

The Regular Meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on November 10, 2025, at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Craig Randall, Supervisor; Mr. James Douglass, Councilman; (Excused) Mr. Eric Duquette, Councilman; Mr. Kregg Bruno, Councilman;(Excused) 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; Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Mrs. Kristin Marino, Recreation Director;(Absent) and Mrs. Helen Nerska, Town Historian.

Mr. Randall called for moment of silence for Judge James Kirby who passed away October 29, 2025.

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

Motion by Mr. Irwin; 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 Court Report
3 Ayes 0 Nays **Motion Carried**

Motion by Mr. Irwin seconded by Mr. Duquette to accept Regular Meeting minutes held October 27, 2025, Public Hearing for Local Law #2 of 2025 on November 5, 2025 and Public Hearing for Preliminary Budget on November 5, 2025.
3 Ayes 0 Noes **Motion Carried**

Community Input
NONE

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 25.11.10-1

RESOLUTION TO RELEVY UNPAID OCTOBER 2025 WATER/SEWER BILLS

MOTION: Mr. Duquette **SECOND: Mr. Irwin**

WHEREAS, The Town of Peru has delinquent water and sewer accounts in the amount of \$50,611.40 remaining unpaid, including late fees and charges, from October 6, 2025 water and sewer billings; **NOW**

BE IT RESOLVED, That no further payments were accepted after November 6, 2025 and any and all unpaid water and sewer accounts for the year 2025 be relevied onto the 2026 Town Taxes.

And

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

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

Carried: 3 Ayes 0 Noes

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CHANGE DIRECTIVE E-CD.01
BY THE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, TRIANGLE ELECTRICAL
SYSTEMS FOR PROJECT #5410 FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT
PLANT UPGRADES DATED NOVEMBER 5, 2025 AND
AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.**

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 25.11.10-2

MOTION: Mr. Duquette **SECOND:** Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, The Town Board has the Work Change Directive E-CD.01 for Project #5410 for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades contract dated November 5, 2025 and items before it.

WHEREAS, Contractor is directed to proceed promptly with the Work Change Directive E-CD.01: **Feeder Modifications, per E-PR.01** as per attached:

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, said proposed Work Change Directive shall be amended with the cost of \$6,437.00 to be charged against the General Allowance.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Carried: 3 Ayes 0 Noes

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CHANGE DIRECTIVE GC-CD.02
BY THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR, MURNANE BUILDING FOR
PROJECT #5410 FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
UPGRADES DATED NOVEMBER 5, 2025 AND AUTHORIZING THE
SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.**

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 25.11.10-3

MOTION: Mr. Duquette **SECOND:** Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, The Town Board has the Work Change Directive GC-CD.02 for Project #5410 for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades contract dated November 5, 2025 and items before it.

WHEREAS, Contractor is directed to proceed promptly with the following five (5) changes attached:

WHEREAS, The Contractor is to proceed on a Time and Material Basis. Provide time and material tracking documents for review and approval.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, said proposed Work Change Directive shall be amended with the final cost deducted from the Contingency Allowance.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Carried: 3 Ayes 0 Noes

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CHANGE DIRECTIVE GC-CD.03
BY THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR, MURNANE BUILDING FOR
PROJECT #5410 FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
UPGRADES DATED NOVEMBER 5, 2025 AND AUTHORIZING THE
SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.**

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 25.11.10-4

MOTION: Mr. Irwin

SECOND: Mr.Duquette

WHEREAS, The Town Board has the Work Change Directive GC-CD.03 for Project #5410 for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades contract dated November 5, 2025 and items before it.

WHEREAS, Contractor is directed to proceed promptly with the following four (4) changes attached:

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, said proposed Work Change Directive shall be amended by \$3,686.19 to be charged against the General Allowance as follows:

1 - \$8,173.14

2 - (\$1,981.70)

3 - (\$8,993.20)

4 - \$6,487.95

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Carried: 3 Ayes 0 Noes

Motion by Mr. Irwin second by Mr. Duquette to approve “P Contract” Pay Application #4 in the amount of \$ 59,375.00 to John W. Danforth Co.
3 Ayes 0 Noes

Motion by Mr.Duquette; second by Mr. Irwin to approve “GC Contract” Pay Application #4 in the amount of \$ 1,068,045.74 to Murnane Building Contractors.
3 Ayes 0 Noes

Motion by Mr. Duquette; second by Mr. Irwin to approve “M Contract” Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$ 62,747.50. to K & L Plumbing & Heating Systems
3 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 25.11.10-5

MOTION: Mr. Irwin

SECOND: Mr. Duquette

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TWO YEAR AGREEMENT FOR SNOW AND ICE SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PERU AND THE CLINTON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

WHEREAS, the Town Board members have the Agreement between the Clinton County Highway Department and the Town of Peru before them.

