

Perrysburg Town Board

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Perrysburg, Cattaraugus County, NY, February 8, 2021 at the Town Hall

PRESENT: Dennis Parker, Town Supervisor • Richard Gabel, Councilman • Lisa Towne, Councilwoman

***PHONE:** Andy Lord

***NEW! January 2021: Governor Andrew M. Cuomo extends suspension of in-person meeting requirement of Open Meetings Law until February 26 in Executive Order 202.92**

ALSO PRESENT: Tamara A Utley, Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Dan Stang, Highway Supt.
Jim Musacchio, Town Attorney
Tom Milligan, Solar Farms NY
Kirk Trumpore, Gowanda Water Dept.
Michael Sternisha
Tim Mesch
David Swift

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

PRESENTATION BY TOM MILLIGAN, COMMUNITY SOLAR AMBASSADOR FOR SOLAR FARMS NY

Tom Milligan, former Town of Perrysburg resident gave a presentation on how NYSEG customers can obtain a solar credit on their electric bills. No cost to sign up for the credit; Mr. Milligan will be reaching out directly to Perrysburg residents to enroll current NYSEG customers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: NONE

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion by Councilwoman Towne, second by Councilman Gabel to approve the January 11, 2021 minutes as submitted

TOWNE – AYE GABEL – AYE LORD – AYE PARKER - AYE

REPORTS:

Building & Code Enforcement Officer: 14 inspections completed for the month of January

Assessor's Report:

- Completed renewal applications for Agricultural Assessment and Exemption for Nonprofit Organizations are being returned to the office as they are due by March 1st. Notices will be mailed out mid-February to all applicants who have not yet submitted the renewal.
- All senior citizens who had the Senior Citizen Exemption in 2020 were contacted by phone or mail; applicants did not need to reapply this year unless they have a lower income that could increase their exemption.

- Because many towns do not require building permits for agricultural buildings, many property owners think that agricultural buildings are not taxable – generally agricultural buildings are taxable. Property owners can apply for a full exemption on certain limited-use structures such as silos, manure storage and handling facilities, bulk milk tanks, feed grain storage bins and commodity sheds; Additionally, newly built agricultural buildings that meet certain requirements can be exempt for 10 years if the property owner applies for the exemption within one year of completion and meets other requirements
- Four property transfers for the month of December

Water Dept. Report: Perrysburg processed 1,652,000 gallons for a monthly average of 53,321 gallons. Two UFPO's, Six work orders. Flushed Railroad Avenue again due to discolored water; would like Perrysburg to purchase ten new meters from Gowanda Village this year

Versailles processed 174,422 over the month of December for an average of 5,627 gallons per day

Parker Road water leak – received three quotes for repair:

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| 1. J.D. Northrup, 5767 Rt. 219 South, Ellicottville | \$ 9,620 |
| 2. Kandey Company Inc, 19 Ransier Dr, West Seneca | \$10,800 |
| 3. St. George Enterprises Inc., 3689 Webster Rd, Fredonia | \$12,785 |

Following discussion, bids seem high, Kirk will obtain quote from STC Construction, table until next month

Sewer Report: Councilman Lord reported that he contacted Gen-Tech and Penn Power regarding generators at sewer stations; Penn Power not interested; Gen-Tech visited the sites and are working on providing quote for repair/purchase; Councilman Lord will follow up with Gen-Tech

Highway Supt. Report: Plowing snow, moved snow to open up intersections; driveway pipe replacement on County Line Road, rebuilt #16 sander from top to bottom; truck that #16 sander goes on had to go in for repair due to sensors that went; odd jobs and working in the shop

Justice Report: Justice Dankert closed the following cases: ten V/T, two Penal Law and one animal control case; total reported to State Comptroller was \$1451

Town Clerk Report/Tax Collector: Town Clerk collected \$4,433.75 for the month of January. \$3422.73 was the town portion paid to the Supervisor. Holly Taylor has been appointed Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector and taken her Oath of Office. Her rate of pay is minimum wage. Code Enforcement Officer Dave Heckman completed the Uniform Code Administration and Enforcement Report for 2020, a copy is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Tax Collector: \$1,253,583.84 was collected from January 1-30, 2021 for Town/County taxes. The Town Supervisor has been paid the full warrant amount \$635,042.76

Dog Control Officer's (DCO) Report: Thirteen delinquent dog licenses for the month of January; DCO Hagner reported that she will write tickets for the fourteen delinquent dog licenses from 2020

