

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday **September 12, 2022** at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. James Douglass, Deputy Supervisor; Mr. Gregg Bruno, Councilman; Mr. Melvin Irwin, Councilman; Mr. Richard Barber; Councilman, and Mrs. Judy Akey, Deputy Town Clerk.. Also present were Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; Mr. Bob Guynup, Zoning Officer; Ms. Pam Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board; Mr. Matthew Favro, Town Attorney; Mr. T'Chaka Sikeleanos , Dog Control Officer and Mrs. Kristin Marino, Interim Recreation Director. Mr. Brandy McDonald Supervisor (Excused).

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mr. Douglass, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion** by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Bruno to include the reports from the following departments into the official record of tonight's meeting. (Water/Sewer/Valcour; Highway; Town Clerk; Dog Control; Youth Department; Code/Zoning; Supervisor's Report; Court; Website; JCEO and Banking Reports

**Ayes 4 Nays 0**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion** by Mr. Irwin; seconded by Mr. Barber to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2022 meeting. Mr. Bruno abstained, since he was not present at the last meeting.

**Ayes 3 Nays 0**

**Motion Carried**

#### **Community Input**

**NONE**

#### **MOTION/DISCUSSION: For approval of Luck Bros., Inc. Payment App#3 for Telegraph Culvert Project.**

**Motion** by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Irwin to approve payment to App#3 for the Telegraph Culvert Project. **Ayes 4 Nays 0**

**Motion Carried**

#### **MOTION/DISCUSSION: Approval of Going to Bid for Salt Brine Maker on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 10AM**

**Motion** by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Barber to approve going to bid for Salt Brine Maker on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. **Ayes 4 Nays 0**

**Motion Carried**

#### **MOTION/DISCUSSION: Cipriani Energy Group Public Environmental Benefit Proposal** Cipriani Energy Group Corp. has prepared a proposal for the Public Environmental Benefit, following the Special Use Permit Standards established within the Solar Energy Local Law #1 of 2020 of the Town of Peru.

The proposal was made that the Town of Peru approved on February 28, 2022, as a reference. They would like to issue a one-time check for \$4,802.84, monies to be used to benefit the residents of Peru and the environment, after the proposal is approved by the Town.

**Motion** by Mr. Irwin; seconded by Mr. Bruno to accept the environmental benefit proposal from Cipriani Energy Group. **Ayes 4 Nays 0**

**Motion Carried**

#### **RESOLUTION/DISCUSSION: To Call for a Public Hearing to Pass a Local Law to Exceed the Tax Cap for the 2023 Budget if needed on September 26, 2022 at 5:45PM**

##### **A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2022 TO EXCEED THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-c. IF NEEDED.**

#### **RESOLUTION # 22.09.12-1**

**MOTION: Mr. Ricky Barber SECOND: Mr. Gregg Bruno**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Peru is anticipating that the budget for the fiscal year of 2023 will require a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c, and

**WHEREAS**, a local law is required pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law § 3-c to authorize the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board, so be it therefore

**RESOLVED**, that Local Law #1 for the year 2022, entitled "A Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law § 3-c is duly introduced, and be it further,

**RESOLVED**, that a Public Hearing on said proposed Local Law #1 will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, September 26 at 5:45 p.m. where the public will be allowed an opportunity to voice comments for or against said law.

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

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

**Carried:**

**RESOLUTION/DISCUSSION: Accept Phone System Proposal from Layer 8 and Gabbit**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NEW PHONE EQUIPMENT AND TELEPHONE SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF PERU.**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 22.09.12-2**

**MOTIONED BY: Mr. Kregg Bruno    SECONDED BY: Mr. Mel Irwin**

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Peru Town Board has found a need to replace the antiquated PBX phone system and equipment with new hosted system that will tie all departments together and provide new phones with cloud based exchange (CBX).

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has determined that the unavailability of replacement phone components has set forth the need to replace the phone system to better serve the Town, its departments and residents,

**WHEREAS**, Layer 8, our current managed services provider, will provide the phones and MSP upgrade at approximately \$163.95 additional charge per month and our phone services will be handled by Gabbit at a one-time fee of \$655 and then a monthly charge of \$662.

**RESOLVED**, that the Town of Peru approves the purchase of the phone system and services and the Town Supervisor to sign a voucher to allow the order and purchase of said equipment, installation and training thereof.

**AND, BE IT**

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

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	<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>Excused</b>	<b>Brandy McDonald</b>		

**Carried:**

**RESOLUTION/DISCUSSION: Reappointing James Falvo to the Board of Assessment Review.**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 22.09.12-3**

**A RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT JAMES FALVO TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

**MOTION: Mr. Ricky Barber    SECOND: Mr. Kregg Bruno**

**WHEREAS**, The Assessor for the Town of Peru, Jeremiah Cross, has recommended that James Falvo be reappointed to the Board of Assessment Review as his current term will expire on September 30, 2022.

**WHEREAS**, The Peru Town Board resolves that James Falvo is hereby reappointed to the Board of Assessment Review for a term beginning October 1, 2022 and expiring September 30, 2027.



