Dan Ackley and Gloria Tomaszewski.

**Highway Superintendent Daniel H. Ackley:** \*Read highway bills. \* Attended the Thatcher Brook Task Force meeting tonight at the village hall. I told them I was cutting the uprights off the trash rack. I feel it lets the smaller brush go over and not clog the trash rack.

**Councilperson Theresa A. Girome:** \* There will be a Village Board meeting on June 14th at 6pm. \* I received a report from the Dog Control Officer, Tammy Grimmer. She said the dog census is 75% complete. To date, 91 dogs have been found to be unlicensed. Last year with no census, the month of May saw 2 new dog licenses and 21 renewals. This year with the census, we saw 64 new dog licenses and 31 renewals. So far for 2022, only one dog had to be seized for being AT LARGE. Seven tickets have been issued for unlicensed or at large dogs.

**Councilperson Robert O. Dingman:**  \*I attended the Thatcher Brook Task Force meeting at the village hall tonight, there was a discussion on the proposed diversion channel, they must rebid for services because of the time lapse and increase in prices on everything.

**Councilperson Seth H. Howard:** \*read general bills. \* I was dropped again to participate in the Ambulance Board meeting via ZOOM.

**Councilperson Gloria J. Tomaszewski:** \* The Board of Review members (BAR) met here on June 7th, two people came, one for a reduction in taxes and the other for a error on the taxes. \* I would like to have a workshop on July 14th at 6:30pm to discuss the solar project.

**Assessor Kate Harrington:** \* by email \* The tentative roll was created May 1st. The public can view it at https://www.cattco.org/real-property-and-gis/assessment-rolls \* The assessing office corresponded with several property owners about their assessments, tax bills, and exemptions. \* There were five property transfers in April. However, these cannot be added to our system until July 1st. In the meantime, you can find more information about these sales here:

<https://maps2.catt.org/MonthlySales/Apr2022.htm>

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

Total transactions for May - 196

Total Collected: $ 2,563.00

Towns Portion: $**1,517.04**

**\***I ask for a resolution to accept the minutes fromMay

**Public Participation**

**Jake Alianello:** Stated the town may have to have a SEQR for Local Law 2022-1 before it is filed with the state.

**Mike Lipinski:** Had some questions about the proposed Local Law 2022-1.

**RESOLUTION # 50 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 #6 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:**

**Abstract 6– General Vouchers # 102 to # 123 Total: $ 3,400.03**

**Abstract 6- Highway Vouchers # 32 to # 38 Total: $ 7,762.11**

**RESOLUTION #51 Approval of Minutes**

On a motion of Councilperson Girome

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

NAYS - 0

**RESOLVED to approve the minutes from May 12th.**

**RESOLUTION # 52 Financial Report**

On a motion of Councilperson Howard

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

NAYS - 0

**RESOLVED to accept the financial report for May 2022.**

**RESOLUTION # 53 Supervisor’s Report**

ON a motion of Councilperson

Seconded by Councilperson

ADOPTED AYES –

NAYS –

**RESOLVED to approve the Supervisors report for May 2022.**

**RESOLUTION # 54 Local Law 2022-1**

On a motion of Councilperson Howard

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

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

NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED** **to amend our (Article XXI), section 6(b) - Large Scale Solar Energy Systems Applicability, there will be a new paragraph VIII which reads; “Large Scale ground mounted solar systems are permitted as accessory and principal uses in the Town of Persia, subject to the followings conditions, ‘unless specifically waived by the Town Board as part of the permit”. Local Law 2022-1 shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State after review from the Cattaraugus County Planning Board.**

**RESOLUTION # 55 Workshop**

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

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

NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED to have a workshop on July 14th at 6:30pm to discuss the solar project.**

Hearing no objection, Supervisor Walgus closed the public hearing and the meeting in memory of town residents Joyce Stitzel and Dale Hartlieb at 7:56 pm.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Denise M. Trumpore

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Town Clerk