**Minutes**

Town of Persia Board Meeting

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

February 10, 2022

**Workshop 6:30pm to discuss COVID-19**

**Board meeting 7:00pm**

**All stand for the Pledge of Allegiance**

**Happy Presidents & Valentine’s Day**

Roll Call:

 Supervisor: John T. Walgus: present

Councilperson: Theresa A. Girome: absent

Councilperson: Gloria J. Tomaszewski: present

Councilperson: Robert O. Dingman: present

Councilperson: Seth H. Howard: present

 Others present:

Highway Superintendent: Daniel H. Ackley

Town Clerk: Denise M. Trumpore

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 **Supervisor John T.** **Walgus:**  \* Since we last met, I have been in contact with Verizon and Tectonic Engineering (Verizon’s engineering firm) in relation to the installation of the Thatcher Brook Micro Cell Site antenna on the top of the town hall. To refresh your memory, I have executed a contract with Verizon to rent space on top of the town hall for this project. The engineer has informed me that the project installation date is tentatively scheduled to begin in April of this year and Verizon has budgeted the funds for this project. \* I have processed payroll and paid the prepays. \* I ask for a resolution to accept the financial report for December. \* I also need a resolution for the Supervisor report. \* The joint Planning & Zoning Board meeting for review of the RENUA Energy’s Site Plan Application that was scheduled for January 19th was cancelled because of a problem getting the property owners to sign the documents. It is now scheduled for March 21st at 7pm, this is the regular Planning & Zoning meeting date. RENUA has now forwarded to me the signed documents in paper and electronic form of the site plan application. On advice of our consul, I have asked Mr. Jacob Alianello P.E. from MDA Engineers of Ellicottville to assist us with this project. I have spoken to Mr. James Musacchio Esq, Mr. David Redman, chair of our Planning & Zoning Board and Mr. Alianello P.E. and they have been very helpful in advising me on how to proceed with this project. \* The new copy machine for our office is on hold because of production problems obtaining the electronic parts to build the machine. I was told the soonest we will get it is June. The low bidder, CopierFax Business Technologies has provided me with different possibilities we can explore. \* ACME Business Solutions the low bidder has delivered and installed a new monitor and computer for the supervisor. A new modem and router with up-to-date secure cyber protection for our internet access that is required by the NYS Shield Act. \* As we discussed at our last meeting the bids for quotes for the fire alarm system for the highway garages were advised in our official newspaper on February 2nd and 8th. With bid openings on March 10th at 7pm. \*We have some budget transfers to approve. \* Happy Birthday greetings for February goes out to Denise Trumpore on the 4th, Cheryl Matern on the 19th, and Jim Musacchio on the 24th.

**Highway Superintendent Daniel H. Ackley:** \*Read highway bills. \* I received the agreement to spend highway funds with Cattaraugus County and ask for a resolution for the board to approve it. \* Been plowing snow, one day we plowed 4 times. \* I have been talking with companies inquiring about the fire alarm system specs.

**Councilperson Theresa A. Girome:** \* absent

**Councilperson Robert O. Dingman:**  \*Regarding the water district, I have not heard back from the Village with an offer that would be acceptable to present to the board.

**Councilperson Seth H. Howard:** \*read general bills. \* I cleaned up some downed trees in the Maltbie Cemetery. \* I was not able to attend the last ambulance meeting.

**Councilperson Gloria J. Tomaszewski:** \* Had a meeting via telephone with Healthy Community Alliance; There are no tax credit apartments available, 1 HUD apartment available, 13 people are on the HUD waiting list, and 8 people on the tax credit waiting list. I have the annual report if anyone wants to look at it. \* I would like a resolution to have a workshop on March 10th at 6:30pm to discuss the solar array project.

**Assessor Kate Harrington:** (by email) \* Completed renewal applications for several exemptions that are being returned to our office. Because these renewals are due by March 1, 2022, we will contact all applicants who have not submitted their application in mid-February. Property owners should contact our office with any questions about these exemptions or the application process. \* Pursuant to Section 501 of NYWS Real Property Tax Law, The Notice Concerning the Examination of Assessment Inventory and Data, must be displayed on the bulletin board at the Town Hall and published in the town’s official paper. I have provided a copy of this notice for your bulletin board and my office will take care of publishing the notice and the Dunkirk Observer will send an invoice. \* The Assessing Office has corresponded with several property owners about their assessments, tax bills, and exemptions. \* Added 13 sales for December. More information about December sales can be found at <https://maps2.cattco.org/MonthlySales/Dec2021.htm>

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

Total transactions for January - 54

Total Collected: $ 725.00

Towns Portion: $**224.53**

**\***I ask for a resolution to accept the minutes fromJanuary 13th.

**RESOLUTION # 12 Audit of Claims**

On a motion of Councilperson Howard

Seconded by Councilperson Dingman

The following was

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Howard, Dingman, Tomaszewski, Walgus

 NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED that the bills contained on Abstract #2 for General and Highway have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:**

**Abstract 2– General Vouchers # 24 to # 42 Total: $ 32,577.83**

**Abstract 2- Highway Vouchers # 6 to # 8 Total: $ 2,317.37**

**RESOLUTION #13 Approval of Minutes**

On a motion of Councilperson

Seconded by Councilperson

ADOPTED AYES –

 NAYS -

 **RESOLVED to approve the minutes from January 13th**

 **RESOLUTION # 14 Financial Report**

On a motion of Councilperson

Seconded by Councilperson

ADOPTED AYES –

 NAYS -

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

**RESOLUTION # 15 Supervisor’s Report**

ON a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES –4 Dingman, Tomaszewski, Howard, Walgus

 NAYS –0

**RESOLVED to accept the Supervisor’s Report for January 2022**

**RESOLUTION # 16 Agreement to spend highway funds with Cattaraugus County.**

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Howard

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Dingman, Howard, Tomaszewski, Walgus

 NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED** **to approve the agreement to spend highway funds with Cattaraugus County.**

**RESOLUTION # 17 Budget transfers**

On a motion of Councilperson Howard

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Howard, Tomaszewski, Dingman, Walgus

 NAYS – 0

**RESOLVED to transfer $49.00 from A1990.4 – Contingent to A9040.8 – Employee Benefits – Workers Comp, $3.00 from B9030.8 – Employee Benefits – Social Security to B9040.8 – Employee Benefits – Workers Comp, $8.00 from DA9030.8 – Employee Benefits – Social Security to DA9040.8 – Employee Benefits – Workers Comp, $22.00 from DB9030.8 – Employee Benefits – Social Security to DB9040.8 – Employee Benefits – Workers Comp.**

**RESOLUTION # 18 Workshop**

On a motion of Councilperson Tomaszewski

Seconded by Councilperson Howard

ADOPTED AYES – 4 Tomaszewski, Howard, Dingman, Walgus

 NAYS –0

**RESOLVED to have a workshop on March 10th at 7pm to discuss the solar array project.**

 Hearing no objection, Supervisor Walgus adjourned the meeting in memory of town residents former Justice Paul D. Harrington, Joyce Hewitt, Bonnie Offhaus and Patricia Leonard at 7:50 pm.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Denise M. Trumpore

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Town Clerk