**MOTION/DISCUSSION: Approve 2023 Budget Schedule and Call a Special Meeting 9/19/22 to Present 2023 Tentative Budget**

## **Peru Town 2023 Budgeting Schedule**

<b>Monday, September 19, 2022, 6:00PM Tentative Budget</b>	<b>Special Meeting to Present Highway Budget Workshop Water/Sewer/Valcour Workshop General Workshop</b>
<b>Wednesday, September 28, 2022, 6:00PM Wednesday, October 5, 2022, 6:00PM</b>	<b>Salaries Workshop Budget Review Workshop Public Hearing on Preliminary Budget</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 6:00PM Wednesday, October 26, 2022, 6:00PM Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 6:00 PM</b>	<b>Special Meeting to Adopt Final Budget</b>

*Motion* by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Irwin to approve scheduling of 2023 Budget.  
**Ayes 4 Nays 0** *Motion Carried*

### **DISCUSSION: Telegraph Road Culvert Project Update**

Mr. Farrell mentioned that all is going well with the project and the big culverts and the wing walls are pretty solid.

### **DISCUSSION: Sewer/Elm St. Project Update**

Mr. Tetrault said that so far so good and the work is up past Lewis St. They were given the green light to go ahead and dig through. So far, almost all the pipes found have been copper and he is hoping that the rest of the pipes will continue that way. One galvanized pipe was found and replaced.

### **DISCUSSION: Other Business**

Mr. Guynup mentioned that the property on 5 School Street owned by Mr. Bradley has been in codes violation for some time. He went ahead and contacted Kim Davis to see what can be done. If Mr. Bradley does not comply with the Town and since Mr. Bradley has been to court over this that the Town will be able to legally take over for the property and remove the building. Mr. Guynup will work with the Town Attorney on this.

Mr. Farrell mentioned that there was rainwater run off on Locust Drive. If they could get a 30ft. easement from the 3 residents this would help to rectify the problem. Mr. Favro said he would draw up an easement document on this matter.

Mr. Farrell said there has been some problems with security around the salt sheds. They already have one security camera at the highway garage. The suggestion of a second camera or a fence around the area might be a way to help protect the materials.

Ms. Barber mentioned that she had major computer problems today. Chad from Layer 8 said it could possibly be due to Outlook. They had to hook Pam's computer to the server virtually. Mr. Douglass mentioned possibly having to put the cost of a new computer for Pam into next year's budget.

Ms. Barber also informed the Board that all budget materials for the Department Heads are ready.

Mrs. Marino reported that the mini-mites had their first soccer game and all went well. Another mini-mites field was added and that one will be the mini-mites premier field. She also went around the grounds and introduced herself to the people at the games and said if there were any concerns or questions to notify her. Mrs. Marino took some new pictures to add to their Facebook page. Mrs. Marino said she and some players helped a few of the older people to get across the fields, where their grandchildren were playing. There was a little issue with the parking but she believes by setting up cones in the proper places will help solve the problem as well as alternating days with different teams.

Mrs. Marino said that all the jerseys have been handed out and that Finney's did a great job. Finney's will be sponsoring a team and Lore man's might as well for the shootout. Finney's will do both if they need to. Coaches were given automatic whistles to use, that you do not have to blow in to, for sanitary reasons. She also mentioned that during cleanup and inventory that they found some tee shirts and some new water bottles with Peru on them. There was not enough to give out to the players so a suggestion was made that when the teams walked in the Applefest parade the bottles could be handed out then. The write up paperwork was turned in for the soccer players to march in the parade.

Mrs. Marino made a point to thank Courtney Tetrault, Chris Martineau and his crew for the great job that they are doing with the fields. The fields look amazing up there and everybody is noticing it.

Mr. Bruno said he drove by the fields on his way to the meeting and also noticed how good the fields looked and that it was wonderful to see so many kids on the fields. Good job Kristin.

Mr. Irwin asked Mrs. Marino about where things stood with the food truck. She said that the food truck is still an option but is on the backburner for now, arrangements for the parking needs to come first.

Mr. Barber asked about the shirts that came in. Mrs. Marino said she will drop them off tonight or tomorrow. Great, then they were bought for the rec. assistants? Yes, that is what she was told. So we just need to go through them, check them off, and then hand them out.

Mr. Douglass thanked Mrs. Marino for an excellent job done.

Mr. Douglass mentioned that he wanted to congratulate Dianne Miller for the great job she did in hosting the Clinton-Essex-Franklin County Town Clerk's meeting. Twenty-five Town Clerks attended the meeting. Mr. Gary Martinez, from Vital Statistics in Albany, was guest speaker. Everyone was very impressed with the way the Town Hall looked, the informational handouts that were given and especially the fabulous luncheon that was made and arranged by Dianne and her husband Ron. Her inclusiveness of the guest Town Clerks was greatly appreciated by all.

**DISCUSSION: Public Comments on Agenda Items Only**

None

**RESOLUTION/DISCUSSION: Pay Bills**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 22.09.12-5**

**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 September 2022:

From Town of Peru Vouchers in September 2022; #2022001100 through and including #202201188,

Abstract dated September 9, 2022

For the dollar amount totaling: \$203,968.53, of that, \$41,854.11 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$162,114.42 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>	<b>X</b>	
	<b>Kregg Bruno</b>	<b>X</b>	
	<b>Mel Irwin</b>	<b>X</b>	
	<b>James Douglass</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Excused</b>	<b>Brandy McDonald</b>		

**Carried:**

**MOTION: Adjourn to Executive Session**

Discussion will be concerning property and a personnel issue. No decisions will be made.

*Motion* by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Bruno to adjourn to Executive Session.

**Ayes 4 Nays 0**

***Motion Carried***

**MOTION: Return from Executive Session**

Mr. Bruno had to leave during Executive Session due to a family emergency.

*Motion* by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Irwin to return from Executive Session.

**Ayes 3 Nays 0**

***Motion Carried***

**MOTION: Adjourn Meeting**

*Motion* by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Irwin to adjourn the meeting at 7:50PM

**Ayes 3 Nays 0**

***Motion Carried***

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