

The Organizational meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday, January 12th, 2026 at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Craig H. Randall, Supervisor; Mr. Gregg Bruno, Councilman; Mr. Eric Duquette, Councilman; Mr. Melvin Irwin, Councilman; Mr. Nick Weaver, Councilman. Also present were Mr. Scott Thurber, Town Justice; Mrs. Sara Mitchell, Town Justice; Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Mr. Tyler Jarvis, Deputy Highway Superintendent, Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board and Mrs. Christine Crawford, Town Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Mr. Randall with the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.01-12-1

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2026 SALARY AND PAYMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

MOTION BY: Mr. Duquette SECOND BY: Mr. Bruno

BE IT RESOLVED that 2026 salaries for Town of Peru Elected Officials be set as follows:

Town Council Members	\$9,639.00 /Annually, Paid Monthly
Town Supervisor	\$34,020.00/Annually, Paid Monthly
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$33,589.00/Annually, Paid Monthly
Town Justices	\$25,023.00/Annually, Paid Monthly
Highway Superintendent	\$78,029.00/Annually, Paid Bi-weekly

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	Eric Duquette	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Nick Weaver	x	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.01-12-2

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2026 APPOINTEES

MOTION BY: Mr. Bruno SECOND BY: Mr. Duquette

BE IT RESOLVED that the following appointments for 2026 be made:

APPOINTMENTS

POSITIONS

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| 1. Courtney Tetrault | Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator |
| 2. TBD | Codes & Zoning Enforcement Officer |
| 3. Pamela Barber | Confidential Secretary to the Town Board |
| 4. Christine Crawford | Registrar of Vital Statistics |
| 5. TBD | Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics |
| 6. Judy Akey | Account Clerk/Receptionist |
| 7. Holly Stone | Clerk to the Town Justices |
| 8. Andrew Bizga | Part Time Clerk to the Town Justices |
| 9. Melvin Irwin | Deputy Supervisor |
| 10. Pamela Barber | Budget Officer |
| 11. TBD | Typist (Codes & Zoning Dept.) |
| 12. Carlene Heipel | Typist (Highway & Water/Sewer Dept.) |
| 13. James Falvo | Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson |
| 14. James Francesconi | Zoning Board of Appeals Vice Chairperson |
| 15. Garrett Mastic | Planning Board Chairperson |
| 16. Peter Stone | Planning Board Vice Chairperson |
| 17. TBD | Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector |
| 20. Helen Nerska | Town Historian |
| 21. Kristen Marino | Recreation Director |
| 22. TBD | Assistant Youth Director |
| 23. TBD | Youth Commission Chairman |
| 24. T'Chaka Sikelianos | Dog Control Officer |
| 25. Department Heads | Purchasing Agents General Fund |
| 26. Mike Farrell, Hwy. Supt. | Purchasing Agent Highway Fund |
| 28. Tyler Jarvis | Highway Foreman, Deputy Hwy. Supt. |
| 29. Courtney Tetrault, Parks/W/S Supt. | Purchasing Agent Parks/Water/Sewer Funds |
| 30. Tyler Jarvis | Deputy Hwy. Superintendent |
| 31. Chad Frechette | W/S Foreman |

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	Eric Duquette	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Nick Weaver	x	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.01-12-3

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2026 SALARIES AND PAYMENT FREQUENCY FOR TOWN OF PERU APPOINTEES

MOTION BY: Mr. Weaver SECOND BY: Mr. Bruno

BE IT RESOLVED that the following 2026 salaries and payment frequencies be set as follows:

