

The Regular Meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on September 8, 2025, at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Craig Randall, Supervisor; Mr. James Douglass, Mr. Eric Duquette, Councilman; Mr. Gregg Bruno, Councilman; Mr. Melvin Irwin, Councilman and Mrs. Dianne Miller, Town Clerk. Also present were Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board, Mr. Matthew Favro, Town Attorney; Mr. T’chaka Sikelianos, Dog Control Officer;(Arrival 6:18) Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Mrs. Kristin Marino, Recreation Director;(Excused) Mrs. Helen Nerska, Town Historian and Mr. Bob Guynup, Zoning Officer Control Officer(Excused).

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

**Motion** by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Duquette 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. NO YOUTH REPORT

**5 Ayes 0 Nays** **Motion Carried**

**Motion** by Mr. Douglass seconded by Mr. Bruno to accept Regular Meeting minutes held August 25, 2025.

**4 Ayes 0 Noes** **Motion Carried**  
Mr. Randall abstained

**Community Input**  
**NONE**

**Motion** by Mr. Bruno second by Mr. Duquette to approve Use of the Disc Golf @ The Silo Course for Memorial Tournament September 13, 2025.

**Motion** by Mr. Bruno second by Mr. Douglass to supply porta-pottie for Disc Golf Memorial Tournament.  
**5 Ayes 0 Noes**

**Motion** by Mr. Douglass; second by Mr. Bruno to approve “GC Contract” Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$ 1,079,497.11 to Murnane Building Contractors.

**5 Ayes 0 Noes**

**Motion** by Mr. Duquette; second by Mr. Irwin to approve “GC Contract” Pay Application #4 in the amount of \$ 83 ,809.49. to Triangle Electrical Systems Inc.

**5 Ayes 0 Noes**

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2025 TO EXCEED THE  
TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c.**

**RESOLUTION- 25.09.08-1**

**MOTION:** Mr. Douglass **SECOND:** Mr. Bruno

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Peru is anticipating that the budget for the fiscal year of 2026 will require a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c, and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Hearing concerning said Local Law was duly advertised in the Press Republican, the official newspaper of the Town, and

**WHEREAS**, that a Public Hearing on said proposed Local Law #1 was held at the Town Hall on Monday, September 8 at 5:45 p.m. where all parties in attendance were allowed an opportunity to voice comments for or against said law.

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Peru after due deliberation, finds that it is in the best interest of the Town to adopt said Local Law #1 of 2025,

**RESOLVED**, that introductory Local Law #1 for the year 2025, entitled "A Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c and the same is hereby adopted as Local law #1 of 2025 give notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State.

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	
	<b>Kregg Bruno</b>	<b>x</b>		
	<b>James Douglass</b>	<b>x</b>		
	<b>Eric Duquette</b>	<b>x</b>		
	<b>Mel Irwin</b>	<b>x</b>		
	<b>Craig Randall</b>	<b>x</b>		

**Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 25.09.08-2**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING ACCOUNTING FIRMS TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR THE PREPARATION OF ITS YEARLY AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND RELATED FILINGS FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING WITH THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Bruno

**SECOND:** Mr. Duquette

**WHEREAS** The Town Of Peru is requesting firms to submit a proposal for the preparation of its yearly audited financial statements and related filings for a one-year period beginning with the 2025 fiscal year ending December 31, 2025.

**WHEREAS**, The audit of the Town of Peru financial statements must be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

**WHEREAS**, In order for the Peru Board to review each document prior to its submission to the appropriate recipients, your proposal must be received by October 6, 2025. Send your proposal to: Town of Peru, 3036 Main St., Peru, NY 12972. The Town Board will review all proposals at their October 7, 2025 workshop and make a recommendation regarding the choice of auditors at the regular meeting on October 9, 2025. The Town of Peru will require a contract no later than October 23, 2025 to be approved at the October 27<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

**THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Peru Town Board agrees with the recommendation of sending out RFP’s to accounting firms for a full audit for 2025 fiscal year.

