

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday January 11, 2021 at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Brandy McDonald Supervisor; Mr. James Douglass, Councilman; Mr. Kregg Bruno, Councilman; Mr. Melvin Irwin, Councilman; Mr. Richard Barber; Councilman, Mrs. Dianne Miller, Town Clerk and Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board. Also present via zoom were Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; Mr. Bob Guynup, Zoning Officer; Mr. Matthew Favro, Town Attorney, Mr. Dave Drollette, Dog Control Officer and Mr. John Flynn, Youth Director.

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. Barber 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 5 Nays 0**

***Motion Carried***

**Motion** by Mr. Irwin; seconded by Mr. Douglass to approve the minutes from the December 30, 2020 meeting.

**Ayes 5 Nays 0**

***Motion Carried***

#### ***Community Input and Questions***

NONE

#### **Plans for Fuller Rd. Culvert at Sullivan Rd. Intersection Project**

Mark DeCrescente representing Engineering Ventures stated that all applications have been submitted to Army Corp of Engineers; D.E.C.- all wetlands have been identified. A pre cast concrete culvert will be used. Mr. Favro recommended a SEQR application be done.

#### **Abandonment of Parsons and Chase Roads**

Mr. Farrell stated that the land owner wants 2754' of road abandoned.

#### **Approval of the Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) Contract for Evaluation of the South Side of Town Sewer Collection System**

Mr. Douglass stated money would be reimbursed by grant

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.01.11-1

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE TEDFORD CONSULTING PROPOSAL FOR PREPARING AND SUBMITTING AN EFC ENGINEERING PLANNING GRANT FOR THE TOWN OF PERU'S SOUTH SIDE SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM.

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Douglass

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received a proposal from Tedford Consulting for preparing and submitting a EFC Engineering Planning Grant Application for the purpose of Town qualification for the south side of the town's sewer collection system through the 2021 CFA process. AND,

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed this proposal and has decided that the proposal best meets the needs of the Town for gathering information for the Town's grant application for the Engineering Planning Grant money;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Peru accepts the proposal of Tedford Consulting for Consulting for preparing and submitting a EFC Engineering Planning Grant Application at an hourly rate of \$100.00 for services provided in accordance with the Town of Peru's financial policies; not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) And directs the Town of Peru Supervisor, Brandy McDonald to sign this contract.

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

**Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays**

**Award Trunk Sewer Main and Pump Station Reconstruction Bid to Rifenburg Contracting Corp**

Mike Metcalfe representing AES stated the steps to move forward-

- 1- Notice of Award
- 2- 15 Days to contractor
- 3- Mr. Favro reviews
- 4- Return to AES
- 5- Rural Development Approval

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.01.11-2

A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE TRUNK SEWER MAIN AND PUMP STATION RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (AES PROJECT #4671) TO RIFENBURG CONTRACTING CORPORATION.

MOTION: Mr. Barber

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received three bids in response to its request for same in connection with the bid opening held on December 10, 2020 for the completion of the Trunk Sewer Main and Pump Station Reconstruction Project.

WHEREAS, after AES, Northeast's review of the bidding documents provided by the bidders, the following contractor has met the requirements set forth in the construction documents and presented the lowest responsible bids for the UNIT PRICE BASE BID CONTRACT.

WHEREAS, Rifenburg Contracting Corporation has submitted the total base bid of \$3,712,939.00 (Three million seven hundred twelve thousand nine hundred thirty nine dollars and no cents), and after consultation with the Town attorney and approval by USRD-RD,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that AES, Northeast will provide Rifenburg Contracting Corp. with a Notice of Award, whereby the contractor will obtain Insurance Certificates/Bonds and execute the Agreement with the Town of Peru and authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute any further documentation necessary to facilitate this bid award.

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

**Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.01.11-3**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AES NORTHEAST G.I.S. PROGRAM PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.**

Motion: Mr. Bruno

Second: Mr. Irwin

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has the AES Northeast’s GIS (Geographical Informational System) Services Proposal #P2020069 in front of them and was described at length during the budget process and the cost of which was included in the 2021 budget to be split by the Highway Department and Water & Sewer Departments

**WHEREAS**, this program will help the Highway Department to complete their inventory of roads, road signage and culverts, and

**WHEREAS**, and it has become increasingly necessary to document and track the information around the Town’s sanitary water and sewer system which can be used to record and maintain utility infrastructure data and utilize it for future projects. This proposal is not to exceed \$21,560.00 (Twenty one thousand five hundred sixty dollars)

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

**Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays**

**Motion** by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Irwin to hold workshop at 5 PM, February 8, 2021 in the town hall to discuss Village Water Disinfection Project. Mr. Swart will be attending from AES.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.01.11-4**

**A RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE A NEW DIESEL ENGINE FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS BANDIT CHIPPER MACHINE FROM ROCK’S GARAGE.**

**Motion: Mr. Bruno**

**Second: Mr. Douglass**

**WHEREAS**, Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent has requested prices for new parts and/or new engine for the Bandit Chipper Machine.

