

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday January 25, 2021, at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Brandy McDonald, Supervisor; Mr. Richard Barber, Councilman; Mr. Kregg Bruno, Councilman; Mr. James Douglass, Councilman; Mr. Mel Irwin, Councilman; Mrs. Dianne Miller, Town Clerk and Ms. Pamela Barber, Secretary to the Board;. Also present via zoom Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; Mr. Matt Favro, Town Attorney, Mr. James Kirby, Town Justice and Mr. John Flynn; Youth Director.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM by Mr. McDonald, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mr. Barber seconded by Mr. Douglass to accept the minutes from the January 11, 2021 Organizational Meeting.

Ayes 5 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Irwin seconded by Mr. Bruno to accept the minutes from the January 11, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Ayes 5 Nays 0

Motion Carried

COMMUNITY INPUT

Mr. Ryan asked what the sewer rate increase was for the sewer project as he is not understanding why a definite/confirmed rate is not available. Mr. Ryan stated the taxpayers should know. Ms. Barber stated the final sewer increase rate cannot be determined until the project is complete as the USRDA is the final component with the low-interest loan. The final interest rate will be determined when the project is done and the closing for the USRD Loan happens. The interest rate may be less but not higher than originally quoted. If the rate is less, then the sewer rate in turn will be lower.

Approval of 2021 Internal Audit for the Town Justice

Mr. Barber stated all information was in order and audit was much less time consuming than in 2020.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.01.25-1

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESULTS OF INTERNAL CONTROL AUDIT FOR PROCEDURES AND RECORDKEEPING FOR THE TOWN OF PERU TOWN COURT.

MOTION: Mr. Douglass

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, the Town Board has before it the report of Internal Audit for the Peru Town Court conducted by Councilman Richard Barber, Jr. on January 12, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board agrees with the overall findings of this report of audit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Peru Board approves and accepts the Internal Controls Audit of the Town of Peru Town Court with the record of this audit to be included in the official record of this Board Meeting,

AND, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:	YES	NO
Richard H. Barber, Jr	x	
Kregg Bruno	x	
James Douglass	x	
Mel Irwin	x	
Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.01.25-2

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PERU AND NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Barber

WHEREAS, The New York State Department of Transportation is committed to assisting their Municipal partners in responding to emergencies that affect the transportation system. In the absence of a Governor’s Emergency Declaration and/or suspension of Highway Law Section 55, NYSDOT forces can assist local Municipalities with issues on the local highway system if a Shared Services Agreement has been entered into between a Municipality and New York State.

WHEREAS, the Town Board members have the Shared Services Agreement between New York State Department of Transportation and the Town of Peru before them, **THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED, said proposed Agreement is approved and the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute said contract, **AND, BE IT**

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Richard barber, Jr.	x	
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	James Douglass	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.01.25-3

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PERU AND THE ADIRONDACK PARK LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

MOTION: Mr. Barber

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, the Town Board members have the contract between the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board and the Town of Peru before them,

WHEREAS, the Review Board agrees to provide to the Town the benefit of its services, including, but not limited to, attendance at all meetings of the Adirondack Park Agency, Attendance and participation at public hearing conducted by the APA on projects under review by said Agency, periodic reports on the activities of the APA to the Supervisor of the Town, especially as such activities that affect the residents of the Town and generally to report on the administration and enforcement of the Land Use and Development Plan set forth in the Executive Law of the State of New York for the price of \$300.00 (Three hundred dollars and no cents) **THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED, said proposed Contract is approved and the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute said contract, **AND, BE IT**

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Richard Barber Jr.	x	
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	James Douglass	x	
	Melvin Irwin	x	
	Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Winter Youth Activities

Mr. Flynn stated activities would be discussed tomorrow night (January 26, 2021) as a youth meeting is scheduled. It will be done via ZOOM. It was requested that the ZOOM meeting link be posted on website.

Thank you to Luke Fessette for flooding the rink on Saturday night(January 23, 2021) and for the team effort from the entire water department to insure the rink was flooded in the cold temperatures.

Sewer Project Update

Mr. Tetrault stated no update on project. Clearing behind Community Church continues.

An easement for the sewer line to run near the church is still needed.

Reminder- Sewer Upgrade workshop is scheduled for February 8, 2021 at 5 PM at the Town Hall.

Adele Douglas has reached out to Mr. Swain concerning the extension of trail. Pictures and maps need to be shown to Mr. Swain.

Ms. Barber was pleased to tell the Board that a check for \$ 26,645.82 was received from Clinton County from sales tax revenue for the 4th Quarter of 2020. The Board was surprised to receive it; with the pandemic, a check was not expected.

Mr. Farrell stated grants are available for bridge and culverts. It is waiting for Governor Cuomo to sign.

Mr. McDonald asked Mr. Farrell to call Casella about the garbage receptacles being left in road after pickup as the snowplow hit many and residents were not happy.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.01.25-4

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POST-AUDIT PAYMENT OF CERTAIN CLAIMS, BILLS AND INVOICES OF THE TOWN

MOTION: Mr. Douglass

SECOND: Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed and audited the following claims, bills and invoices for services rendered and goods provided to the Town in December 2020:

From Town of Peru Vouchers in December 2020; #20201472 through and including #20201478,

Abstract dated January 25, 2021

For the dollar amount totaling: \$5,470.16 and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds said claims, bills and invoices to be acceptable in form and reasonable in amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that payment of the aforementioned claims, bills and invoices is approved and the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to make such payment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:	YES	NO
Richard Barber, Jr.	x	
Kregg Bruno	x	
James Douglass	x	
Mel Irwin	x	
Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.01.25-5

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POST-AUDIT PAYMENT OF CERTAIN CLAIMS, BILLS AND INVOICES OF THE TOWN

MOTION: Mr. Barber

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed and audited the following claims, bills and invoices for services rendered and goods provided to the Town in January 2021:

From Town of Peru Vouchers in January 2021; #202100015 through and including #202100083,

Abstract dated January 25, 2021

For the dollar amount totaling: \$127,411.55, of that, \$16,044.28 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$111,367.27 is remaining to be paid and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds said claims, bills and invoices to be acceptable in form and reasonable in amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that payment of the aforementioned claims, bills and invoices is approved and the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to make such payment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:	YES	NO
Richard Barber, Jr.	x	
Kregg Bruno	x	
Mel Irwin	x	
James Douglass	x	
Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Irwin to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:51 PM.
Ayes 5 Nays 0 ***Motion Carried***

_____ *Supervisor* _____ *Councilman*
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