

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday **May 8,, 2023**, at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Brandy McDonald, Supervisor; Mr. James Douglass, Councilman Mr. Melvin Irwin, Councilman; Mr. Richard Barber, Councilman; Mr. Kregg Bruno, Councilman and Dianne Miller, 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 Sikelianos, Dog Control Officer; Mrs. Helen Nerska, Town Historian and Mrs. Kristin Marino, Recreation Director.

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

Motion by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Bruno to include the reports from the following departments in 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 5 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Irwin to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Ayes 5 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Bruno to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2023. Special Meeting.

Ayes 4 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Community Input

Krista Bull and Brad Rushford presented to the board the need to change the nepotism restriction in the handbook due to the lack of applicants.

Mr. Coons asked about the update for the easement process for his neighbor and himself on Locust Drive. Mr. Favro stated a survey will need to be done by the owners. Mr. Favro suggested the surveyor contact him regarding specifically what he needs for the meets and bounds to have it done economically for the residents.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23.05.08-1

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ANDREW ROBERTS AS A MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I AS OF MAY 23, 2023, DUE TO THE CURRENT OPENING IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

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 Andrew Roberts will be hired as a full time MEO I for the Town of Peru Highway at an hourly rate of pay to be \$22.34, with a start date of May 23, 2023. Due to the current open position at the Peru Highway Garage, the Peru Town Board hereby authorizes the hiring of Andrew Roberts for a permanent position with a one year probationary period.

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

Motion by Mr. Bruno second by Mr. Barber for Mr. Tetrault to change T-Mobile Contract.
Ayes 5 Noes 0 **Motion Carried**

Mr. Favro stated for Mr. Tetrault was a non-attorney representative and to clarify his position when speaking with T-Mobile.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23.05.08-2

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HANSON VAN VLEET, PLLC PROPOSAL FOR THE HYDROGEOLOGIC SERVICES TO SUPPLEMENT THE CURRENT WATER SOURCE AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Douglass

WHEREAS, the Town Board has the Hanson Van Vleet, PLLC Proposal for the Hydrogeologic Services before them, and this project was initiated to supplement the Town’s current water source, including a surface water reservoir that becomes very turbid during high precipitation restricting or reducing the flow rate from the reservoir due to higher treatment requirements to remove turbidity. And,

WHEREAS, The Phase I Water Supply Investigation dated October29, 2018 completed by Hanson Van Vleet identified three potential locations. The three potential drilling sites will be used as a starting point for the hydrogeologic investigation. the proposed scope of work will expand on the results of the previous Phase I study, And,

WHEREAS, this proposal assumes that any water sample analysis will be performed using a Town contracted laboratory.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, said proposal from Hanson Van Vleet, PLLC for the total estimated cost of \$5,525.00 (Five thousand five hundred twenty five dollars) is approved for the above mentioned project and the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute said agreement.

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

Handbook Restrictions Regarding Nepotism

As discussed in Community Input regarding the nepotism restrictions, a resolution will be on the May 22, 2023, agenda to amend the handbook.

Motion by Mr. Bruno seconded by Mr. Barber for the court to upgrade to FIOS services.
5 Ayes 0 Noes

FIOS was offered to the court prior but Judge Kirby declined. All other departments have FIOS services.

Other Business

Mrs. Miller stated no bids were received for the drop ceiling in the town hall.
The tax roll was delivered to Treasurers office.

Mrs. Nerska stated an Adirondack Revitalization program for historic buildings has a grant of up to \$100,000. Mrs. Nerska will be applying for the grant.

Mr. Bruno congratulated Mr. T'Chaka Sikelianos for his fish caught in Lake Champlain. He also welcomed Mrs. Nerska to the Hall of Fame for Peru School.

Mrs. Marino stated opening day for softball and baseball will June 2nd and 3rd- 2023. Angel Hicks is considering organizing the "Fun Runs".

Mr. Favro told the Youth Commission to go forward with sponsorships as they did last year.

Mr. Farrell stated the new tractor should arrive by the end of the week or the first part of next week. Mr. Farrell asked the board if an allocation for the 2024 budget for a new plow truck to continue the 3 year replacement cycle should be included as the time is approximately 3 years which would be the correct timing to stay on the established schedule. The board unanimously agreed. The tracks to the paver actually showed up on time from the new vendor.

Mr. Barber asked if the paver was repaired. Mr. Farrell stated yes and also \$404,000 in chips funds will be received this year for paving.

Mr. Farrell stated he is also looking into a sprinkler system for the highway garage.

Mr. Tetrault stated the new tractor was ready for pick up. He asked how he was going to pay for it. The decision made was Mr. Tetrault will pay for ½ out his budget and the general fund will lend him the ½. With repayment from the sale of the older tractor and other equipment.

Mr. Tetrault also stated a new heating and air conditioner system is needed at the court house.

Mr. Favro will be the selling agent for the 3 town properties to be sold. No realtor will be needed. Properties will be sold "as is". Mr. McDonald will not have any involvement as a realtor with the sales.

Mr. Farrell followed up on the wheelchair accessibility issue for resident Patti LaDuke. Ms. LaDuke's driveway area/sidewalk is ADA compliant but is difficult to use.

Motion by Mr. Barber seconded by Mr. Douglass to install a ramp a short distance from the resident's driveway.

5 Ayes 0 Noes

Motion Carried

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

None

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23.05.08-3

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 May 2023:

From Town of Peru Vouchers in May 2023; #202300537 through and including #202300613

Abstract dated: 5/3/2023.

For the dollar amount totaling: \$105,235.97; of that, \$13,497.27 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$91,738.70 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	
	James Douglass	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

Motion by Mr. Bruno seconded by Mr. Barber to table executive session.

Ayes 5 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Douglass to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM

Ayes 5 Nays 0

Motion Carried

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