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has agreed with the Highway Superintendent’s recommendation that it would be more cost efficient to purchase the new engine from Cummings Northeast plus installation than to perform complete and entire overhaul with parts cost at \$9,000 plus labor. And,

**WHEREAS**, Rock’s Garage was the only dealer that was able to procure a new engine since a remanufactured engine was not available in the U.S. The cost of a new 3.9 liter Cummings Diesel engine is \$11,900 (Eleven thousand nine hundred dollars) plus labor to install. And,

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Peru will approve the purchase and installation from Rock's Garage a, Now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Supervisor is authorized to sign all paperwork to execute this purchase as soon as possible.

<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>	x	

**Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.01.11-5**

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE TOWN'S ASSESSOR TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR RENEWAL APPLICATION OF THE 467 (AGED) AND 459-C (LIMITED INCOME DISABILITY) EXEMPTIONS IN CERTAIN CASES.**

**MOTION: Mr. Bruno**

**SECOND: Mr. Douglass**

***REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW EXEMPTIONS***

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the COVID-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2020 (Part B, Subpart D) signed by Governor Cuomo on December 28, 2020, every governing body of an assessing unit and local assessor shall extend to the 2021 assessment roll, the renewal of the exemptions received on the 2020 assessment roll pursuant to sections 467 (senior citizen) and 459-c (limited income disability) of the real property tax law; and

**WHEREAS**, no renewal application shall be required of any eligible property owner who received either exemption on the 2020 assessment roll in order for such eligible property owner to continue receiving the exemption at the same amount received on the 2020 assessment roll unless the eligible property owner determines their income has changed in a manner that would grant them a greater exemption than was present on the 2020 assessment roll; and

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding the foregoing, if the assessor has reason to believe that a potentially eligible property owner has since (after the 3/1/2020 taxable status date and prior to the 3/1/2021 taxable status date) changed their primary residence, added another owner to the deed, sold the property, or is now deceased, the assessor may require a renewal application in his/her sole discretion.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Town Board of the Town of Peru hereby authorizes the exemptions referenced above (senior citizen & limited income disability) for the 2021 assessment roll without submission of a renewal application unless otherwise required by the assessor.

**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>	x	

**Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays**

**Sewer Project Update**

None

**Other Business**

Mr. Barber stated he had reached out to Dan Levy (DEC Manager) to discuss the right of way on Mud Pond Road. Mr. Barber is to speak with him January 12, 2021.

Ms. Barber stated a check was received from Auctions International in the amount of \$35,565.00 for equipment sold. Those funds will go toward paver.

Adele Douglass would like to be involved in the extension of trail.

Mr. Tetrault stated work behind Community Church will begin the week of the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2021. Water Department has been working on the ice rink at Sullivan Park. Weather has not cooperated. Ice is being built up.

There is an ongoing issue of horses loose on Lapham Mills Road as stated by Mr. Guynup. The issue has been addressed, but due to COVID civil court cases will not be heard until at least March. Mr. Favro was going to research possible reckless endangerment charges.

Mr. Flynn stated the ski program will begin January 24, 2021; 38 kids will be participating and the program runs for 6 Sundays.

Mr. Farrell stated the last storm took 5 out 7 plows out of service and 1 out of 2 pickups. A loaner from Town of Ausable was used.

Mr. Tetrault stated Clinton County Health Department has available on line information to receive the COVID vaccine.

Mr. Guynup stated he will be attending his required webinars from his home. The first 4 hour session is January 15, 2021.

Mr. Ryan asked Mr. Tetrault clarification on the EPG- Mr. Tetrault stated smoke and camera tests have been done to evaluate south side of town.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.01.11.-6**

**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 December 2020:

From Town of Peru Vouchers in December 2020; #20201445 through and including #20201471,

Abstract dated January 8, 2021

For the dollar amount totaling: \$17,884.38, of that, \$3,335.45 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$14,548.93 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><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>
	<b>Richard Barber, Jr.</b>	x	
	<b>Kregg Bruno</b>	x	
	<b>Mel Irwin</b>	x	
	<b>James Douglass</b>	x	
	<b>Brandy McDonald</b>	x	

**Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.01.11-7**

**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 January 2021:

From Town of Peru Vouchers in January 2021; #202100001 through and including #202100014,

Abstract dated January 8, 2021

For the dollar amount totaling: \$22,326.20, of that, \$12,070.26 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$10,255.94 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

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<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>Mel Irwin</b>	x	
	<b>James Douglass</b>	x	
	<b>Brandy McDonald</b>	x	

**Carried 5 Ayes 0 Nays:**

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	<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>x</b>	

**Carried 5 Ayes 0 Nays:**

**Motion** by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Bruno to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:01 PM.  
**Ayes 5 Nays 0** **Motion Carried**

\_\_\_\_\_ *Supervisor* \_\_\_\_\_ *Councilman*  
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