**AND, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	<b>Kregg Bruno</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>James Douglass</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>Eric Duquette</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>Mel Irwin</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>Craig Randall</b>	<b>x</b>	

**Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes**

**Peru Town Court Security**

DA Andrew Wylie and Town Justice Scott Thurber were present to discuss the concerns for courtroom security in light of the recent potentially violent incidences that have happened at the Town of Chazy Court and the Town of Peru Court recently. Only three Town Courts currently have

court security. It is needed in all Courts. The Supervisors of Towns and Villages, County, local Justices and Office of Court Administration are looking into the issue for and interim and long term solution.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 25.09.08-3**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF ROBERT GUYNUP  
FROM THE TOWN OF PERU'S POSITION AS A CODE ENFORCEMENT  
OFFICER, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Douglass

**SECOND:** Mr. Bruno

**WHEREAS**, Robert Guynup has recommended that Town Board accepts his resignation from the Code Enforcement Officer position offered September 2, 2025 and effective September 30, 2025.

**THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Peru Town Board agrees with the recommendation of Robert Guynup to accept his resignation and thanks him for his past service to the Town of Peru. His resignation will be effective September 30, 2025.

## AND, BE IT

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

<b>Roll Call:</b>		<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>
	<b>Kregg Bruno</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>James Douglass</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>Eric Duquette</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>Mel Irwin</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>Craig Randall</b>	<b>x</b>	

**Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes**

## Telegraph Road Culvert Project Engineering Update

## PROJECT STATUS REPORT 10

Reporting Period: 07/05/2025 to 08/01/2025

<b>PROJECT NAME:</b> Replacement of Telegraph Road over Dry Mill Brook	<b>C&amp;S PROJECT NUMBER:</b> AG6.002.001
<b>CLIENT NAME:</b> Town of Peru	<b>CLIENT CONTACT(S):</b> Michael Farrell – Highway Superintendent

Significant activities underway or completed:

- ◆ Design
  - ➔ Continue Internal Review of Final Detail Plans and Estimate
  - ➔ Continue Construction Bid Proposal Book
- ◆ Environmental Agency Coordination
  - ➔ Received USACE Environmental Permit
- ◆ Utility Owner Coordination
  - ➔ Utility Coordination Underway
    - ◆ Developing, discussing and reviewing alternatives for Utility relocations
- ◆ Coordinated with the Town

Next period’s expected activities:

- ◆ Design
  - Complete Final Design/Estimate/Bid Proposal Book
  - Submit Final Plans, Specifications, and Estimate to Town and County for Review
- ◆ Utility Owner Coordination
  - Finalize required Utility Relocations with Utility Owners
- ◆ ROW / Grading Releases
  - Receive Executed Grading Releases from adjacent affected Property Owners
- ◆ Coordinate with the Town

Other important project information:

- ◆ The project design is currently on schedule.
- ◆ The project design is currently within the budget.

Information/direction needed from client:

- ◆ Nothing at this time.

**Highway Superintendent, Mike Farrel has received notice that the NYSEG issue for the Telegraph Road over Dry Mill Brook Project should be resolved by the end of the month according to NYSEG Engineers.**

***Other Business***

***NONE***

***Public Comments on Agenda Items Only***

***NONE***

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 25.09.08-4**

**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 September 2025.

From Town of Peru Vouchers for August/September 2025, #202501264 through and including #202501345

Abstract dated 9/8/25.

For the dollar amount totaling: \$ 124, 014.00 of that, \$13,221.19 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$110,792.81 remaining to be paid for September 2025.

**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>
	<b>Kregg Bruno</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>James Douglass</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>Eric Duquette</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>Mel Irwin</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>Craig Randall</b>	<b>x</b>	

**Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes**

***Motion*** by Mr. Douglass seconded by Mr. Duquette to adjourn Regular meeting at 7:05 PM to go into Executive Session – For contractual and litigation purposes. No decision will be made.  
Ayes 5 Noes 0 ***Motion Carried***

***Motion*** by Mr. Duquette; seconded by Mr. Bruno to return to the Regular Meeting at 7:25 PM  
Ayes 5 Noes 0 ***Motion Carried***

***Motion*** by Mr. Douglass, seconded by Mr. Bruno, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:26 PM.  
Ayes 5 Noes 0 ***Motion Carried***

