

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday July 25, 2022 at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Brandy McDonald Supervisor; Mr. James Douglass, Councilman; Mr. Kregg Bruno, Councilman; Mr. Melvin Irwin, Councilman; Mr. Richard Barber; Councilman, Mrs. Dianne Miller, Town Clerk. Also present were Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent ; Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board, Mr. Bob Guynup, Zoning Officer; Mr. Cliff Christon, Dog Control Officer (Excused) and Mr. John Flynn, Recreation Director ( Absent).

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

**Motion** by Mr. Douglass; seconded by Mr. Bruno to accept JCEO’s June Report.  
**Ayes 5 Noes 0**

**Motion** by Mr. Irwin; seconded by Mr. Bruno to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2022 meeting.  
**Ayes 4 Noes 0** **Motion Carried**

**Community Input**  
**NONE**

RESOLUTION # 22.07.25-1

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CLERK TO FILE APPROPRIATE PAPERWORK WITH THE COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT ON CERTAIN ROADS WITHIN THE TOWN OF PERU.

MOTION BY: Mr. Douglass                      SECOND BY: Mr. Barber

WHEREAS, the Town Board has been informed by the Highway Superintendent that residents along Calkins Rd. have expressed the concern that the present speed limit of 55 miles per hour on Calkins Rd., between Barney Downs Rd. and River Rd. in the Town of Peru is too high; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Town Highway Superintendent and the Town Board, based on complaints and requests for a lower speed limit by residents along that road that the speed limit should be lowered, and both are requesting that it be changed; and

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Superintendent has informed the Board that there is a process by which the State of New York will consider lowering the speed limit on this road and that the first step in this process is for the Town Clerk to file certain forms with the Clinton County Highway Superintendent; be it

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk hereby complete and file with the Clinton County Highway Superintendent a Form TE9a in connection with reduced speed limit for the following road:

Calkins Rd., between Barney Downs Rd. and River Rd.

Discussion: Mr. Farrell stated this is a County Road.

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

**Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes**

**Motion** by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Barber to approve sale of TS 90 Mowing Tractor due to high repair costs.

**Ayes 5 Noes 0**

Mr. Farrell stated that with having the batwing mower makes the idea conceivable to only have one tractor.

**Motion** by Mr. Bruno seconded by Mr. Barber to approve P & H Senesac’s Payment App #5 in the amount of \$ 33,188.97

**Ayes 5 Noes 0**

**Motion** by Mr. Bruno seconded by Mr. Irwin to table agenda item #10 - Clark’s Landing LLC update.

5 Ayes 0 Noes

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 22.07.25-2**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF T’CHAKA SIKELIANOS AS A DOG CONTROL OFFICER FOR THE TOWN OF PERU.**

**Motion by:** Mr. Douglass

**Second by:** Mr. Barber

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has agreed that a new Dog Control Officer is necessary for the effective service of the Town of Peru following the recommendation of the Town Board.

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board decided to hire Mr. Sikelianos at an annual salary of \$10,000.00 on a provisional 90 day probationary period beginning August 1, 2022

**BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that T’Chaka Sikelianos be hired as a Dog Control Officer for the Town of Peru at \$10,000 per year with an increase of \$1,500.00 for a total salary of \$11,500.00, following an acceptable 90 day probationary period ending on October 31, 2022.

**AND, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

**Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes**

***Sewer Project Update***

Mr. Tetrault stated pump stations are done.

The Maiden Lane pump station generator issue is still not resolved. Mr. Tetrault was told it may be due to a software update that is needed.

Elm Street project pipe did not arrive therefore project was not able to start as hoped.

Lagoon project is 90% complete- 165 dry tons have been removed.

Mr. McDonald stated an informal discussion with Mike Metcalfe, Greg Swart, Courtney and himself will be held July 27, 2022 at 11 AM. All are welcome.

***Other Business***

Mr. Barber stated ½ of the bell tower is painted and the other ½ will be sand blasted and painted this week.

Mrs. Miller stated she will be hosting a luncheon for Clinton, Essex, Franklin Town Clerk's Association members on September 8, 2022.

Mr. Favro will move forward to proclaim September 12, 2022 as "Bob Rulfs Day". Mr. Favro will be taking care of all the details at no cost to the Town.

Mr. Bruno questioned why the last 3 town meetings no representative from Youth Commission attended.

Court and Town Hall air conditioners have recently been cleaned by the Water Department staff. Cement was poured for bell tower, water fountain and bench at Heyworth Mason Park. Mr. Tetrault and his staff were able to "stamp" the cement and are looking forward to the final results 7/26/2022 as this is the first time they have used the cement stamp.

Ms. Barber stated another successful concert. The band was substituted as the original band has a member out of town. The original band may play at the end of the concert schedule.

Mr. Guynup stated the zoning code manual update is continuing. The issue with Ms. Davis operating an unauthorized dog kennel is now finalized. Zoning officer computer will be replaced July 27, 2022 9 AM.

Mr. Farrell stated Telegraph Street culvert project is going smooth. The light tower owned by Luck Brothers was stolen from construction site sometime between June 29th and July 4th 2022. Mr. Tetrault assumed full responsibility for lack of communication to residents about the camera inspections/smoke testing. Some residents experienced negative effects from these inspections. All were resolved

*Public Comments on Agenda Items Only*  
*NONE*

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 22.07.25-3**

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

**MOTION: Mr. Bruno**

**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 July 2022:

From Town of Peru Vouchers in July 2022; #202200902 through and including #202200967,

Abstract dated July 20, 2022

For the dollar amount totaling: \$331,184.30, of that, \$14,117.29 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$317,067.01 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.

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

**Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes**

**Motion** by Mr. Bruno; second by Mr. Barber to adjourn regular meeting to go into Executive session at 6:42 PM to discuss personnel issue –no decision will be made and possible land transaction

**Ayes 5 Noes 0**

**Motion** by Mr. Barber second by Mr. Douglass to adjourn Executive session and return to Regular meeting at 7:15 PM

**Ayes 5 Noes 0**

Mr. Favro stated motion needs to be made to use current Peru town funds to purchase Clark’s Landing property and will be repaid when State grant is received.

**Motion** by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Barber to use current Peru Town funds to purchase Clark’s Landing.

**5 Ayes 0 Noes**

**Motion** by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Bruno to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:17PM.

**Ayes 5 Noes 0**

**Motion Carried**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Supervisor** \_\_\_\_\_ **Councilman**

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