

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday May 10, 2021 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 (Excused); Mrs. Dianne Miller, Town Clerk. Also present were Mr. Matt Favro, Town Attorney; Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board Mr. Bob Guynup, Zoning Officer; and Mr. Dave Drollette, Dog Control officer.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Mr. Douglass with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion** by Mr. Irwin; 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; and Banking Reports).

**Ayes 3 Nays 0**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion** by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Irwin to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2021 meeting.

**Ayes 3 Nays 0**

**Motion Carried**

**Community Input and Questions**

Matt St.Clair asked if the town would be willing to share the cost of asphalt on the Brand Hollow Road Extension. The Board explained the town has no ownership to the road and cannot use taxpayers dollars on a private road.

Mr. Ryan once again had no understanding and importance for our town to update Local Law #1 for Prior Notice. The board attempted to explain to him that NYMIR’s representative, Henry Van den Heever advised to protect our town by updating the Local Law from 1979. He also stated that he Googled the law and no other Town has this law, which is completely false.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 20.05.10-1**

**PASSING OF LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2021 PROVIDING FOR PRIOR NOTICE.**

MOTION BY: Mr. Bruno

SECOND BY: Mr. Irwin

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing having been held on the proposed Local Law on May 10, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has before it the proposed Local Law,

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED** that Local Law #1 of 2021 “Prior Notice” is hereby adopted.

**Discussion:**

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

**Carried: 3 Ayes 0 Nays**

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.05.10-2

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF DARLENE GRIGWARE FROM THE TOWN OF PERU CODES OFFICE EFFECTIVE MAY 6, 2021.

MOTION: Mr. Irwin

SECOND: Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, The Peru Town Codes and Zoning Officer has recommended that Town Board accepts the resignation of Darlene Grigware offered April 29, 2021 and effective May 6, 2021.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Peru Town Board agrees with the recommendation of the Town of Peru Town Codes and Zoning Officer to accept the resignation of Darlene Grigware and thanks her for her past service to the Town of Peru. Her resignation was effective May 6, 2021.

AND, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Carried: 3 Ayes 0 Nays

**Resolution/Discussion: Parks Temporary Laborer Hire- Tabled**

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.05.10-3

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHANGING OF HOURS FOR THE CODES AND ZONING SECRETARY TO PART-TIME AT 29 HOURS MAKING IT A NON-COMPETITIVE POSITION.

Motion by: Mr. Bruno

Second by: Mr. Douglass

WHEREAS, the Town Board has agreed that a change in hours for the Codes and Zoning Office would be beneficial to reduce the costs and accrual of compensatory time for that position. This would also change the position to non-competitive according to the Civil Service rules.

AND, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Carried: 3 Ayes 0 Nays

**Purchase of Mini Excavator**

The water department and highway department will be splitting the cost of the excavator. Mr. Farrell stated he will be able to use CHIPS money toward the purchase. Possible lease to own

may be an option. Mr. Tetrault stated two Volvo machines are available at this time, and the Town is still waiting to hear from Caterpillar. Our town will be eligible for the National contract price. Mr. Bruno stated he was in favor of the purchase of a new excavator.

#### **New Water Line to Wastewater Plant**

Mr. Tetrault has asked to get an estimate to install a new larger water line to the Wastewater Plant on Sunrise Drive while the sewer upgrade was being done in that area.

#### **New Water Line Connections on Elm Street**

Mr. Tetrault stated a new water line connection would be beneficial during the construction.

#### **Set Sewer Workshop Date**

May 24, 2021- 5 PM

#### **Sewer Project Update**

Mr. Tetrault stated project is going well and ahead of schedule. D.O.T. permits have been received. The next construction meeting will be May 12, 2021 at 10 AM at the Peru Town Hall.

#### **Other Business**

Mr. Guynup asked about advertising zoning office secretary position.

He also stated 12 applicants for zoning meeting being held May 12, 2021.

Mr. Farrell has been chosen (from 1 of 933 Highway Superintendents) as State Representative for Road Salt Reduction Committee pending approval from State Legislative Body. School Street drainage issue has become crucial. Whose carries the responsibility, the school or the town? Mr. Favro stated a survey needs to be done and water level/drainage and outflow needs to be determined.

Mr. Farrell according to the handbook pay increase is effective May 1.

Mr. Drollette stated he was tired of being a referee with dog owners and neighborhood feuds.

Mr. Tetrault stated due to phone line issues at water plant he called Verizon to install fiber optics as the phone line is necessary for communication for any emergency (alarm etc.) with the water system.

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

**NONE**

#### **RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.05.10-4**

#### **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 May 2021:

From Town of Peru Vouchers in May 2021; #202100474 through and including #20210530,

Abstract dated May 7, 2021

For the dollar amount totaling: \$73,249.21, of that, \$11,324.04 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$61,925.17 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>	<b>Excused</b>	
	<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>Excused</b>	

**Carried: 3 Ayes 0 Nays**

**Motion** by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Irwin to adjourn Regular meeting to Executive Session at 7:29 PM. No decision will be made.

**Motion** by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Irwin to adjourn Executive Session at 8:02 PM to return to Regular meeting.

**Motion** by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Irwin to adjourn the Regular meeting at 8:03 PM.

**3 Ayes 0 Nays**

***Motion Carried***

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