Water/Sewer Superintendent

\$80,465.77/Annually, Paid Bi-Weekly

Code/Zoning/Planning Officer	\$56,000.00/Annually, Paid Bi-Weekly
Confidential Secretary to the Board	\$60,227.45/Annually, Paid Bi-Weekly
Registrar of Vital Statistics	(Under Town Clerk)
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics	(Under Deputy Town Clerk)
Account Clerk/Receptionist	\$26.63/Hourly, Paid Bi-Weekly
Clerk to Town Justices	\$53,421.62/Annually/Paid Bi-Weekly
Part Time Clerk to the Town Justices	\$25.25/Hourly, Paid Bi-Weekly
Deputy Supervisor	\$1,759.00/Annually/Paid Monthly
Budget Officer	\$1,759.00/Annually/Paid Monthly
Typist - Codes/Zoning/Planning	\$19.15/Hourly, Paid Bi-Weekly
Typist - Highway & Water/Sewer	\$25.69/Hourly, Paid Bi-Weekly
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$2,100.00/Annually, Paid Bi-Weekly
Deputy Highway Superintendent	\$29.89/Hourly, Paid Bi-Weekly
Recreation Director	\$20,052.00/Annually, Paid Monthly
Assistant Recreation Director	\$3,183.00/Annually, Paid Seasonally
Dog Control Officer	\$13,836.00/Annually, Paid Monthly

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	Eric Duquette	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Nick Weaver	x	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.01-12-4

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2026 TOWN DEPARTMENT LIAISONS

MOTION BY: Mr. Irwin SECOND BY: Mr. Duquette

BE IT RESOLVED that the following 2026 Town Board Liaison assignments are approved by the Town Board:

PLANNING/ZONING: Mel Irwin & Nick Weaver

WATER/SEWER/PARKS: Kregg Bruno & Eric Duquette

HIGHWAY: Eric Duquette & Mel Irwin

YOUTH COMMISSION/RECREATION: Nick Weaver & Kregg Bruno

LIBRARY: Eric Duquette

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: Mel Irwin

JUSTICE SYSTEM: Craig Randall & Mel Irwin

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Town Board

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Craig Randall & Kregg Bruno

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	Eric Duquette	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Nick Weaver	x	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

Motion by Mr. Duquette; seconded by Mr. Bruno to add Ms. Pamela Barber to the Personnel Committee

Motion Carried 5 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.01-12-5

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2026 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
DATES AND STARTING TIMES.**

MOTION BY: Mr. Duquette SECOND BY: Mr. Weaver

BE IT RESOLVED that the following dates/times make up the 2026 Regular Town Board Meeting Schedule:

2026 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday	January 12, 2026	6:00 PM
Monday	January 26, 2026	6:00 PM
Monday	February 9, 2026	6:00 PM
Monday	February 23, 2026	6:00 PM
Monday	March 9, 2026	6:00 PM
Monday	March 23, 2026	6:00 PM
Monday	April 13, 2026	6:00 PM
Monday	April 27, 2026	6:00 PM
Monday	May 11, 2026	6:00 PM
Thursday	May 28, 2026	6:00 PM
Monday	June 8, 2026	6:00 PM
Monday	June 22, 2026	6:00 PM
Monday	July 13, 2026	6:00 PM
Monday	July 27, 2026	6:00 PM
Monday	August 10, 2026	6:00 PM
Monday	August 24, 2026	6:00 PM

Monday	September 14, 2026	6:00 PM
Monday	September 28, 2026	6:00 PM
Thursday	October 15, 2026	6:00 PM
Monday	October 26, 2026	6:00 PM
Monday	November 9, 2026	6:00 PM
Monday	November 23, 2026	6:00 PM
Monday	December 14, 2026	6:00 PM
Wednesday	December 30, 2026	10:00 AM

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	Eric Duquette	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Nick Weaver	x	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried 5 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.01-12-6

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2026 CONTRACTS

MOTION BY: Mr. Bruno SECOND BY: Mr. Duquette

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board gives approval for the Town Supervisor to sign the following contracts on behalf of the Town of Peru:

