

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday March 25, 2024 at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Brandy McDonald Supervisor; Mr. James Douglass, Councilman; Mr. Eric Duquette, Councilman; Mr. Melvin Irwin, Councilman; Mr. Kregg Bruno, Councilman and Mrs. Dianne Miller, Town Clerk. Also present were Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board and Deputy Town Clerk, Mr. Matthew Favro, Town Attorney; Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; Mr. Tyler Jarvis, Deputy Highway Superintendent; Mr. T'Chaka Sikelianos, Dog Control Officer, Mrs. Kristin Marino, Recreation Director (Excused), Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent; and Mr. Bob Guynup, Zoning Officer

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Mr. McDonald, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mr. Duquette; seconded by Mr. Irwin to accept the Regular Meeting minutes held March 11, 2024.

Ayes 5 Noes 0

Motion Carried

Community Input

NONE

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 24.03.25-1

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESULTS OF INTERNAL CONTROL AUDIT FOR PROCEDURES AND RECORDKEEPING FOR THE TOWN OF PERU TOWN COURT.

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, the Town Board has before it the report of Internal Audit for the Peru Town Court conducted by Councilman James Douglass on March 13, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board agrees with the overall findings of this report of audit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Peru Board approves and accepts the Internal Controls Audit of the Town of Peru Town Court with the record of this audit to be included in the official record of this Board Meeting,

AND, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	James Douglass	x	
	Eric Duquette	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Ausable for Water Operator

Mr. Favro stated a very specific agreement and discussion of priorities is needed to move forward.

AES Proposal for Decommissioning Sand Bed Plan

Mr. Tetrault this was mandatory by the DEC. The cost will be \$ 33,000.00.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 24.03.25-2

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF CLEAN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT (WIIA) GRANT APPLICATION BY AES NORTHEAST ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF PERU.

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, grant funds and assistance are available through the NYS Clean Water Infrastructure Act through the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation, including the Water Infrastructure Improvement ACT (WIIA) and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF); **AND**,

WHEREAS, the Town of Peru wishes to apply for said funds for the Water Pollution Control Plant and Collection System Unit Process Upgrades and Disinfection;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Peru Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign and submit the grant application form and any other documents required by the grant application.

AND, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:	YES	NO
Kregg Bruno	x	
James Douglass	x	
Eric Duquette	x	
Mel Irwin	x	
Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 24.03.25-3

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JERRY MCGOVERN AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE TOWN OF PERU PLANNING BOARD.

MOTION: Mr. Douglass

SECOND: Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, at a meeting held on March 13, 2024 the Peru Town Planning Board has recommended that Jerry McGovern be appointed as an alternate to the Town Planning Board.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Peru Town Board agrees with the recommendation of the Planning Board and appoints Jerry McGovern as an alternate on the Peru Planning Board for a seven (7) year term beginning March 26, 2024 until December 31, 2030.

AND, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:	YES	NO
Kregg Bruno	x	
James Douglass	x	
Eric Duquette	x	
Mel Irwin	x	
Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 24.03.25-4

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BARTON & LOGUIDICE’S CONTRACT FOR THE EVALUATION AND PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT FOR THE TOWN OF PERU’S WATER TREATMENT REPORT AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Douglass

WHEREAS, the Town Board has the Barton & Loguidice’s proposal/contract for the evaluation and Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the Town of Peru Water Treatment Plant and related items before it,

WHEREAS, the scope and fee outlined in the proposal reflects just the first phase, obtaining capital project funding, for this important project to bring the water treatment plant into compliance with the requirements of the Clinton County Health Department (CCHD) Stipulation.

WHEREAS, B&L will submit the PER and application forms to the NYSDOH for the June 14, 2024 funding deadline.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, said proposal from Barton & Loguidice is approved for contract issuance for the cost not to exceed \$31,000.00 (Thirty one thousand dollars and no cents) and the Town Supervisor is authorized to accept said proposal and sign subsequent contract.

AND, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:	YES	NO
Kregg Bruno	x	
James Douglass	x	
Eric Duquette	x	
Mel Irwin	x	
Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN OF PERU AFFIRMING ITS WISH TO TAKE PART IN ADDRESSING THE HOUSING CRISIS BY ADOPTING THE PRO-HOUSING COMMUNITIES PLEDGE

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 24.03.25-5

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Duquette

WHEREAS, the Town of Peru (hereinafter “local government”) believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State’s economic growth and community well-being;

WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities;

WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Town of Peru, in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the Pro-Housing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible

- housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
- 2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.
- 3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.
- 4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.
- 5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

AND, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	James Douglass	x	
	Eric Duquette	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 24.03.25-6

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF ADAM SENEAL TO THE TOWN OF PERU YOUTH COMMISSION

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Duquette

WHEREAS, The Peru Youth Commission has recommended that Adam Senecal be appointed to the Peru Youth Commission as of this date.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Peru Town Board agrees with the recommendation of the Peru Youth Commission and appoints Adam Senecal, **AND, BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	James Douglass	x	
	Eric Duquette	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 24.03.25-7

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REMOVAL OF JONATHAN WHITMARSH FROM THE TOWN OF PERU YOUTH COMMISSION DUE TO NON-ATTENDANCE AS REQUIRED IN BYLAWS.

MOTION: Mr. Douglass

SECOND: Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, At a meeting held on January 30, 2024 by the Peru Youth Commission has recommended that Jonathan Whitmarsh be removed from the Peru Youth Commission as of this date.

WHEREAS, Mr. Whitmarsh did not attend any meetings in 2023 as required as an active member of the Peru Youth Commission Bylaws.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Peru Town Board agrees with the recommendation of the Peru Youth Commission and recommends that Jonathan Whitmarsh be removed from the Peru Youth Commission, **AND, BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Kregg Bruno	x	

	James Douglass	x	
	Eric Duquette	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER:24.03.25-8

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF MATTHEW BRUNELL AS A SEASONAL FULL TIME LABORER FOR THE WATER/SEWER/PARKS DEPARTMENT.

Motion by: -Mr. Bruno

Second by: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, the Town Board has agreed that hiring a new seasonal full time laborer necessary for the effective operation of the Peru Water/Sewer/Parks Department following the recommendation of Town Water & Sewer Superintendent, Courtney Tetrault, and

BE IT

RESOLVED, that Matthew Brunell be hired as a full time laborer for the Town of Peru at an hourly rate of pay to be \$17.24, with a start date of March 26, 2024.

AND, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	James Douglass	x	
	Eric Duquette	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Brandy McDonald	Abstain	

Carried: Ayes 0 Noes

Other Business

Mr. Favro commended Mr. Sikelianos for the excellent job handling an extremely difficult situation with a dangerous dog infraction. Mr. Favro commented that the town was in good hands with Mr. Sikelianos.

Mr. Sikelianos thanked Mr. Favro and Tale of the Adirondacks of the support of donating a folding cage, muzzle & dog treats.

Mr. Guynup stated money paid to the town for a new solar project could possibly supplement the update of the zoning and planning manual.

Ms. Barber stated the AFR formally the AUD has been filed with the state. Mrs. Akey & Mr. Boulerville finalized the submission March 20, 2024. Ms. Barber was also able to obtain an additional \$ 5000.00 from Clinton County Youth Bureau for repairs to fields due to standing water issues. Discussion began about the possibility of using the funds toward tiling the field at Lapham Mill Park.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

NONE

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 24.03.25-9

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 March 2024:

From Town of Peru Vouchers for March 2024; #202400361 through and including #202400433

