

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday, February 13, 2023 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, (Excused); and Mrs. Dianne Miller, Town Clerk.. Also present were Mr. Matthew Favro, Town Attorney (arrival 6:05 PM) Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; Mr. Bob Guynup, Zoning Officer; Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board; Mr. T'Chaka Sikeleanos, Dog Control Officer; Mrs. Helen Nerska, Town Historian and Mrs. Kristin Marino, Interim Recreation Director (Arrival 6:03 PM)

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

Motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Irwin 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; JCEO and Banking Reports

Ayes 4 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Douglass; seconded by Mr. Bruno to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2023 meeting. Mr. McDonald abstained

Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Community Input

Mr. John Helmer spoke to the board concerning ownership of Davis Pond Road. Mr. Farrell stated as long as he has been a Highway Superintendent it was never designated a town road. Mr. Helmer stated he has tried for many years to resolve the situation. Mr. McDonald and Mr. Bruno long time board members stated this was the first they heard of this discrepancy. After lengthy discussion Mr. Favro and Mr. Guynup will meet to discuss the matter.

Davis Pond Issue-

Discussed in Community Input

McGarr Rd. Turnaround

Mr. Farrell stated he was hoping to resolve tonight but Mr. Gibson sent new picture. Mr. Favro is recommending a Quick Claim Deed with no cost to the Town and a survey by Mr. Gibson.

Motion by Mr. Bruno seconded by Mr. Douglass to approve payment to Rifenburg Contracting Final Payment Application #15 in the amount of \$ 226,721.06 Project.

Ayes 4 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Douglass; seconded by Mr. Bruno to approve the revised contract for \$80,000 and to pay Peru Library up to additional \$ 5,000.00 to match their monies in a grant they have applied for in 2023.

Ayes 4 Nays 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23.02-13.-1

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF FORMER TOWN JUSTICE LAWRENCE CABANA'S BANK ACCOUNTS AT TD BANK.

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed and approve the request by the Peru Town Court for the closing of former Town Justice Lawrence Cabana's bank accounts.

WHEREAS, the closure of the regular bank account ending in 5141 and the Bail Account ending in 5519 is required by the Office of Court Administration.

WHEREAS, The regular account funds were deposited into the Town General Account for normal distribution and the Bail Account funds were deposited to Town Justice Kirby's Bail Account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23.02-13.-2

A RESOLUTION REMOVING OF THE PRIVATE RIGHT OF WAY, DELLA WAY, DUE TO THE REMOVAL OF MOBILE HOMES ON THAT LAND PARCEL.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Douglass

SECONDED BY: Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, Clinton County Emergency Services updates and maintains correct street addresses and Road names within Clinton County so that the Emergency 911 Service can operate efficiently; AND,

WHEREAS, there were residential structures with a physical 911 address of Della Way and since the Private right of way for 911 purposes only is no longer needed due to the removal of structures, and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the Town of Peru the approves the removal of the designation of private right of way for Della Way and will be removed at the regular meeting held on Monday, February 13, 2023 hereby to help with the efficiency of Emergency 911 Service.

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

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

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes

Use of Premises Application by Peru Town Market

Motion by Mr. Douglass seconded by Mr. Bruno to approve use of premise application by Peru Town Market.

Ayes 4 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Other Business

Mrs. Nerska stated a display of Peru History will be at the Babbie Rural Farm this year.

4 applicants applied for the Recreation Director position. The interview process will begin in the next few weeks.

Mr. Farrell stated he will be attending the lobbying March 8th in Albany for CHIPS paving money.

Mr. Farrell has also been asked to give a presentation on the “Salt Brine” at our local library and he received a call from a professor at UVM that would like to discuss the “Salt Brine process” Mr. Farrell explained the need for studded tires. On certain roads in our town they are needed for the safety of our plow drivers, he stated studded tires are a lot less of an expense than a new plow truck.

Our town received a nice thank you from Babbie Rural Farm for our annual donation.

Mr. McDonald thanked Mr. Sikeleanos for the endless effort of finding a puppy for over two weeks with a happy ending.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

Mr. Ryan questioned \$5,000.00 additional funds to the library. Mr. McDonald stated the additional money only will be released on a match of a grant the library receives not an increase in their contract.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23.02-13.3

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POST-AUDIT PAYMENT OF CERTAIN LATE 2022 CLAIMS, BILLS AND INVOICES OF THE TOWN

MOTION: Mr. Douglass

SECOND: Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed and audited the following late 2022 claims, bills and invoices for services rendered and goods provided to the Town in December 2022:

From Town of Peru Vouchers in December 2022; #202201715 through and including #202201716.

Abstract dated 2/8/2023

For the dollar amount totaling: \$2,407.84; of that, \$0.00 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$2,407.84 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.	Excused	
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	James Douglass	x	
	Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23.02-13.4

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

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

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 February 2023:

From Town of Peru Vouchers in February 2023; #202300081 through and including #202300187

Abstract dated 2/8/2023.

For the dollar amount totaling: \$512,079.31; of that, \$79,765.85 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$435,313.46 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.	Excused	
Kregg Bruno	x	
Mel Irwin	x	
James Douglass	x	
Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes

Motion by Mr. Douglass; seconded by Mr. McDonald to adjourn the meeting at 6:50PM

Ayes 4 Nays 0

Motion Carried

_____ *Supervisor* _____ *Councilman*

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