

The Regular Meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Thursday July 11, 2024 at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Brandy McDonald, Supervisor; Mr. James Douglass, Mr. Eric Duquette, Councilman; Mr. Kregg Bruno, Councilman; Mr. Melvin Irwin, Councilman and Mrs. Dianne Miller, Town Clerk. Also present were Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board and Deputy Town Clerk, Mr. Matthew Favro, Town Attorney (Excused); Mr. T'Chaka Sikelianos, Dog Control Officer; Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent;(Excused) Mrs. Kristin Marino, Recreation Director;(Excused)Mrs. Helen Nerska, Town Historian (Excused) and Mr. Bob Guynup, Zoning Officer Control Officer.

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

Motion by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Duquette 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. **No Youth Report**

5 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Bruno seconded by Mr. Duquette to accept Regular Meeting minutes held June 24, 2024.

5 Ayes 0 Noes

Motion Carried

Community Input

John Roberts asked the status on the Telegraph culvert. Mr. Farrell stated completion date may possibly be March 2025-September 2025 due to not receiving the Bridge NY grant. Due to the proximity of the site to the Ausable River and Lake Champlain, Dry Mill Brook is classified as a S1/S2 Freshwater Mussel Stream by NYSDEC, therefore it triggered the mussel survey. The subconsultant may very well find no threatened or endangered mussels in Dry Mill Brook.

Karyn Langlais stated her displeasure on how roads are chosen to be paved.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 24.07.11-1

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENTS OF JUDY AKEY AS DEPUTY TOWN CLERK #1; PAMELA BARBER AS DEPUTY TOWN CLERK #2 AND CHRISTINE CRAWFORD AS DEPUTY TOWN CLERK #3 FOR BETTER COVERAGE FOR THE SERVICES TO THE TOWN RESIDENTS.

MOTION: Mr. Douglass

SECOND: Mr. Duquette

WHEREAS, in a letter dated December 27, 2023 received from Dianne Miller, Town Clerk, she has recommended that Peru Town Board approves the appointments of Judy Akey as Deputy Town Clerk #1; Pamela Barber as Deputy Town Clerk #2; and Christine Crawford as Deputy Town Clerk #3 to begin January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

WHEREAS, Judy Akey as First Deputy will receive \$1,200.00 per year; Pamela Barber and Christine Crawford as Second and Third Deputies will each receive \$450.00 each per year.

WHEREAS, the Peru Town Board authorizes the Second and Third Deputy Town Clerk to act generally for and in place of the Town Clerk or act in the absence or inability of the Town Clerk.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Peru Town Board agrees with the recommendation of the Town Clerk, Dianne Miller to approve the appointments of Judy Akey as Deputy Town Clerk #1; Pamela Barber as Deputy Town Clerk #2; and Christine Crawford as Deputy Town Clerk #3 to begin January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 for better coverage for the Town Clerk services to the residents of Peru.

AND, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
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	Kregg Bruno	x	
	James Douglass	x	
	Eric Duquette	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 24.07.11-2

A RESOLUTION APPROVING CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF SULLIVAN AND FULLER ROADS WHICH CURRENTLY HAS A TWO-WAY STOP.

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, The Town of Peru desires to create a four way stop intersection at the intersection of Sullivan and Fuller Roads pursuant to its authority under Vehicle and Traffic Law 1660, and

WHEREAS, stops signs are currently in place on Fuller Road controlling both lanes and directions of travel at its intersection of Sullivan Road,

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, the Peru Town Highway Superintendent erects or causes to be erected stop signs controlling both lanes and directions of travel on Fuller Road at its intersection with Sullivan Road, and it is further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, the Peru Town Highway Superintendent erects or causes to be erected any other signage necessary to advise traffic that the intersection of Fuller and Sullivan Road are controlled by a four way stop. Also, Superintendent shall advise all state and local authorities and emergency services of the same. **AND, BE IT**

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	James Douglass	x	
	Eric Duquette	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 24.07.11-3

TO RESCIND THE RESOLUTION #23.08.28-4 APPROVING THE R.R. CHARLEBOIS, INC. REISSUED PROPOSAL FOR THE BID DUE TO INABILITY TO ORDER A NON-ELECTRIC TRUCK WITH ORIGINAL BID FOR THE 2025 FREIGHTLINER TRUCK AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME

MOTION: Mr. Douglass

SECOND: Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, The Peru Town Board is acting to rescind the prior Resolution #23.08.28-4 which was approving the R.R. Charlebois, Inc. Freightliner Tandem Truck Bid Acceptance due to freightliner no longer accepting orders for non-electric tandem trucks which is not feasible for the Town of Peru's Highway Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this body rescinds Town Resolution #23.08.28-4, effective immediately.

