

## Perrysburg Town Board

Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting, Town of Perrysburg, Cattaraugus County, NY, November 4, 2019.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Beth A. Guzzetta, Deputy Town Clerk  
Dan Stang, Highway Supt.  
Dan Laurito, Baghat & Laurito-Baghat  
J David Swift  
John Grennell, Attorney for the TOWN entered at 6:48 pm  
Henry Zomerfeld ( by phone )

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Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

### **2020 PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING:**

Proof of Publication: Notice of Public Hearing was advertised in the Dunkirk Observer, on the Town's website and on the Official Town Sign Board

Councilman Gabel states he received three quotes for brick repair above the boardroom window. It was noted by Mr. Stang that another area at the back of the building by the drain was in need of repair and was hoping the low bid contractor might look at that small area also. Councilman Gabel eventually wants to pursue re-pointing all the brick work. Mr. Laurito states that money is in the Building Contractual line and Councilman Gabel should get bids for the complete building next year but fix the problem spots this fall as weather permits

Supervisor Dabolt asked for thoughts on having the employees who get health benefits from the town to pay toward their coverage, as a cost saving measure. Mr. Laurito stated that two employees that receive benefits pay 5% towards the coverage and co-pays reimbursement is capped at \$1000 per year. Mr. Laurito also stated that any pay rate increase would be negated by healthcare contribution. Lowering the cap on the co-pays was discussed but determined to not be a significant savings. All agreed to keep things as they are

Supervisor Dabolt asked for any other possible money saving suggestions. Mr. Swift suggested that the Dog Control Officer's salary be decreased because there have been very few reports of dog activity. Councilman Gabel requests that Ms Hagner provide a detailed monthly report of her activities, including volume of licenses, delinquent reports and apprehending stray dogs, etc

Mr. Laurito explained that the proposed budget increase was \$0.03/\$1000 as opposed to last year's increase of \$0.14/\$1000, and that we are \$9674 under the maximum cap

**RESOLUTION #20 OF 2019 – Adopt the Preliminary as the FY202 Budget**

Motion by Councilman Becker to adopt the Preliminary Budget as the FY2020 Budget, second by Councilman Gabel

BECKER-AYE GABEL-AYE PARKER-AYE LORD-AYE DABOLT-AYE

**PROSPECT STREET UPDATE:**

Mr. Zomerfeld joined the meeting by conference phone. Supervisor Dabolt stated that she received letters from the Town's insurance carrier and the NYS DOT and she will forward them to Mr. Zomerfeld. Mr. Zomerfeld presented a timeline of events for the last sixty days, detailing his activities since being hired by the Town.

The Geotech and Surveyor were on site on October 30<sup>th</sup> to do a preliminary walk through. Councilman Gabel questioned why they came without notification to the Town. They had explained to Mr. Zomerfeld that they were concerned with the weather forecast for the next days and felt the need to move the site visit up.

Supervisor Dabolt then read the letter from the NYS DOT stating that if the road remained closed, they would not be able to plow to the Perrysburg resident at the bottom of the hill stating safety concerns with the inability to approach plowing the hill from the bottom up. Councilman Gabel stated his concerns that the immediate weather forecast called for snow and ice and that the resident would then be stranded with no plowing or salting services available through NYS DOT. Mr. Zomerfeld will continue to seek viable solutions to ensure services to the resident pending the expert evaluation of the safety of the closed road. Supervisor Dabolt then read a detailed accounting of the services expected from the Surveyor and Geotech that will help to evaluate the safety of the closed road.

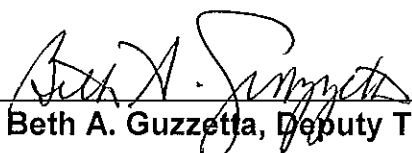
Supervisor Dabolt then read a letter she received from the Town's insurance agent stating that after the recent loss control visit at the end of September, it was brought to his attention that the barriers and enclosures at Prospect Street are inadequate for the risk that is present, exposing the Town to liability. Proper barricades and signage is required to inform pedestrians and vehicles of the inherent risks of the area. Mr. Stang has ordered the signs and will address the situation. Mr. Stang also states that there is a trail cam on site to record activities there.

7:43 p.m. Motion by Supervisor Dabolt to adjourn, second by Councilman Becker

ALL AYE

MOTION CARRIED

**Respectfully Submitted,**

  
Beth A. Guzzetta, Deputy Town Clerk