2026 ANNUAL CONTRACTS

1. JCEO of Clinton & Essex Counties
2. Clinton County Assessor (previously signed; renews 1/1/27)
3. Web Site Manager, Don McBrayer
4. Cleaning Service, Robert Crawford
5. Grant/Project Consultant, Elizabeth Tedford
6. Attorney for the Town. Firm: Favro Law, Atty. Matthew Favro (previously signed; auto-renewal)
7. Attorney for the Town Planning & Zoning Dept. Firm: Favro Law, Atty. Matthew Favro (previously signed; auto-renewal)
8. Engineering/Consulting Services for Highway and Planning/Zoning Departments. Firm: Engineering Ventures Inc.
9. Accounting Firm: Boulrice & Wood CPS, P.C.
10. Peru Golden Apple Club
11. Animal Shelter, Elmore SPCA
12. Clinton County Health Dept., WIC Program (previously signed renews 10/1/26)
13. Clinton County Youth Bureau (Previously Signed)

14. Peru Free Library (not received yet)
15. BHSN – EAS Services (Previously Signed)

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	Eric Duquette	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Nick Weaver	x	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER:26.01-12-7

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2026 TOWN OF PERU MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE

MOTION BY: Mr. Bruno SECOND BY: Mr. Irwin

BE IT RESOLVED that employees of the Town of Peru using their personal vehicle for pre-approved official Town business will be reimbursed for such mileage as follows:

2026 Mileage Reimbursement Rate \$.585 per mile

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	Eric Duquette	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Nick Weaver	x	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

Resolution 26.01-12-8

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING TOWN DEPOSITORIES

MOTION BY: Mr. Duquette SECOND BY: Mr. Weaver

BE IT RESOLVED that the TD Bank, Peru, New York, hereby is designated as the official depository for all Checking, Savings, and Town Reserve accounts of the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Town Justice Thurber and Town Justice Mitchell’s accounts for 2026,

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	Eric Duquette	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Nick Weaver	x	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

Motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Duquette to add NBT as a secondary bank

Motion carried 5 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.01-12-9

RESOLUTION NAMING THE OFFICIAL TOWN NEWSPAPER

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF PERU NAMES THE PRESS REPUBLICAN AS ITS NEWSPAPER OF RECORD FOR 2026.

MOTION BY: Mr. Duquette SECOND BY: Mr. Irwin

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	Eric Duquette	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Nick Weaver	x	
	Craig Randall		

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.01-12-10

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2026 PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR GOODS AND SERVICES.

MOTION BY: Mr. Bruno SECOND BY: Mr. Weaver

WHEREAS, Section 104b of the General Municipal Law requires every town to adopt internal policies and procedures governing all procurement of goods and services not subject to the bidding requirements of the General Municipal Law or any other law; and

WHEREAS, comments have been solicited from those officers of the Town involved with procurement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Peru does hereby adopt the following procurement policies and procedures and that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	Eric Duquette	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Nick Weaver	x	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

TOWN OF PERU
2026 PROCUREMENT POLICY
ADOPTED: 1.12.26

WHEREAS, Section 104b of the General Municipal Law requires every town to adopt internal policies and procedures governing all procurement of goods and services not subject to the bidding requirements of the General Municipal Law or any other law; and the Town of Peru does hereby adopt the following procurement policies and procedures:

Section 1. Every prospective purchase of goods or services shall be evaluated to determine the applicability of General Municipal Law. Every town officer, department head or other personnel with the requisite purchasing authority (hereinafter Purchaser) shall estimate the cumulative amount of the items of supply or equipment needed in a given fiscal year. That estimate shall include the canvass of other town departments and past history to determine the likely yearly value of the commodity to be acquired. The information gathered and conclusions reached shall be documented and kept with the file or other documentation supporting the purchase activity.

Section 2. All purchases of (a) supplies or equipment which exceed \$20,000.00, in the fiscal year, or (b) public works contracts over \$35,000.00 shall be formally bid pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 103.

Section 3. All estimated purchases of:

- Greater than \$10,000.00 but no more than \$20,000.00 requires a **written or faxed quote from three (3) vendors.**

- Greater than \$1,000.00 but no more than 10,000.00 requires a **written or faxed quote from two (2) vendors.**
- Any amount up to \$1,000.00 is left to the discretion of the Purchaser.

