

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday September 27, 2021, at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Brandy McDonald, Supervisor; Mr. Richard Barber, Councilman; Mr. Kregg Bruno, Councilman; Mr. James Douglass, Councilman; Mr. Mel Irwin, Councilman and Mrs. Dianne Miller, Town Clerk. Also present were Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; Mr. Robert Guynup, Zoning Officer, Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board; and Mr. Matt Favro, Town Attorney.

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

Motion by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Douglass to accept the minutes from the September 13, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Ayes 5 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Irwin to accept the minutes from the September 22, 2021 Special Meeting.

Mr. McDonald and Mr. Douglass abstained as they were not present at the meeting.

Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Community Input

NONE

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.09.27-1

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSURE OF TD BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT ENGINEERING PLANNING GRANT PROJECT H-27.

MOTION: Mr. Barber

SECOND: Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, The Wastewater Treatment Plant Engineering Planning Grant Project, the H-27 Capital Project, has been completed and all funds have been paid out for project costs, and

WHEREAS, The Wastewater Treatment Plant EPG Project Account with TD Bank has been emptied of funds and should be closed be, NOW BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Peru Town Board has authorized the closure of the Wastewater Treatment Plant EPG Project H-27 Account ending in #6032 with TD Bank.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Mr. Bruno asked how long the account had been opened. Ms. Barber stated approximately 1-1 ½ years.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.09.27-2

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSURE OF TD BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE VALCOUR SEWER ENGINEERING PLANNING GRANT PROJECT H-28.

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, The Valcour Sewer Engineering Planning Grant Project, the H-28 Capital Project, has been completed and all funds have been paid out for project costs, and

WHEREAS, The Valcour Sewer EPG Project Account with TD Bank has been emptied of funds and should be closed be, **NOW BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Peru Town Board has authorized the closure of the Valcour Sewer EPG Project H-28 Account ending in #6967 with TD Bank.

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

Security Camera Update

Mr. McDonald stated he spoke with Denise Ryder from First Light and the cameras ready for installation and Chad and Brian will begin September 28th 2021 as long as weather is conducive to install.

Security Door Locks Update

Mr. McDonald stated he spoke with Mike Calongne and the locks were backordered. Mr. Calongne told Mr. McDonald the end of October early November for installation.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.09.27-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE PERU TOWN BOARD TO APPROVE THE INCREASE OF TAX COLLECTION LATE PAYMENT NOTICE FEES.

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law Section 987 requires the Town Tax Collector by April 1st to mail by first class mail, a notice to each owner of property upon which current taxes contained in said collector's warrant remain unpaid; and

WHEREAS, RPTL §987 was amended to allow the Town Board to adopt a resolution providing for a charge of not more than \$2.00 against each parcel for which a notice is mailed by the Town Tax Collector in order to recover the expense of mailing such notices; and

WHEREAS, the Peru Town Board believes that it is in the best interests of the Town that the expense of mailing such notices be paid by the persons to whom those notices must be sent;

RESOLVED, The Town Board of the Town of Peru hereby authorizes and directs the Town Tax Collector to charge a penalty of \$2.00 against parcel for which such collector is required to mail a notice pursuant to RPTL §987.

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

Sewer Project Update

Mr. Tetrault stated at this time restoration and paving was being done as the piping is still backordered. Screening section will be set behind Community Church. Mr. Bruno asked that Rifenburg Costruction erect closed signs at the beginning and end of street when roads are closed. For example North Bend, so people would know before getting on the street and then had to turn around. Construction meeting will be September 29, 2021 at 9AM.

Other Business

Mr. Marino chairman of the Youth Commission stated soccer was going strong for three to four weeks. There has been a pause in mini-mites due to COVID quarantine at the school. Mr. Flynn has been working hard to keep the program going. Mr. Irwin asked about the soccer players participating in the Applefest parade. Upon recommendation from the Clinton County Health Department the players did not participate in the parade. Mr. Bruno asked if the kids were masked. Mr. Marino stated coaches are – players are not. Mr. Marino asked about the separate letter (not resignation letter) from Mr. Meyers sent via e-mail to the councilmembers. He was advised for all correspondences to also cc Ms. Barber so that it is put on the agenda if needed. Mr. Marino also asked about the Youth Commission bylaws had been approved by the board, after following up they have not. Mr. Marino was asked if a youth commission meeting was scheduled and Mr. Marino could not answer that question as he did not know when the next meeting was. Mr. McDonald asked about the minutes of the meetings being sent to the Town Clerk he stated he would follow up with the secretary of the Youth Commission.

Mr. Tetrault stated water meters would be read for billings to go out the first week of October.

Mr. Mr. Farrell stated the new excavator had leaks and that Milton Cat was coming to repair under warranty. Sidewalk repair were cancelled until repair was done. Washington Street sidewalk is done. Two driveways in the Valcour Heights need new culverts. At this time no culverts are available. Mr. Barber asked about borrowing from another town. Mr. Farrell stated he had tried and the other town did not have the correct size. Mr. Farrell is attending a conference in Saratoga and was asked to present Mr. Tom Sears the lifetime achievement award. Elm Street needs to be repaved but a decision on timing will not be made until the decision is made to extend to the alternate portion of the Sewer upgrade project.

Mr. McDonald stated the gradeall was damaged on John Boswell Road after another vehicle hit the equipment and left the scene. The highway crew Lloyd, Wayne, Tyler and Andrew responded with responsible action to find the vehicle that hit the equipment.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

NONE

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.09.27-4

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 September 2021:

From Town of Peru Vouchers in September 2021; #202101063 through and including #202101126,

Abstract dated September 23, 2021

For the dollar amount totaling: \$605,278.56, of that, \$13,674.54 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$591,604.02 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. Bruno to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:27 PM.
Mr. McDonald stated pending litigation and possible action may be taken.

Mr. Favro informed the meeting attendees at 6:47 PM that no action would be taken.

Motion by Mr. Douglass; Seconded by Mr. Bruno to return to Regular Meeting at 7:13 PM.

Motion by Mr. Barber; Seconded by Mr. Irwin to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:08 PM.
Ayes 5 Nays 0 ***Motion Carried***

_____ *Supervisor* _____ *Councilman*

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