

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday September 26, 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; Mr. Bob Guynup, Zoning Officer; Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board, and Mr. T'Chaka Sikeleanos., Dog Control Officer.

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

Motion by Mr. Douglass; seconded by Mr. Bruno to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Ayes 4 Noes 0

Motion Carried

Mr. McDonald abstained as he was not in attendance.

Motion by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Bruno to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2022 Special Meeting.

Ayes Noes 0

Motion Carried

Community Input

NONE

Motion by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Douglass to approve P & H Senesac Lagoon Project Pay Application # 7 in the amount of \$ 137,097.93.

Ayes 5 Noes 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Irwin to approve Luck Brothers Elm St. Project Pay Application # 1 in the amount of \$ 247,020.46.

Ayes 5 Noes 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Douglass to approve Luck Brothers Telegraph Culvert Project Pay Application # 3 in the amount of \$ 215,121.75

Ayes 5 Noes 0

Motion Carried

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

RESOLUTION # 22.09.26-1

MOTION: Mr. Barber

SECOND: Mr. 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, the Public Hearing concerning said Local Law was duly advertised in the Press Republican, the official newspaper of the Town , and

WHEREAS, that a Public Hearing on said proposed Local Law #1 was held at the Town Hall on Monday, September 26 at 5:45 p.m. where all parties in attendance were allowed an opportunity to voice comments for or against said law.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Peru after due deliberation, finds that it is in the best interest of the Town to adopt said Local Law #1 of 2022,

RESOLVED, that introductory Local Law #1 for the year 2022, entitled "A Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c and the same is hereby adopted as Local law #1 of 2022 and the Town Clerk is directed to enter said Local Law in the Local Law Book of the Town and give notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

Many towns do file as a routine each year Mr. McDonald stressed he is NOT anticipating exceeding the tax levy limit.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 22.09.26-2

A RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE A SALT BRINE MAKER EQUIPMENT AND STORAGE TANKS FROM GRANITE STATE DE-ICING SUPPLY AS PER BID RESULTS OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 AT 10 AM BY THE TOWN OF PERU HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, The Town of Peru Town Board has found a need to purchase a Salt Brine Maker Equipment and Storage Tanks for the Highway to more efficiently and better maintain the roads during the winter and also help achieve reduced road salt use in the Adirondacks. The Town Highway Department received bids at 10 am on September 26, 2022 and the resulting bid of \$45,362.24 (Forty five thousand three hundred sixty two dollars and twenty four cents) including shipping from Granite State De-Icing Supply was the lowest responsible bid received, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board and the Highway Department Superintendent have determined that the new Salt Brine Application System would enable the Town to provide a continued level of quality service to the Town's residents at a reasonable price, **NOW**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor is authorized to sign all paperwork to execute this purchase as soon as possible.

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 Noes

One bid was received. Mr. Bruno asked about the piping for the water. Mr. Tetrault does

not have a final amount.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 22.09.26-3

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REHIRING OF MATTHEW HOUSER AS A WATER/WASTEWATER MAINTENANCE WORKER I AS OF OCTOBER 3, 2022.

MOTION: Mr. Douglass

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, the Town Board has agreed that a hiring permanent Water/Wastewater Maintenance Worker I is necessary for the effective operation of the Peru Town Water Sewer Department following the recommendation of Town Water/Sewer Superintendent, Courtney Tetrault,

BE IT

RESOLVED, that Matthew Houser will be rehired as an a permanent Water/Wastewater Maintenance Worker I for the Town of Peru at an hourly pay rate of pay to be \$23.93 which is a Step 4 due to previous experience, with a start date of October 3, 2022.

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 Noes

Mr. Houser’s pay does not include the additional licenses increases since Mr. Houser does not have the 2 licenses required at this time.

Youth Commission Purchasing Questions

Motion by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Irwin to table Item 12 on agenda.

Ayes 5 Noes 0

Motion Carried

Mr. Bruno asked what the question was that was being referred to.

Mr. Favro stated the question required a youth commission committee member in attendance to ask if they have the missing clothing items as the product was delivered to the former Recreation Directors home per his request after his retirement date.

Telegraph Culvert Project Update

Mr. Farrell stated excavation is being done and rebar is being installed for the second culvert.

Sewer Projects Update

Mr. Tetrault stated a slight hiccup on Elm Street with contaminated soil but project continues.

Other Business

Mr. Douglass received an e-mail from Adele Douglass inquiring about redeveloping pickle ball and forming a committee for the trail on Clarks Landing. At this time, a committee is not being formed. Mr. Barber is assisting with the disc golf. A meeting to walk the area is set for September 28, 2022 at 12 noon.

Mrs. Miller asked for a motion to refund PenneyMac for \$1,394.00 as duplicate payment for County/Land taxes was received in 2021.

Motion by Mr. McDonald; second by Mr. Douglass to process refund in the amount of \$1,394.00 for duplicate payment.

Ayes 5 Noes 0

Motion Carried

Mr. Bruno stated the paintings on the panels at Heyworth Mason Park are awesome and nice job. Mr. Bruno stated he will be purchasing a panel. Anyone else interested can contact Mr. Irwin as this is not a town project.

Mr. Bruno stated planet signs have deteriorated due to the elements of weather. The science class is aware and will be making new ones.

Mr. McDonald asked Mr. Barber to ring the bell at Heyworth Mason Park October 9, 2022 at the Hometown Market. The bell was a family heirloom of Mr. Barber and he was instrumental to have the bell be back at Heyworth Mason Park.

Mr. Farrell is communicating with Jason Fuller concerning Locust Drive issue.

Mr. Douglass thanked Mrs. Miller as she was not in attendance at the prior board meeting on hosting the luncheon for the Town Clerks Association.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

NONE

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 22.09.26-4

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

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Douglass

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; #2022001189 through and including #202201247,

Abstract dated September 22, 2022

For the dollar amount totaling: \$782,326.55, of that, \$13,870.60 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$768,455.95 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:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Richard Barber, Jr.	x	
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	James Douglass	x	
	Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

Motion by Mr. Barber; second by Mr. Douglass to adjourn regular meeting to go into Executive session at 6:42 PM to discuss personnel issue –no decision will be made that effects the town
Ayes 5 Noes 0

Motion by Mr. Irwin second by Mr. Bruno to adjourn Executive session and return to Regular meeting at 6:52 PM
Ayes 5 Noes 0

Motion by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Barber to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:54 PM.
Ayes 5 Noes 0 **Motion Carried**

_____ *Supervisor* _____ *Councilman*

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