

The Regular Meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on September 9, 2024, at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Craig Randall, 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; Mr. T'chaka Sikelianos, Dog Control Officer; Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; Mr. Tyler Jarvis, Deputy Highway Superintendent; Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Mrs. Kristin Marino, Recreation Director; Mrs. Helen Nerska, Town Historian and Mr. Bob Guynup, Zoning Officer Control Officer.

The meeting was called to order at 6:16 PM by Mr. Randall with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mr. Douglass; 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.

5 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Irwin seconded by Mr. Bruno to accept Regular Meeting minutes held August 26, 2024.

4 Ayes 0 Noes

Motion Carried

Mr. Randall abstained

Community Input

Mr. John Roberts asked for an update on Telegraph Road culvert project. Mr. Farrell the project is going forward as the projects' necessary documents are being filed. Unfortunately as Mr. Farrell states the town is at the mercy of state requirements which does not go as quickly as ALL wish. Ms. Karyn Langlais asked about the plowing schedule. Mr. Jarvis stated yes routes are in place and with the closure on Telegraph Road the plowing will not be affected.

RESOLUTION # 24.09.09-1

A RESOLUTION THAT THE TOWN OF PERU IS SEEKING FUNDING FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE PROJECT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION (EFC); AND REQUIRES THAT THE TOWN PROCURE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE PROJECT THROUGH A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) PROCESS;

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Duquette

WHEREAS, the Town of Peru is seeking funding for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC); and

WHEREAS, EFC requires that the Town procure Engineering services for the project through a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town hereby approves the issuing of an RFQ for Engineering services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project.

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	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER # 24.09.09-2

A RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT DEBORAH WITHERWAX TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2024 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2029

MOTION: Mr. Douglass

SECOND: Mr. Bruno

Upon the recommendation of the Clinton County Assessor, Jeremiah Cross, this body resolves that Deborah Witherwax is hereby reappointed to the Board of Assessment Review for a term of five (5) years beginning October 1, 2024 and expiring September 30, 2029.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Peru Town Board agrees with the recommendation of the Jeremiah Cross and reappoints Deborah Witherwax to complete the term of five (5) years beginning October 1, 2024 and expiring September 30, 2029.

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	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 24.09.09-3

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Duquette

WHEREAS, the Town Board has deemed it necessary for the Town of Peru to hire Daniel M. Spada, Environment Consultant for the Wescott Road Culvert Project for Wetland Delineation Services.

WHEREAS, the Town Board has decided that the proposal of Daniel M. Spada to determine locations that have the potential to be classified as State and/or federal wetlands along those portions of Wescott Rd and the Salmon River; **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED, that the Town of Peru accepts the proposal of Daniel M. Spada, Environmental Consultant Services for a Wetland Delineation Services at a cost not to exceed Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty and No Cents (\$3,750.00).

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 24.09.09-4

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF MACHABEE LAND SURVEYING FOR THE WESCOTT ROAD CULVERT PROJECT FOR TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY SERVICES.

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Duquette

WHEREAS, the Town Board has deemed it necessary for the Town of Peru to hire Marc Machabee of Machabee Land Surveying for the Wescott Road Culvert Project for Topographical Survey Services.

WHEREAS, the Town Board has decided that the proposal of Machabee Land Surveying to perform topographical Surveying those portions of Wescott Rd and the Salmon River; **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED, that the Town of Peru accepts the proposal of Machabee Land Surveying at a cost not to exceed Three Thousand One Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$3,100.00).

BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2024 TO EXCEED THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c.

RESOLUTION # 24.09.09-5

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Peru is anticipating that the budget for the fiscal year of 2025 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 9 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 2024,

RESOLVED, that introductory Local Law #1 for the year 2024, 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 2024 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>	
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	Kregg Bruno	x		
	James Douglass	x		
	Eric Duquette	x		
	Mel Irwin	x		
	Craig Randall	x		

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

Set Date for Special Meeting to present Tentative Budget October 3rd

Motion by Mr. Duquette second by Mr. Bruno to approve Special Meeting October 3rd, 2024 at 5:30 PM at the Peru Town Hall.

5 Ayes 0 Noes

Set Date for Public Hearing on Preliminary Budget November 4th.

Motion by Mr. Douglass second by Mr. Duquette to approve Public Hearing November 4th, 2024 at 5:30 PM at the Peru Town Hall.

5 Ayes 0 Noes

Set Date for Special Meeting Adopt Final Budget November 14

Motion by Mr. Bruno second by Mr. Irwin to approve Special Meeting to adopt Final Budget November 14, 2024 at 5:30 PM at the Peru Town Hall.

5 Ayes 0 Noes

Use of Heyworth-Mason Park for the Clinton County Youth Bureau Trick or Trot Fun Run

Motion by Mr. Bruno second by Mr. Duquette to approve use of Heyworth-Mason Park for the Clinton County Youth Bureau Trick or Trot Fun Run.

5 Ayes 0 Noes

Other Business

Mr. Tetrault stated information from the surveys is near completion and galvanized connections are being replaced.

Mr. Farrell stated his 2025 budget is complete and is below the 2% tax cap.

Mr. Jarvis stated the shoulders on Rock Road are near completion and also mentioned how the Highway Department works so well together.

Mrs. Marino stated opening day for soccer September 14, 2024 at 9:30 AM at Lapham Mills Park. Also many thanks again to Chris Martineau and co-workers for the outstanding job on the soccer fields.

Ms. Barber stated a grant from NYSERDA in amount of \$ 10,000 will be split between the Highway and Water/Sewer departments to purchase battery operated landscaping tools.

Ms. Barber also stated she will be applying for an additional \$ 5000 grant.

Mr. John Roberts complimented the Little Ausable Trail. He asked about the moss on the trail and the removal. Mr. Roberts suggested pressure wash and Mr. Tetrault commented the material would not sustain pressure washing.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

NONE

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 24.09.09-6

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 August/September 2024:

From Town of Peru Vouchers for August/September 2024; #202401192 through and including #202401263

Abstract dated: 9/4/24.

For the dollar amount totaling: \$71,884.11; of that, \$16,228.55 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$55,655.56 is remaining to be paid for August/September 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:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	James Douglass	x	
	Eric Duquette	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

Motion by Mr. Douglass; seconded by Mr. Duquette to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:04 PM.
Ayes 5 Noes 0

Motion Carried

