

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday June 14, 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. Also present were Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board, Mr. Matthew Favro, Town Attorney, Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent and Mr. Bob Guynup, Zoning Officer.

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

Motion by Mr. Barber; 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). **No JCEO Report**
Ayes 5 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

Motion by Mr. Irwin; seconded by Mr. Douglass to approve the minutes from the May 24, 2021 meeting.
Ayes 5 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

Community Input and Questions

Helen Nerska spoke of the Cemetery Tour to be held June 19, 2021 starting at 9:30 AM. The tour will go to the Old Village Cemetery, God Acres and St. Augustine’s. The Quaker Cemetery will be toured in the afternoon.

New York State Extends COVID-19 Water Shutoff Moratorium

The water shut off moratorium has been extended to December 31, 2021 or when the COVID-19 state of emergency ends.

Acceptance of South Side Sewer EPG Report Agreement

Brad Noviski stated a grant has been received for to the state to pay for the study.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.06.14-1

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AES NORTHEAST, PLLC DATED JUNE 4, 2021 FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT FOR THE DEC/EFC ENGINEERING PLANNING GRANT FOR THE TOWN OF PERU’S SOUTH SIDE SEWER DISTRICT.

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Douglass

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received an agreement dated June 4, 2021 from AES Northeast, PLLC for preliminary planning report for the DEC/EFC Engineering Planning Grant Application for the purpose of Town qualification for Project #4980 South Side Sewer District through the 2021 CFA process. AND,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Peru accepts the agreement of AES Northeast, PLLC at a lump sum of for services provided in accordance with the Town of Peru’s financial policies; not to exceed \$24,800.00 (Twenty four thousand eight hundred dollars), And directs the Town of Peru Supervisor, Brandy McDonald to sign this agreement.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nay

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.06.14-2

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AES AMENDMENT #4 (RD#3) TO OWNER-ENGINEER AGREEMENT PROJECT #4671 FOR SEWER TRUNK LINE UPGRADE DATED JUNE 1, 2021 AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

MOTION: Mr. Barber

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, the Town Board has the AES Amendment No. 4, (RD#3) to Owner-Engineer Agreement #4671 for Sewer Trunk Line Upgrade project dated June 1, 2021 and related items before it

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, said proposed Amendment to the Owner-Engineer Agreement is approved for modification to services and modification of payment to the Engineer and the Town Supervisor 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 Nays

Acceptance of DCO Dave Drollette’s Resignation

The Board commented that he will be hard to replace and he great job. Mr. McDonald stated the county is discussing possibly taking over the position for all towns. The board feels that would be advantageous for all towns.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.06.14-3

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF DAVID DROLLETTE FROM THE TOWN OF PERU DOG CONTROL OFFICER POSITION EFFECTIVE JUNE 15, 2021.

MOTION: Mr. Douglass

SECOND: Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, David Drollette has recommended that Town Board accepts his resignation offered May 26, 2021.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Peru Town Board sadly agrees with the recommendation of David Drollette to accept his resignation and thanks him for his unwavering dedication and past service to the Town of Peru. His resignation will be effective June 15, 2021.

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 Nays

Motion by Mr. Bruno; second by Mr. Douglass to advertise for the position of Dog Control Officer with a starting salary of \$ 12,000; mileage and a 90 day probation period.

Carried 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Hiring of Permanent Codes Secretary Christine Crawford

Ms. Barber stated no that applications were received nor any inquires.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.06.14-4

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PERMANENT HIRING OF CHRISTINE CRAWFORD AS A PART TIME SECRETARY TO THE CODES AND ZONING OFFICE.

Motion by: Mr. Bruno

Second by: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, the Town Board has agreed that a new permanent part time secretary is necessary for the effective operation of the Peru Codes and Zoning Department following the recommendation of the Town Codes and Zoning Officer, Robert Guynup.

BE IT

RESOLVED, that Christine Crawford be hired as a permanent part time secretary for the Town of Peru Codes and Zoning Office at an hourly rate of pay to be \$16.64, with a start date of June 15, 2021.

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 Nays

Youth Activities Update

Emily Sypek and Kiersten O’Jida Blair stated baseball and softball practice was underway. 55 youth are playing t-ball.

Summer Concerts Relocation to Heyworth Mason Park

The Summer Concert Series will be held at Heyworth Mason Park. Concerns of traffic flow when the Hometown Market is being held are being addressed.

A platform is being built, electrical pole installed and possibly movies will be offered at Heyworth instead of Lapham Mills this year.

Sewer Project Update

Brad Noviski, representing AES, stated the project was on schedule and Rifenburg Contracting is extremely safety conscious following all protocols. Brad mentioned it may look like a worker is just standing around but is actually following safety protocols. He also stated that RD reviews all bills for payment and must sign off on them before money is released

Motion by Mr. Bruno; second by Mr. Douglass to approve the payment to Rifenburg Contracting.

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Other Business

Mr. Barber stated he had looked at an awning for the platform and next year a possible purchase. The awning would be portable as no permanent structure can be at Heyworth Mason.

Babbie’s Rural Farm will be having their Open House June 19, 2021.

Mr. Guynup thanked the board for approving Christine Crawford. He stated there was a lot to grasp and she was doing very well.

Mr. Farrell stated the culvert replacement at Telegraph permit is effective until 2022. Prices are increasing for the culverts Mr. Farrell expressed the urgency to move forward. Mr. Connell from the Army Corp of Engineers shared with Mr. Farrell a release for Orchard View is forthcoming.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

NONE

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.06.14-5

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 June 2021:

From Town of Peru Vouchers in May 2021; #202100603 through and including #202100686,

Abstract dated June 10, 2021

For the dollar amount totaling: \$497,996.29, of that, \$425,631.10 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$72,365.19 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	
Mel Irwin	x	
James Douglass	x	
Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion by Mr. Douglass; seconded by Mr. Bruno to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:06 PM.
5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

_____ *Supervisor* _____ *Councilman*

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