

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday August 22, 2022 at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Brandy McDonald Supervisor; Mr. James Douglass, Councilman; Mr. Kregg Bruno, Councilman; (Excused) Mr. Melvin Irwin, Councilman; Mr. Richard Barber; Councilman, Mrs. Dianne Miller, Town Clerk. Also present were Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board; Mr. Bob Guynup; Zoning Officer; (Excused), Mr. Matthew Favro, Town Attorney and Helen Nerska, Town Historian.

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

Motion by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Douglass to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2022 meeting.

Ayes 4 Noes 0

Motion Carried

Community Input

NONE

Change in Venue for September 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Mr. Irwin second by Mr. Douglass to table Item #6 on Agenda

Ayes 4 Noes 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Barber; second by Mr. Irwin to proceed with Local Law to Exceed the Tax Cap and

Motion by Mr. Barber; second by Mr. Douglass to set Public Hearing for Local Law if needed for 2023 Budget September 26, 2022 at 5:45 PM at the Peru Town Hall.

Ayes 4 Noes 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 22.08.22-1

A RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE SALT BRINE APPLICATOR EQUIPMENT FROM GRANITE STATE DE-ICING SUPPLY AS PER BID RESULTS OF AUGUST 22 AT 10 AM BY THE TOWN OF PERU HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

MOTION: Mr. Barber

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, The Town of Peru Town Board has found a need to purchase a Salt Brine Applicator/Sprayer for the Highway to more efficiently and better maintain the roads during the winter and also help achieve reduced road salt use in the Adirondacks. The Town Highway Department received bids at 10 am on August 22, 2022 and the resulting bid of \$25,550.00 (Twenty five thousand five hundred fifty dollars) including shipping.

WHEREAS, the Town Board and the Highway Department Superintendent have determined that the new Salt Brine Application System would enable the Town to provide a continued level of quality service to the Town’s residents at a reasonable price, **NOW IT IS,**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor is authorized to sign all paperwork to execute this purchase as soon as possible.

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

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes

Accept Proposal to Evaluate Aluminum Removal in Backwash Lagoons at the Peru Water Filtration Plant

Mr. Tetrault stated the DEC has set limits for aluminum concentration and the issue needs to be corrected.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 22.08.22-2

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AES NORTHEAST'S PROPOSAL #P2022047 TO EVALUATE ALUMINUM REMOVAL IN THE BACKWASH LAGOONS AT THE TOWN OF PERU'S WATER FILTRATION PLANT AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

MOTION: Mr. Douglass

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, the Town Board has the AES Northeast's Proposal to evaluate aluminum removal in the backwash lagoons at the Water Filtration Plant and related items before it,

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, said proposal from AES Northeast is approved for contract issuance for the cost not to exceed \$6,100.00 (Six thousand one hundred dollars) and the Town Supervisor is authorized to accept said proposal.

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	Excused	
	James Douglass	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes

Clinton County Planning Dept. Annual Inspection of County Floodplain Buyout Sites.

Mr. McDonald stated an annual inspection of the Floodplain Buyout Sites conducted by Mr. Cutter found no violations in accordance to the easements were found. Mr. Cutter had received an anonymous phone call from an unidentified female stating there was a violation in regard to the stage placement..

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 22.08.22-3

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF CHRISTOPHER MALIN FROM THE TOWN OF WATER/SEWER DEPT. WATER/WASTEWATER MAINTENANCE WORKER I POSITION EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2, 2022.

MOTION: Mr. Irwin

SECOND: Mr. Barber

WHEREAS, Christopher Malin has recommended that Town Board accepts his resignation from a Water/Wastewater Maintenance Worker I for the Peru Water & Sewer Department offered August 17, 2022 and effective September 2, 2022.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Peru Town Board agrees with the recommendation of Christopher Malin to accept his resignation and thanks him for his past service to the Town of Peru. His resignation will be effective September 2, 2022.

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	Excused	
	James Douglass	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 22.08.22-4

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF KRISTEN MARINO AS THE INTERIM RECREATION DIRECTOR FOR THE TOWN OF PERU.

Motion by: Mr. Douglass

Second by: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, the Town Board has agreed that a new Recreation Director is necessary for the effective service of the Town of Peru following the recommendation of the Town Board.

WHEREAS, Kristen Marino has served as the Assistant Youth Director for several years and is willing to take on the role of Interim Recreation Director.

WHEREAS, the Town Board decided to hire Kristen Marino at an monthly salary of \$1,864.83 on an interim basis until a permanent recreation director is hired or until the Board deems necessary for a period beginning August 22, 2022.

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	Excused	
	James Douglass	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes

Motion by Mr. Douglass; second by Mr. Barber to approve Heyworth Mason Park use request from Peru Nursery School for Trunk or Treat October 29, 2022.

Ayes 4 Noes 0

Motion Carried

Update on Elm St. Water Problem

Mr. Farrell stated the water issue on Elm Street is becoming a bigger water issue. Communication with the school, as it is their issue, has been non-productive. Mr. McDonald and Mr. Favro stated it is not the town’s issue.

Telegraph Culvert Project Update

Mr. Farrell stated all structures are set on 3 sides.

Sewer Projects Updates

Mr. Tetrault stated the Lagoon Project is complete

Other Business

Mr. McDonald stated the advertisement for permanent Recreation Director is on hold.

Motion by Mr. Barber; second by Mr. Douglass for Ms. Barber to extend the Concert Series by one concert. The concert will be held September 4, 2022 from 5-7 PM and the band will be “See 3” band.

Ayes 4 Noes 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Barber; second by Mr. Douglass to hire a temporary laborer employee for Water/Sewer/Parks Department.

Ayes 4 Noes 0

Motion Carried

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

Mr. Ryan questioned the reason for local law to be filed exceed tax cap. Ms. Barber stated this was customary even though our town has not filed a local law for this purpose in several years.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 22.08.22-5

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

MOTION: Mr. Douglass

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

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 2022:

From Town of Peru Vouchers in August 2022; #2022001035 through and including #202201099.

Abstract dated August 17, 2022

For the dollar amount totaling: \$149,769.38, of that, \$13,907.39 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$135,861.99 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:	YES	NO
Richard Barber, Jr.	x	
Kregg Bruno	Excused	
Mel Irwin	x	
James Douglass	x	
Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes

Motion by Mr. Barber; second by Mr. Irwin to table Item 20 on agenda as executive session is not needed.

Ayes 4 Noes 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Douglass; seconded by Mr. Irwin to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:56 PM.

Ayes 4 Noes 0

Motion Carried

_____ *Supervisor* _____ *Councilman*

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