

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday September 13, 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 Jr.; Councilman, Mrs. Dianne Miller, Town Clerk. Also present were Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Mr. Bob Guynup, Zoning Officer; Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board, Mr. Matthew Favro, Town Attorney and Mr. Cliff Christon, Dog Control 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).

Ayes 5 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Irwin; seconded by Mr. Bruno to approve the minutes from the August 23, 2021 meeting. **Ayes 5 Nays 0**

Motion Carried

Community Input and Questions

Amanda Prenoveau representing Clinton County Health Department to discuss “ Routes to Better Health “- Mr. McDonald stated that it will be discussed on Agenda Line # 7.

Clinton County Health Dept., Routes to Better Health

Ms. Prenoveau shared information on the \$ 8000.00 grant. The grant cycle is now until May 2022. A resolution will be presented at the October 25, 2021 Regular meeting after the Planning and Zoning Boards have reviewed the details of the grant. Mr. Bruno stated he would like to move forward. Possible ideas may be a water fountain at Heyworth Mason Park and safer marked walking paths for students to walk to school.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.09.13-1

A RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT GEORGE COON TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

MOTION: Mr. Douglass

SECOND: Mr. Barber

WHEREAS, The Assessor for the Town of Peru, Jeremiah Cross, has recommended that George Coon be reappointed to the Board of Assessment Review as his current term will expire on September 30, 2021.

WHEREAS, The Peru Town Board resolves that George Coon is hereby reappointed to the Board of Assessment Review for a term beginning October 1, 2021 and expiring September 30, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.09.13-2

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CLINTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR CLINIC SERVICES AND THE TOWN OF PERU AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

MOTION: Mr. Barber

SECOND: Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, the Town Board has the Memorandum of Understanding between Clinton County Health Department and the Town of Peru to provide a site for Clinic Services for the residents of Clinton County,

WHEREAS, this term of agreement shall continue and be binding upon both parties for a period of twelve (12) months from 10/1/2021 to 9/30/2022 at which time it will be subject to review and renewal.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, said proposed Memorandum of Agreement is approved and the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute said contract, **AND, 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 Nays

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PERU TO ACCEPT THE 2021 CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH CLINTON COUNTY FOR THE TOWN OF PERU RECREATION PROGRAMS.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.09.13-3

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, The Town of Peru supported by the Town of Peru Board Members; and

WHEREAS, with support from Town of Peru Board, it is agreed that it is in the best interests of the Town of Peru to accept the 2021 Contracted Agreement with Clinton County Youth Bureau for Town of Peru Recreation Programs.

WHEREAS, State funds have been appropriated for services and expenses of the Office of Children and Family Services, counties and their contractors for the operations of programs designed to promote positive youth development, and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Board of the Town of Peru be and is hereby authorized to enter into the contract with Clinton County as stated on the attached contract; for the Town of Peru in the amount not to exceed the sum of **\$1,836.36**

RESOLVED, that this Resolution will commence on the 1st day of January 2021, and shall continue and include the 31st of December 2021.

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

I, Dianne Miller, the duly qualified and Clerk of **The Town of Peru**, New York, do hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Board, held on 13th of September, 2021, and is incorporated in the original minutes of said meeting, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

Signed: _____

RESOLUTION #21.09.13-4

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CLERK TO FILE APPROPRIATE PAPERWORK WITH THE COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT ON CERTAIN ROADS WITHIN THE TOWN OF PERU.

MOTION BY: Mr. Irwin

SECOND BY: Mr. Douglass

WHEREAS, the Town Board has been informed by the Highway Superintendent that residents along Arnold Rd. have expressed the concern that the present speed limit of 55 miles per hour on Arnold Rd., between State Route 22 and Town of Plattsburgh town line in the Town of Peru is too high; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Town Highway Superintendent and the Town Board, based on complaints and requests for a lower speed limit by residents along that road that the speed limit should be lowered, and both are requesting that it be changed; and

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Superintendent has informed the Board that there is a process by which the State of New York will consider lowering the speed limit on this road and that the first step in this process is for the Town Clerk to file certain forms with the Clinton County Highway Superintendent; be it

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk hereby complete and file with the Clinton County Highway Superintendent a Form TE9a in connection with reduced speed limit for the following road:

Arnold Rd., between State Route 22 and Town of Plattsburgh town line

Discussion:

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

2022 Budget Schedule

Motion by Mr. Bruno; second by Mr. Barber to accept 2022 Budget Schedule
5 Ayes 0 Nays

Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 6:00PM	Special Meeting to Present Tentative Budget
Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 6:00PM	Highway Budget Workshop
Wednesday, October 6, 2021, 6:00PM	Water/Sewer/Valcour Workshop
Wednesday, October 20, 2021, 6:00PM	General Workshop
Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 6:00PM	Salaries Workshop
Thursday, November 4, 2021, 6:00 PM	Budget Review Workshop
Monday, November 15, 2021, 6:00 PM	Public Hearing on Preliminary Budget
	Special Meeting to Adopt Final Budget

2020 Population Total

Mr. McDonald stated the town's population decreased by 226 residents which is a 3.2% population change. Mr. Ryan remarked he has his own opinion of why the town's census decreased.

Approval of Rifenburg's Pay Application #5

Motion by Mr. Bruno second by Mr. Douglass to approve #5 payment in the amount of \$537,326.59 to Rifenburg Construction.
5 Ayes 0 Nays

Sewer Project Update

Sidewalk restoration will be done in front of Stewart's and Elm Street. Manholes will be installed behind Lamar, Garrow & Bertrand properties. Pipe for back filing is still not available. Generators will arrive in November.

Other Business

Mr. Irwin asked who was responsible for grass replacement on North Bend. Mr. Tetrault stated Rifenburg has full responsible of restoration. Water meters will be read in the next couple weeks for October billing. A savings of approximately \$ 35,000 due to installation performed by our water department for the installation of the clarifier is now completed and approved by the DEC.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

Mr. Ryan stated the Town of Plattsburgh census increased by 3.5%. He then clarified he was not absolutely sure of the percentage but knew the census had increased. Mr. Ryan also stated he felt there should be more special meetings as decisions would be made quicker.

Applefest is September 18th – All activities are being done in house - no carnival this year.

Summer Concert Series is done for 2021- The concerts were very well received by the community and especially the use of Heyworth Mason Park location.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.09.13-5

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

MOTION: Mr. Douglass

SECOND: Mr. Barber

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed and audited the following claims, bills and invoices for services rendered and goods provided to the Town in August 2021:

From Town of Peru Vouchers in August 2021; #202100972 through and including #202101062,

Abstract dated September 10, 2021.

For the dollar amount totaling: \$295,738.86, of that, \$18467.94 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$277,270.92 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. Barber; seconded by Mr. Irwin to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:34 PM.

Ayes 5 Nays 0

Motion Carried

_____ *Supervisor* _____ *Councilman*

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