

Perrysburg Town Board

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Perrysburg, Cattaraugus County, NY, February 13, 2023 at the Town Hall

PRESENT: Dennis Parker, Town Supervisor • Randy LaChausse, Councilman • Michael Sternisha, Councilman • Christopher Trybus, Councilman • Dan York, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Tamara A Utley, Town Clerk
Dan Stang, Highway Supt.
Jim Musacchio, Town Attorney
Tim Mesch
Dave Swift

Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 2023 MEETING: Motion by Councilman York, second by Councilman Sternisha to approve the minutes as submitted

ALL AYE MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS:

Building & Code Enforcement Officer: Completed eighteen inspections; had one property complaint

Assessor's Report:

- Reassessment update: Disclosure notices will be mailed to property owners in late February/early March. Notices will provide property owners with their preliminary assessment, an approximate tax liability and information on the review process
- Sixty nine percent of Agricultural Assessment and thirty one percent of Senior Citizen renewal applications have been processed; Exemption applications are due March 1, 2023
- Pursuant to Section 501 of NYS Real Property Tax Law, the Notice Concerning the Examination of Assessment Inventory and Data must be posted on the Town Hall bulletin board and published in the official paper
- One property transfer in December – additional information can be found on the County website

Water Dept. Report: Dan Stang reported that the leak on Parker Road has been repaired

Sewer Report: nothing to report

Highway Supt. Report: plowing/sanding when needed; working on snow blower; tree work on roadsides & mowing with excavator; cutting trees, chain saw work on roadsides

Justice Report: Justice Dankert closed thirteen V/T law cases and two animal control cases; \$2005 was reported to the State Comptroller

Dog Control Officer's Report: Issued twenty three tickets for dogs without a license; two complaints of dogs outside without proper housing; complaint on North Road of a dog owner not keeping the dog in their own yard; complaint of a new tenant on Main Street whose dog does not have a license

Town Clerk Report: Collected \$1,078.00 for the month of January. \$379.70 was the Town portion paid to the Supervisor

Tax Collector Report: For the month of January, received \$1,493,984.77 in Town & County taxes. The Town Supervisor has been paid the full Town warrant amount of \$635,840.25

Supervisor's Report: financial report prepared by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat is on file in the Town Clerk's office

CORRESPONDENCE

- Village of Gowanda adopted water rate increase of 15% and sewer rate increase of 15% at the January 10, 2023 Village Board meeting to help balance the budget; the rate increase will be effective April 1, 2023; Current water rate is \$68/minimum (first 4,000 gallons and \$8.93/1,000 gallons over minimum. Water rate increase will be \$78.20/minimum (first 4,000 gallons) and \$10.26/1,000 gallons over minimum
 - Town of Perrysburg will hold a public hearing scheduled for 7:00pm on March 13th to hear from interested parties on a proposed water rate increase for the Gowanda Prospect Street Water District due to the rate increase by the Village of Gowanda; Town of Perrysburg purchases water from the Village of Gowanda for the Gowanda Prospect Street Water District
- Cattaraugus County Legislature resolution to oppose the ban of gas stoves and other fossil fuel heating equipment;
 - Motion by Supervisor Parker, second by Councilman Sternisha to support the Cattaraugus County Legislature resolution to oppose the ban of gas stoves and other fossil fuel heating equipment
**PARKER – AYE STERNISHA - AYE LACHAUSSE – AYE
 TRYBUS – AYE YORK – AYE**
- NYS Ag & Markets – Municipal Shelter Inspection Report completed 1/3/2023 rated Satisfactory

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Supervisor Parker, second by Councilman LaChausse to introduce
RESOLUTION #10 OF 2023 – AGREEMENT TO SPEND HIGHWAY FUNDS

Whereas, AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF Perrysburg and the County of Cattaraugus, pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, agree that moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways,

and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways shall be expended for primary work and general repairs on 71.2 miles of town highways
 BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Perrysburg Town Board to execute the 2023 Agreement; one copy to be filed with Cattaraugus County and one copy to be filed with the Town Clerk

**PARKER – AYE LACHAUSSE – AYE STERNISHA – AYE
 TRYBUS – AYE YORK – AYE**

TOWN OF PERRYSBURG DOG LAW §77-10 PROHIBITED ACTS

Councilman York reported that DCO Hagner would like to remind residents of this section of Town law as she has given twenty three tickets for dogs without a license since January & to remind residents that it is the owner's responsibility to update license information if their pet dies or they move to a new address

§77-10 PROHIBITED ACTS – It shall be unlawful for any owner of a dog in the Town of Perrysburg to permit or allow such dog to

- A. Run at large, unless the dog is restrained by an adequate leash or unless it is accompanied by its owner or a responsible person and under the full control of such owner or person. For the purpose of this Article, a dog or dogs hunting in company of a hunter or hunters shall be considered as accompanied by its owner.
- B. Engage in habitual loud howling, barking or whining or to conduct itself in such a manner as to habitually annoy any person other than the owner or harbinger of the dog
- C. Cause damage or destruction to public or private property, defecate, urinate or otherwise commit a nuisance upon the property of other than the owner or harbinger of the dog
- D. Bite, chase, jump upon or otherwise harass any person in such a manner as to cause intimidation or to put such a person in reasonable apprehension of bodily harm or injury
- E. Chase, leap on or otherwise harass bicycles or motor vehicles
- F. Kill or injure any dog, cat or other household pet
- G. Be unlicensed when four months of age or older
- H. Not have a current and valid Town of Perrysburg identification tag on its collar while at large, whether or not restrained by an adequate leash.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Supervisor Parker stated that he received a complaint about motorbikes riding in the middle of the road; discussion followed

Councilman York volunteered to be Town Board liaison to the Planning & Zoning Board
 Councilman York will look into companies and cost to design updated website

ABSTRACT # 2 of 2023, Vouchers #28-82 – Audit of Claims

General Fund Townwide	A	\$ 30,432.18		
Highway Fund Townwide	DA	\$ 36,938.53		
Gowanda Prospect St. Water	GW	\$ 73.00		
Capital Projects Fund	H	\$ 8,167.06		
Central Water	PW	\$ 6,062.94		
Street Lighting	SL	\$ 420.92		
Special Residential	SR	\$ 437.55		
Special Sewer	SS	\$ 1,259.42		
Versailles Water	VW	\$ 1,179.43		
Total:		\$ 84,971.03		

Totals from each fund were read by the Town Clerk. Motion by Councilman LaChausse, second by Supervisor Parker to pay all audited vouchers #28-#82 in the amount of \$84,971.03

**LACHAUSSE- AYE PARKER - AYE STERNISHA - AYE
TRYBUS – AYE YORK- AYE**

7:44 p.m. Motion by Councilman Sternisha, second by Councilman LaChausse to adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamara A. Utley, Town Clerk