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All Estimated Public Works Contracts of:

- Greater than \$10,000.00 but no more than \$35,000.00 requires a written or faxed quote from three (3) contractors.
- Greater than \$5,000.00 but no more than \$10,000.00 requires a written or faxed quote from two (2) contractors.
- Any amount up to \$5,000.00 is to be left to the discretion of the Purchaser.

Any written request shall describe the desired goods, quantity and the particulars of deliver. The Purchaser shall compile a list of all vendors from whom written, or faxed quotes have been requested and the written, or faxed quotes.

All information gathered in complying with the procedures of this resolution shall be preserved and filed with the documentation supporting the subsequent purchase or public works contract.

Section 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2 herein, any purchase contracts (including contracts for service work, but excluding any purchase contracts necessary for the completion of a public works contract pursuant to article eight of the labor law) may be awarded on the basis of best value, as defined in section one hundred and sixty three of the state finance law, to a responsive and responsible bidder or offeror. Goods and services procured and awarded on the basis of best value are those that the Town Board determines will be of the highest quality while being the most cost efficient. The determination of quality and cost efficiency shall be based on objectively quantified and clearly described and documented criteria, which may include, but shall not be limited to, any or all of the following: cost of maintenance; proximity to the end user if distance or response time is a significant term; durability; availability of replacement parts or maintenance contractors; longer product life; product performance criteria and quality of craftsmanship.¹

Section 5. The Lowest responsible proposal or quote shall be awarded the purchase or public works contract unless the Purchaser prepares a written justification providing reasons why it is in the best interest of the Town and its taxpayers to make an award to other than the low bidder. If a bidder is not deemed responsible, facts supporting that judgment shall also be documented and filed with the record supporting the procurement.

Section 6. A good faith effort shall be made to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations. If the Purchaser unable to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations, the Purchaser shall document the attempt(s) made at obtaining the proposals. In no event shall the inability to obtain the proposals or quotes be a bar to the procurement.

Section 7. Except when directed by the Town Board, no solicitation or written proposals or quotations shall be required under the following circumstances:

- (a) Acquisition of professional services;

¹ This "Best Value" section was added to the Procurement Policy after the Town Board enacted Local Law Number 2 of 2014 pursuant to section 103(1) of the General Municipal Law.

- (b) Emergencies (See Section 7);
- (c) Sole Source situations;
- (d) Goods purchased from agencies for the blind or severely handicapped;
- (e) Goods purchased from correctional facilities;
- (f) Goods purchased from other governmental agency;
- (g) Goods purchased at auctions;
- (h) Goods purchased for less than \$1,000.00; and
- (i) Public Works Contract for less than \$5,000.00

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Section 8. Items Not Subject to Competitive Bidding – For those items not subject to competitive bidding such as professional services, emergencies, purchases under State or County contracts or procurement from sole sources, documentation should include a memo to the files which details why the procurement is not subject to a competitive bidding and include

- A description of the facts giving rise to the emergency and that they meet the statutory criteria;
- A description of the professional services;
- Copies of state or county contracts;
- Opinions of municipal attorney;
- A description of sole source items and how such determinations were made.

Section 9. The definition of Town officer, department head or other personnel in this document is as follows.

- Supervisor.
- Highway Superintendent.
- Water/Sewer Superintendent.
- Code Officer.
- Town Clerk.
- Recreation Director.
- Historian.
- Justices.

Department heads will use service contract agreements

Section 10. Purchases made pursuant to and under this policy shall not be made through the use of personal funds, including, but not limited to personal credit cards, personal checks, or cash unless said purchase is authorized in advance by the Town Supervisor in writing. A purchase made pursuant to this

article in a manner not authorized by this article, specifically by the use of personal funds, may not be reimbursed by the Town to the purchaser.

Section 11. This policy shall be reviewed annually by the Town Board at its Organizational meeting or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable.

Town of Peru by: _____
Craig Randall, Supervisor

Dated this 12th day of January 2026.

Initial _____

Motion by Mr. Irwin; seconded by Mr. Bruno to adjourn the organizational meeting at 5:28 PM.
Ayes 5 Noes 0 ***Motion Carried***