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	James Douglass	x	
	Eric Duquette	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 24.07.11-4

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING THE REBID TO R.R CHARLEBOIS AND COMPANY, INC. FOR A 2025 WESTERN STAR 47X BBC CONVENTIONAL CHASSIS TANDEM DUMP TRUCK WITH A TENCO STAINLESS STEEL BOX AND PLOW GEAR FROM THE NEW YORK STATE MINI-BID PROCESS.

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Duquette

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received certain rebids in response to its request for same in connection with the purchase of a tandem axle dump truck for use by the Town Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, in consultation with the Town Highway Superintendent, find that the bid of R.R. Charlebois and Company, Inc. for a 2025 Western Star 47X BBC Conventional Chassis tandem dump truck with a Tenco stainless steel box and plow gear was the lowest bidder and the one that most closely met the bid specifications;

WHEREAS, the rebid was due to the original 2025 Freightliner Truck was only available in an electric model which is not feasible for the Town Highway Department.

WHEREAS, the ordering of this truck is included in the 2024-2025 budget and there will be a minimum of one year lead-time once ordered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the rebid of R.R. Charlebois and Company, Inc. which is from the New York State Mini-bid contract for a 2025 Western Star 47X Plus Conventional Chassis tandem axle dump truck including Tenco plow gear for Three Hundred Fifty One Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty Six Dollars and Zero Cents (\$351,946.00) is hereby accepted and the Town Supervisor and Highway Superintendent are hereby authorized to execute any further documentation necessary to facilitate and/or consummate the purchase; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	James Douglass	x	
	Eric Duquette	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 24.07.11-5

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JERRY MCGOVERN AS A MEMBER TO THE TOWN OF PERU PLANNING BOARD REPLACING MARK ROBINSON WHO WILL TAKE THE SEAT AS AN ALTERNATE.

MOTION: Mr. Douglass

SECOND: Mr. Duquette

WHEREAS, at a meeting held on June 12, 2024, the Peru Town Planning Board has recommended that Jerry McGovern be appointed as a member of the Town Planning Board replacing Mark Robinson who will take the seat as an alternate member.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Peru Town Board agrees with the recommendation of the Planning Board and appoints Jerry McGovern as a full member on the Peru Planning Board for the balance of the Mark Robinson’s seven (7) year term beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31 2028 and seating Mark Robinson as an alternate taking over Jerry McGovern’s seven year term beginning March 26, 2024 until December 31, 2030.

AND, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Kregg Bruno	x	
James Douglass	x	
Eric Duquette	x	
Mel Irwin	x	
Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF HIGHWAY DEBT SERVICE FUNDS FROM PHASE ONE OF THE TELEGRAGH RD CULVERT PROJECT BALANCE TO THE HIGHWAY H-33 CAPITAL PROJECT ACCOUNT.

RESOLUTION: 24.0711-6

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Douglass

WHEREAS, In order to meet the financial needs for the management of the Town Highway Accounts, funds need to be transferred from Highway Debt Service Account balances to the H-33 Highway Capital Project Account.

WHEREAS, The balances in the Highway Debt Service Bank Account are adequate to cover the current costs of culvert replacement projects, be it

RESOLVED, That the Town Board has authorized the transfer in the total amount of \$176,030.19 (One hundred seventy six thousand thirty dollars and nineteen cents) to be used for Phase Two of the Culverts Reconstruction Projects.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Kregg Bruno	x	
James Douglass	x	
Eric Duquette	x	
Mel Irwin	x	
Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

Letter Allowing the Use of The Peru Town Parking Lot for the 2024 Applefest

Motion by Mr. Bruno seconded by Mr. Duquette to approve the St. Augustine’s Applefest to use the Peru Town Parking lot September 21, 2024.

5 Ayes 0 Noes

Other Business

Thank you to Ms. Barber for all the work in coordinating the bands for the concerts.

Mr. McDonald welcomed Mr. Craig Randall who will be appointed as Supervisor by the board after Mr. McDonald resigns.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

Ms. Langlais thanked Mr. Farrell and the board for the 4-way stop resolution.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 24.07.11-7

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 July 2024:

From Town of Peru Vouchers for July 2024; #202400899 through and including #202400991

Abstract dated: 7/9/24.

For the dollar amount totaling: \$168,422.51; of that, \$15,446.42 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$152,976.09 is remaining to be paid for July 2024.

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
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	James Douglass	x	
	Eric Duquette	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

Motion by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Duquette to adjourn Regular meeting at 6:42PM to go into Executive Session, no decision will be made – Personnel.

Ayes 5 Noes 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Irwin; seconded by Mr. Duquette to return to Regular Meeting at 6:57 PM

Ayes 5 Noes 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Duquette to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:58 PM.

Ayes 5 Noes 0

Motion Carried

_____ ***Supervisor*** _____ ***Councilman***

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