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Parker reported that he has worked at the Town Hall completing paperwork and signing checks; the financial report prepared by Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat is on file in the Town Clerk's office

CORRESPONDENCE

- Michael Becker –Town Board resignation letter received January 14, 2021 due to health concerns and work obligations
- Cattaraugus County Legislature – resolution to oppose the closure of Gowanda Correctional Facility. Motion by Councilman Gabel, second by Supervisor Parker to oppose the closure of the Gowanda Correctional Facility
GABEL – AYE PARKER – AYE LORD – AYE TOWNE – AYE
- Letters from seven Perrysburg residents who would like access from Eaton Road to property known as "Bob's Pond" owned by Cattaraugus County. The letters will be forwarded to the Cattaraugus County Legislators that represent Perrysburg. Discussion about the possibility that the area could be turned over to the NYS DEC to create a recreational area similar to those in the Town of North Collins that were recently completed; Following discussion, weather permitting the Town Highway Department will install the driveway pipe supplied by Cattaraugus County DPW
- Letter of interest with resume for Town Board vacancy from Michael Sternisha – motion by Councilman Gabel, second by Supervisor Parker to appoint Michael Sternisha to the Town Board effective immediately.
GABEL – AYE PARKER – AYE LORD – AYE TOWNE – AYE
- Letter of interest with resume for the Planning/Zoning Board vacancy from Christopher Trybus – motion by Supervisor Parker, second by Councilwoman Towne to appoint Christopher Trybus to the Planning/Zoning Board
PARKER – AYE TOWNE – AYE GABEL – AYE LORD - AYE

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Councilman Gabel, second by Supervisor Parker to require four (4) hour minimum training requirement per year for Planning and Zoning Board members; training certificates or proof of completion to be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk
GABEL – AYE PARKER – AYE LORD – AYE TOWNE – AYE

Solar/Wind Exemption Update: Cattaraugus County Legislature adopted Local Law Number 1-2021 to amend Local Law No. 6-2008 providing that no exemption under Real Property Tax Law Section 487 be applicable with respect to any solar or wind energy system or farm waste energy system. Should the Town adopt or amend a similar local law, please forward a copy to Cattaraugus County who will file them with NYSERDA as specified in the 487 law.
Tabled until next month

OLD BUSINESS

Audit 2020 books of the Town Supervisor and Perrysburg Vol. Fire Dept. – table until next month

AUDITS OF 2020 BOOKS

- The Perrysburg Town Board conducted an audit of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Water Billing Clerk books on January 21, 2021 – in attendance were Supervisor Parker, Councilman Gabel and Councilman Lord
- The Perrysburg Town Board conducted an audit of the Town Justice 2020 books on February 6, 2021 – in attendance were Supervisor Parker, Councilman Gabel, Councilman Lord and Councilwoman Towne
- The Perrysburg Town Board conducted an audit of the Versailles Volunteer Fire Dept. 2020 books earlier this evening, February 8, 2021 – in attendance were Supervisor Parker, Councilman Gabel, Councilman Lord and Councilwoman Towne

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Draft of the comprehensive plan to be reviewed by the Town Board at the March meeting
- Motion by Supervisor Parker, second by Councilwoman Towne to have Brockman Brothers, Inc., Mason Contractors, to complete the work on the Town Hall per the December 28, 2020 repair estimate of \$2895
PARKER – AYE TOWNE – AYE GABEL – AYE LORD – AYE

ABSTRACT #2 of 2021, Vouchers #31–75 Audit of Claims

General Fund Townwide	A	\$ 17,583.45		
Highway Fund Townwide	DA	\$ 28,534.73		
Gowanda Prospect St. Water	GW	\$ 42.64		
Central Water	PW	\$ 3,900.57		
Fire Protection Districts	SF	\$ 2,500.00		
Street Lighting	SL	\$ 303.31		
Special Residential	SR	\$ 924.55		
Special Sewer	SS	\$ 12,269.23		
Versailles Water	VW	\$ 657.54		
Total:		\$ 66,716.02		

Totals from each fund were read by the Town Clerk. Motion by Councilman Gabel second by Supervisor Parker to pay all audited vouchers #31-75 in the amount of \$66,716.02

GABEL - AYE PARKER- AYE LORD – AYE TOWNE - AYE

7:57p.m. Motion by Councilwoman Towne, second by Councilman Gabel to adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamara A. Utley, Town Clerk