

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday November 7, 2022 at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Brandy McDonald Supervisor;(Excused) Mr. James Douglass, Deputy Supervisor; 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, Mr. T'Chaka Sikeleanos, Dog Control Officer; Mrs. Helen Nerska, Town Historian and Mrs. Kristin Marino, Interim Recreation Director.

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

**Motion** by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Irwin 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; and Banking Reports).

**Ayes 4 Noes 0**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion** by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Barber to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2022 Regular Meeting. – Mr. Douglass abstained

**Ayes 3 Noes 0**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion** by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Bruno to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2022 Emergency Meeting. –

**Ayes 4 Noes 0**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion** by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Irwin to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2022 Public Hearing. –

**Ayes 4 Noes 0**

**Motion Carried**

#### **Community Input**

**NONE**

#### **Heyworth Mason Building Paintings**

Mr. Irwin introduced Mr. Badger our resident artist who is painting the pictures from photos for Heyworth Mason Building. Mr. Badger stated the solar signs will be rejuvenated in the spring using marine plywood.

Mr. Irwin stated how nice that young people are involved and interested in the town's history.

#### **Veteran Proclamation**

**Motion** by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Irwin to approve the Veteran Proclamation.

**Ayes 4 Noes 0**

**Motion** by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Irwin to approve payment to Luck Brothers Inc. Pay App #5 for Telegraph Culvert Project in the amount of \$342,190.00.

**Ayes 4 Noes 0**

**Motion Carried**

### **RESOLUTION NUMBER: 22.11.07-1**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ADAM ARCHER AS A MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I AS OF NOVEMBER 8, 2022 DUE TO THE CURRENT OPENING IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Barber

**SECOND:** Mr. Bruno

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has agreed that a new permanent full time MEO I is necessary for the effective operation of the Peru Town Highway Department following the recommendation of the Peru Highway Superintendent, Michael Farrell.

**BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that Adam Archer will be hired as a full time MEO I for the Town of Peru Highway at an hourly rate of pay to be \$20.34, with a start date of November 8, 2022. Due to the current open position at the Peru Highway Garage, the Peru Town Board hereby authorizes the hiring of Adam Archer for a permanent position with a one year probationary period.

**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>	x	
	<b>Kregg Bruno</b>	x	
	<b>James Douglass</b>	x	
	<b>Mel Irwin</b>	x	
	<b>Brandy McDonald</b>	<b>Excused</b>	

**Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 22.11.07-2**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF DARRELL MARTINEAU AS A PART-TIME, SEASONAL MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I AS OF NOVEMBER 8, 2022 FOR SNOW PLOWING ONLY IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Bruno

**SECOND:** Mr. Irwin

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has agreed that a seasonal, part- time MEO I is necessary for the effective operation of the Peru Town Highway Department following the recommendation of the Peru Highway Superintendent, Michael Farrell.

**BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that Darrell Martineau will be hired as a seasonal, part-time MEO I for the Town of Peru Highway at an hourly rate of pay to be \$25.00, no overtime or benefits with a start date of November 8, 2022. The Peru Town Board hereby authorizes the hiring of Darrell Martineau for a seasonal, part-time, snow plowing only position.

**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>	x	
	<b>Kregg Bruno</b>	x	
	<b>James Douglass</b>	x	
	<b>Mel Irwin</b>	x	
	<b>Brandy McDonald</b>	<b>Excused</b>	

**Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes**

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A LOCAL LAW KNOWN AS THE “SECTION 467  
PROPERTY TAX LAW SLIDING SCALE AUTHORIZATION LAW”.**

**RESOLUTION # 22.11.07-3**

**MOTION: Mr. Bruno**

**SECOND: Mr. Irwin**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Peru is enacting this article pursuant to the New York State Property Tax Law §467 and any related amendments thereto wherein a Town, after a public Hearing, may enact a local law granting a sliding scale tax exemption on real property owned by persons 65 years of age or over meeting the statutory qualifications.

**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 #2 was held at the Town Hall on Monday, November 7 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 #2 of 2022,

**RESOLVED**, that introductory Local Law #2 for the year 2022, entitled a local known as the “Section 467 Property Tax Law Sliding Scale Authorization Law”, and the same is hereby adopted as

Local Law #2 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>
	<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>Brandy McDonald</b>	<b>Excused</b>	

**Carried 4 Ayes 0 Noes 0**

***Telegraph Road Culvert Project Update***

Mr. Farrell stated guardrails are to be installed and subgrade to level.

***Sewer/Elm St. Project Update***

Mr. Tetrault stated the last sidewalk was poured on Elm Street and repaving will begin on Tuesday. It was confirmed after the water break there were no more leaks.

***Other Business***

Mr. Tetrault stated new clarifier equipment is installed

Mr. Sikeleanos stated he attended the training for any widespread emergency situations which will benefit our town if an emergency occurred where dogs needed temporary housing.

Mr. Douglass thanked Ms. Barber for the time, dedication and knowledge for a successful budget.

Mrs. Marino stated minutes were submitted for October and November. Basketball sign up has been successful. Discussion of possible purchase of uniforms with a return policy for the uniforms to the Town. Inventory of the barn is being worked on.  
 Mr. Marino stated how the youth commission would like to discuss the possibility of an LLC with Mr. Favro. Mr. Favro stated he was waiting for one more call to confirm the date.  
 Mrs. Miller asked when the ad for Recreation Director was to be advertised.  
 Mr. Irwin thanked Courtney and his department for the assistance at Heyworth Mason Building.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items Only**  
**NONE**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 22.11.07-4**

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

**MOTION: Mr. Barber**

**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 November 2022:

From Town of Peru Vouchers in November 2022; #2022001363 through and including #202201418,

Abstract dated November 3, 2022

For the dollar amount totaling: \$67,157.58, of that, \$12,155.71 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$55,001.87 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>YES</b>	<b>NO</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>Brandy McDonald</b>	<b>Excused</b>	

**Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes**

**Motion** by Mr. Barber; second by Mr. Irwin to adjourn regular meeting to go into Executive session at 6:45 PM to discuss personnel issue –no decision will made  
**Ayes 4 Noes 0**

**Motion** by Mr. Bruno second by Mr. Irwin to adjourn Executive session and return to Regular meeting at 7:12 PM  
**Ayes 4 Noes 0**

**Motion** by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Irwin to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:16 PM.

**Ayes 4 Noes 0**

***Motion Carried***

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