

Perrysburg Town Board

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Perrysburg, Cattaraugus County, NY, January 13, 2020 at the Town Hall

PRESENT: Jennifer Dabolt, Town Supervisor • Richard Gabel, Councilman • Dennis Parker, Councilman • Andy Lord, Councilman/Deputy Town Supervisor • Michael Becker, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Tamara A Utley, Town Clerk
Dan Stang, Highway Supt.
Sam Lauer – Gowanda Sewer
Kirk Trumpore – Gowanda Water
Jake Hansen Ivett – Gowanda Water
Michael Gates – Seneca Nation
John Grennell
Henry Zomerfeld – Hodgson, Russ
Ken Kuszka
Steve Elsholz
Tim Mesch
Lisa Towne – Zoning Secretary
David Swift
Ryan Frykholm – Municipal Disaster Consultants
Mary Stuhr
Roger Ivett

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

GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY: Councilman Gabel reported a strong turnout at the fundraiser for retired Town Clerk Peg Watkins

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion by Councilman Becker, second by Councilman Gabel to adopt the minutes of the December 30, 2019 End of the Year meeting

ALL AYE

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS:

Building & Code Enforcement Officer: On file in the Town Clerk's office

Planning & Zoning Board Report: Lisa Towne reported the Masterplan has been typed and is with the Board members for review

Supervisor's Financial Report prepared by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat: On file in the Town Clerk's office

Assessor Report: Mailed renewal notices for the Senior Citizen Exemption and Agricultural Assessment – due March 1st. Corresponded with several property owners about assessments, tax bills and exemptions. Four property transfers added for the month of November. Report on file in the Town Clerk's office

Water Dept. Report: Read meters; found two water leaks; valves are to be serviced about every seven (7) years, these are about twelve (12) years old, Ross Valve quote of \$3,000 but cannot come out for a few weeks. Dan Stang stated Ross Valve rebuilt in 2018; Supervisor asked Town Clerk to get copy of Ross Valve invoice. Jake Hansen Ivett inquired about the status of bulk water rates as discussed at prior meetings. Heard from Town residents Lisa Towne and Mary Stuhr in support of a discounted water rate for large agricultural water district customers; following discussion, Supervisor requested that Councilman Gabel prepare a resolution for the February meeting

Sewer Report: No problems; slight issue with Chemical Feed, they will replace cracked bucket on Route 39

Town Clerk Report: Collected \$1934.50 for December, Town portion paid to the Supervisor was \$953.01. For year 2019 the Town Clerk collected \$34,902.15, the Town portion paid to the Supervisor was \$15,859.53. Reminder that all are required to take the NYS Discrimination and Harassment Training annually

Tax Collector Report: January 2-11, the Tax Collector has collected \$321,146.42 in Town & County taxes; the Tax Collector has paid the Town Supervisor \$240,332.09

Highway Supt. Report: Plowing snow; doing truck repairs; building sander LED safety light bars; shop work

Justice Report: Closed the following cases for December: 364 V/T and 1 Penal Law – Total reported to State Comptroller \$5037

Dog Control Officer's Report: Nothing to report

CORRESPONDENCE

- Information on the Association of Towns Training School & Annual Meeting in New York City
- Thank you note from Tony and Joy Kota expressing appreciation to those who put the Christmas lights on the Town tree
- John Grennell asking for consideration to be reappointed Town Attorney and Town Prosecutor

PROSPECT STREET UPDATE

- Highway Superintendent Stang reported the road is being plowed and maintained, there is a safe passable flow of traffic in and out
- Attorney Zomerfeld suggested going into Attorney Client privilege
- Mike Gates expressed the concerns of Seneca Nation Officials about Prospect Street-Indian Hill Road - the hill is not being plowed, salted or sanded. Aware of the soft closure by the NYS DOT, the President would like some language that states to pass at your own risk; the hill has been plowed for decades on a regular basis and unsure as to why the NYS DOT made the decision not to plow the hill this year.

- Councilman Parker inquired about why the Town would be responsible to pay for the plowing of Indian Hill Road, Supervisor responded the Town has a resident at the bottom of the Hill and the Town has to provide them access to their property – Supervisor asked Attorney Zomerfeld for clarification, he stated that would be saved for privileged session
- Councilman Gabel opined that the Town keep Prospect Street open the way it is, the Town should not be responsible for the plowing of Indian Hill Road as there is access via Prospect Street
- In response to question about the safety of the road, Councilman Becker opined that the inside lane would sustain traffic and a light truck can plow it
- Town resident expressed concern to the Board to sit down and talk with the contractor instead of fight in court; Supervisor responded the number one goal is FEMA reimbursement
- Supervisor reported Henry Zomerfeld has the report from the site exploration plan the Town had done, not all of the information will be made public

ABSTRACT # 1 of 2020, Vouchers # 1–37 Audit of Claims

General Fund Townwide	A	\$ 9,360.80		
Highway Fund Townwide	DA	\$ 7,657.05		
Gowanda Prospect St. Water	GW	\$ -		
Capital Projects Fund	H	\$ 15,642.00		
Central Water	PW	\$ 2,717.45		
Fire Protection	SF	\$ 152,913.00		
Street Lighting	SL	\$ 668.20		
Special Residential	SR	\$ 1,351.34		
Special Sewer	SS	\$ 730.53		
Versailles Water	VW	\$ 502.23		
Total:		\$ 191,542.60		

Totals from each fund were read by the Town Clerk. Motion by Councilman Gabel, second by Councilman Lord to pay all bills;

**BECKER – NAY PARKER – NAY GABEL - NAY
DABOLT – AYE LORD – AYE**

MOTION NOT CARRIED

following discussion, pay bills with the exception of the following vouchers:

- #14 Hodgson, Russ Invoice 1047377 \$4813.00
- #17 McMahon, LaRue Associates Invoice #9606 \$10,000
- #18 Municipal Disaster Consultants Invoice 20-027843 \$5642.00

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DABOLT – AYE LORD – AYE**

MOTION CARRIED

7:49 P.M. Motion by Supervisor Dabolt, second by Councilman Lord to go into Attorney Client privilege session

DABOLT – AYE LORD – AYE BECKER – AYE GABEL - AYE

PARKER – NAY

MOTION CARRIED

Highway Superintendent Stang asked to stay for Attorney Client privilege session with the Town Board

9:04pm Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamara A. Utley, Town Clerk