

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday, March 22, 2021 at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Brandy McDonald, Supervisor; Mr. James Douglass, Councilman; Mr. Richard Barber Jr., Councilman; Mr. Kregg Bruno, Councilman; Mr. Mel Irwin, Councilman;(Excused) Mrs. Dianne Miller, Town Clerk; Mr. Matt Favro, Town Attorney; Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent, Mr. Bob Guynup, Codes and Zoning Officer, Mr. Dave Drollette, Dog Control Officer and Mr. John Flynn, Recreation Director.

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

**Motion** by Mr. Douglass; second by Mr. Bruno to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2021 meeting.

Ayes 4 Nays 0

Motion Carried

**Community Input and Questions**

Alison Webbinaro and Lauren Prue shared a concept of “Hometown Market” to be held at Heyworth Mason Park. Ms. Webbinaro stated vendors would sell goods and services. The market would be the last Sunday of the month from 2-6 PM. Ms. Webbinaro and Ms. Prue met with Mr. McDonald and Mr. Guynup prior to the Board meeting. Mr. Guynup stated the concept needs to be brought to the Planning Board. An authorization form needs to be signed prior to zoning meeting. Parking is a concern and Mr. Barber stated the timing may need to be earlier to accommodate summer concerts also. Trash removal would be the responsible of each vendor. Mr. Favro stated proof of insurance will be required by each vendor.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.03.22-1**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER HEALTH EMERGENCY PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF PERU**

**Motion: Mr. Barber**

**Second: Mr. Douglass**

**Whereas** on September 7, 2020 the Governor signed Senate Bill S8617B into law requiring public employers to develop health emergency plans for the protection of employees and contractors; and

**Whereas** the Town of Peru fully supports the health and safety of our employees and contractors; and

**Whereas** the plan supports continuity of operations of the Town of Peru and

**Whereas** the plan was developed collaboratively with several officials of the Town of Peru and

**Whereas** the plan has been developed to meet the requirements set forth in the aforementioned law; and

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the Town Board of the Town of Peru approves the public employer health emergency plan of the Town of Peru and

**Be it further resolved**, that the Town Board of the Town of Peru authorizes the Supervisor, Brandy McDonald to sign the plan, putting it into full force and effect in accordance with the law and the provisions identified in the plan.

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

**Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Nays**

**Motion Carried**

Mr. McDonald stated this plan can be changed as a board at any time.

***American Rescue Plan (COVID Relief Plan)***

Mr. McDonald stated approximately \$760,000.00 has been awarded to the town. Details of how the money can be spent are not yet confirmed. Mr. McDonald will keep the town informed as he is informed.

***Use of Johnson Controls or Alltech (Installer) for Fire Alarm System***

Decision made was to have Johnson Controls even though Alltech was the original installer. A resolution will be done at April 12, 2021 town board meeting to award contract.

***Set Date for Valcour and WWTP Sewer Workshop***

Motion by Mr. Douglass; seconded by Mr. Barber to set April 26, 2021 at 4PM for the Valcour and WWTP Sewer Workshop. 4 Ayes 0 Nays

***Receipt of 2020 CHIPS Funding***

Mr. Farrell stated was received in the amount of \$222,079.79.

***Sewer Project Update***

Project is going as planned. Extra tree work has been done by John Kelly. Mr. Tetrault stated DEC required a swale behind Peru Community Church in back of lift station.

***Other Business***

Mr. Farrell stated the sweeping and paving equipment is ready for the spring cleanup and road repair. Mr. Farrell attended a webinar/zoom meeting on salt reduction. He stressed how it can work to save money but the initial investment is very expensive unless grants are available. He will continue to research and keep the board informed.

Mr. Tetrault asked for an increase in the per hour rate for the part time seasonal employee position. He stated he has received one applicant.

Motion by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Barber to increase starting per hour wage to \$14.00 for the seasonal part time position. 4 Ayes 0 Nays

Mr. Ryan asked Mr. Guynup about an Orchard View Subdivision update. Mr. Guynup stated the Army Corp of Engineers is handling the situation and is out of the Town's hands..

FIOS will be installed at the Town Hall March 31, 2021- Chad Morse will be here to assist.

Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Akey attended a webinar on archiving and retention schedule. Alden Stevens is coming to evaluate and recommend steps to be taken to be current and compliant with the LGS-1 Schedule and OCA. Mr. Stevens was here 2010-2011 to update records at that time.

***Public Comments on Agenda Items Only***

***NONE***

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.03.22-2**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POST-AUDIT PAYMENT OF CERTAIN CLAIMS, BILLS AND INVOICES OF THE TOWN**

**MOTION: Mr. Barber**

**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 March 2021:

From Town of Peru Vouchers in March 2020; #202100269 through and including #202100332.

Abstract dated 3/22/2021

For the dollar amount totaling: \$ 73,484.38 of that, \$13,786.91 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$59,697.47 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>	<b>Excused</b>	
	<b>James Douglass</b>	x	
	<b>Brandy McDonald</b>	x	

**Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Nays**

*Motion Carried*

*Motion* by Mr. Douglass; second by Mr. Barber to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:58 PM.

Ayes 4 Nays 0

*Motion Carried*

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