WHEREAS, The two-year contract for snow and ice services between the County and the Town for the 2025-2026 snow and ice seasons at a rate of \$151,532 paid to the Town per Season. This agreement also includes rate increases for the 2026-2027 snow and ice season at a rate of \$156,078 per snow and ice season paid to the Town by Clinton County, **THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED, said proposed Agreement is approved and the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute said contract, **AND, BE IT**

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Carried: 3 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION # 25.11.10-6

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN BOARD TO AGREE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE RESIDENTS AND THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO CAUSE TO ERECT A THREE WAY STOP SIGN TO BE INSTALLED AT THE INTERSECTION OF BLAKE ROAD AND FOX FARM RD.

MOTION BY: Mr. Duquette

SECOND BY: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, the Town Board has been informed by the Highway Superintendent that residents along Blake Rd. and Fox Farm Rd. expressed concern that the present signage at that intersection is insufficient.

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Town Highway Superintendent and the Town Board, based on complaints and requests by residents along those roads that a three way stop should be installed by the Highway Department.

RESOLVED that the Peru Town Board agrees with all parties that a three-way stop sign should be installed at that intersection at the earliest completion date possible

Discussion:

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

Carried: 3 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 25.11.10-7

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF TELLING & HILLMAN, P.C. ACCOUNTANTS & AUDITORS FOR A FULL AUDIT OF THE TOWN OF PERU’S FINANCES DUE IN PART TO THE DEBT SERVICE LOAD OF THE CURRENT CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDERWAY.

MOTION: Mr. Irwin SECOND: Mr. Duquette

WHEREAS, the Town Board has deemed it necessary for the Town of Peru to hire of Telling & Tillman, P.C. Accountants & Auditors for a full audit of the Town of Peru’s finances due in part to the debt service load of the current capital projects underway.

WHEREAS, the Town Board sent out RFPs on September 4, 2025 to two accounting and auditing firms and Telling & Hillman, P.C. was the only respondent.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Peru accepts the proposal of Telling & Hillman, P.C. at a cost of Twenty Thousand dollars and no cents (\$20,000.00)

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

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

Carried: 3 Ayes 0 Noes

Motion by Mr. Duquette second by Mr. Irwin to approve Health Insurance Self-Pay Program Option From Excellus by the Town.
3 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 25.11.10-8

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JUDY AKEY FROM THE TOWN OF PERU’S POSITION AS DEPUTY TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR , EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 22, 2025.

MOTION: Mr. Irwin SECOND: Mr. Duquette

WHEREAS, Judy Akey has recommended that Town Board accepts her resignation from the Deputy Town Clerk-Tax Collector position and all duties that accompany that position, Registrar of

Vital Statistics and Records Management offered November 6, 2025 and effective December 22, 2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Peru Town Board agrees with the recommendation of Judy Akey to accept her resignation and thanks her for her past service to the Town of Peru. Her resignation will be effective December 22, 2025.

AND, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Carried: 3 Ayes 0 Noes

Mrs. Miller thanked Mrs. Akey for the 8 years. Mrs. Miller stated she and Mrs. Akey were a great team.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 25.11.10-9

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERU TOWN BOARD APPROVAL FOR THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (JCAP) GRANDT FOR THE 2025-2026 GRANT BY THE PERU TOWN COURT.,

MOTION: Mr. Duquette

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, in light of the recent defendants’ outburst in local court proceedings, The Peru Town Court and Peru Town Board find it necessary to purchase and install additional security items for the safety of all who are in the Peru Town Court.

WHEREAS, the Town Board has before it that the Peru Town Court is requesting authorization from the Peru Town to apply for funding from the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) during the upcoming grant cycle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of the Town of Peru authorizes the Peru Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2025-2026 grant cycle up to \$5,000.00.

AND, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Carried: 3 Ayes 0 Noes

Other Business

NONE

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

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

Motion Carried

