

The Regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday September 11, 2023 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 Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board; Mr. Matthew Favro, Town Attorney; Mrs. Helen Nerska, Town Historian; Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent ; Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; Mr. Tyler Jarvis, Deputy Highway Superintendent; Mr. Bob Guynup, Zoning Officer; and Mrs. Kristen Marino, Recreation Director (Excused).

Motion by Mr. Irwin second by Mr. Barber third by Mr. Bruno to reverse motion at Special Meeting August 14, 2023 for Mr. Irwin to chair meeting and Mr. Douglass will now serve as chair at September 11, 2023 Regular Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Mr.Douglass, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Douglass asked for a moment silence in remembrance of 911.

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. Barber; seconded by Mr.Bruno to accept the minutes from the August 28, 2023 Public Hearing.

Ayes 4 Noes 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr.Bruno to accept the minutes from the August 28, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Ayes 4 Noes 0

Motion Carried

Community Input
NONE

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2023 TO EXCEED THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c.

RESOLUTION # 23.09.11-1

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Barber

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Peru is anticipating that the budget for the fiscal year of 2024 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 #2 was held at the Town Hall on Monday, September 11 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 2023,

RESOLVED, that introductory Local Law #2 for the year 2023, 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 #2 of 2023 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	Excused	

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes

Telegraph Rd Culvert Temporary or Permanent Repair

Mr. Farrell stated a temporary repair will cost approximately \$ 350,000.
Possible closure of road for safety if not repaired.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23.09.11-2

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE KORN DRIVE EXTENSION AS A TOWN ROAD AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

WHEREAS, the Town of Peru Highway Superintendent, Michael Farrell, has regularly inspected the build out of the Korn Drive Extension, requested corrections and has since found that it has been built as per the Town Highway’s specifications, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Korn Drive Extension be accepted as a Town Road and therefore the Town will take over the maintenance of the same, AND, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOTION: Mr. Barber

SECOND: Mr. Bruno

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

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes

Motion by Mr. Bruno seconded by Mr. Barber to set a Special Meeting Monday September 18, 2023 at 6 PM to Present 2024 Tentative Budget
4 Ayes 0 Noes

Peru Town 2024 Budget Schedule

Monday, September 18, 2023, 6:00PM **Special Meeting to Present Tentative Budget**

Thursday, September 21, 2023, 6:00PM **Highway Budget Workshop Water/Sewer/Valcour Workshop**

Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 6:00PM **Salaries/General Workshop**

Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 6:00PM **Budget Review Workshop**
Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 6:00PM **Budget Review Workshop (if needed)**

Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 6:00 PM **Public Hearing on Preliminary Budget**

Tuesday, November 14, 2022, 5:30 PM **Special Meeting to Adopt Final Budget**

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23.09.11-3

A RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE AND PREPAY THE 2023 SOCCER UNIFORMS FROM FINNEY SPORTS BY THE TOWN OF PERU YOUTH DEPARTMENT.

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, The Town of Peru Town Board and Peru Youth Commission has found a need to purchase new soccer uniforms by the Youth Department for the 2023 youth soccer season. The town did not receive the invoice in time to be included in the September 11, 2023 in the bill paying abstract, and

WHEREAS, the invoice received was \$5,187.00 (Five thousand one hundred eighty seven dollars and no cents), and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that to make Finney Sports wait until the next check run at the end of the month would put undue hardship on the supplier. Therefore they are requesting this invoice be preapproved and the check cut with the September 11, 2023 check run and be included on the September 25, 2023 bill pay abstract.

BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately and the Town Supervisor is authorized to sign all paperwork to execute this purchase as soon as possible.

Roll Call:	YES	NO
Richard Barber, Jr.	x	
Kregg Bruno	x	
James Douglass	x	
Mel Irwin	x	
Brandy McDonald	Excused	

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes

Other Business

Mr. Jarvis stated paving is done on John Boswell Road.
Ms. Barber asked for the signs to be at Heyworth Mason Park – No Smoking No Alcohol.
Mr. Tetrault stated at one time they were there- New signs will be posted.
Mr. Farrell stated receiving parts for equipment has been a nightmare.
Mr. Farrell and his team are preparing for winter. Cameras are delayed as NYSEG has not taken care of the issue for almost a year.
Mr. Barber stated he will be attending the Battle of Valcour October 11. 2023. Mr. Bruno also expressed interest in attending.
Mrs. Nerska stated she will have a table at the Applefest with our towns history.
Also an application for a grant for equity, engagement for mental and physical health to include history in our community will partner with PCS.

Mr. Douglass thanked ALL!!! “ I’m glad to be back”

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only
NONE

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23.09.11-4

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 September 2023:

From Town of Peru Vouchers in September t 2023; #202301242 through and including #202301319

Abstract dated 9/6/2023.

For the dollar amount totaling: \$130,343.14; of that, \$62,148.13 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$68,195.01 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	Excused	

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes

Motion by Mr. Barber; second by Mr. Irwin to adjourn regular meeting to go into Executive session at 6:38 PM to discuss possible litigation

Ayes 4 Noes 0

Motion by Mr. Bruno second by Mr. Irwin to adjourn Executive session and return to Regular meeting at 7:203PM

Ayes 4 Noes 0

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23.09.11-5

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ENGINEERING VENTURES TO PROVIDE THE TOWN COST ESTIMATES TO FIX THE WATER RUNOFF SITUATION CAUSED BY PERU CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT.

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Barber

WHEREAS, to authorize Engineering Ventures to prepare cost estimates to fix the water runoff situation caused by Peru Central School District, and

WHEREAS, Engineering Ventures will provide these estimates at a price not to exceed \$3,500.00 (Three thousand five hundred dollars), **THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED, said proposed authorization is approved as per requirements.

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	Excused	

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes

Motion by Mr. Bruno seconded by Mr. Douglass to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:24 PM.
Ayes 4 Noes 0 **Motion Carried**

_____ *Supervisor* _____ *Councilman*

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