

A Special meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Thursday January 29th, 2026 at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Craig Randall, Supervisor; Mr. Kregg Bruno, Councilman ; Mr. Eric Duquette, Councilman; Mr. Melvin Irwin, Councilman and Mrs. Christine Crawford, Town Clerk. Councilman Nick Weaver was excused. Also present were Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board; Mrs. Kristen Marino, Recreation Director and Mr. Tyler Jarvis, Deputy Highway Superintendent.

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. Bruno to approve the minutes from the January 12th, 2026 Regular Meeting and the 2026 Organizational Meeting of January 12th,2026

Ayes 4 Noes 0

Motion Carried

Community Input

Mr. John Ryan wants to let the public know why the Telegraph Road Over Dry Mill Brook project cannot be completed by the Town Highway Department. Mr. Farrell and Mr. Irwin explain that with the requirements coming from New York State this is a very large project, beyond the capabilities of our town equipment and manpower.

Mr. Ryan also asks about the update to the Town Comprehensive Plan, and Mr. Randall says that with the new year, he plans on resubmitting our application for help with this to the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board

Discussion: Bids went out for the Telegraph Road Over Dry Mill Brook project. Only one bid came in. Although this bid is higher than anticipated, it is consistent with recent bid amounts for similar work throughout New York State. This project has been in the works for many years and the costs continue to rise.

RESOLUTION NUMBER:26.01-29-1

A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE TELEGRAPH RD. OVER DRY MILL BROOK CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT BID TO LUCK BROS., INC.

MOTION: Mr. Duquette **SECOND:** Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received only one bid in response to its request for the same in connection with the Telegraph Rd. Over Dry Mill Brook Culvert Replacement Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, in consultation with C & S Companies and the Town Highway Superintendent, find that the bid of Luck Bros, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder and the one that most closely met the bid specifications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the bid of Luck Bros., Inc. for Telegraph Rd. Over Dry Mill Brook Culvert Replacement Project of One Million Eight Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Five Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,852,995.00) is hereby accepted, and the Town Supervisor and Highway Superintendent are hereby authorized to execute any further documentation necessary to facilitate and/or consummate the bid contract for a price not to exceed this amount; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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	excused	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.01-29-2

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PERU AND PERU FREE LIBRARY AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

MOTION: Mr. Bruno **SECOND:** Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, the Town Board members have a contract between the Town of Peru and Peru Free Library.

WHEREAS, the Town of Peru agrees to provide to Peru Free Library the sum of \$80,000 (Eighty Thousand Dollars and No Cents)

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, said proposed Contract shall be in effect from January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026 approved and the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute said contract, and

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

Roll Call:	YES	NO
Kregg Bruno	x	
Eric Duquette	x	
Melvin Irwin	x	
Nick Weaver	excused	
Craig Randall	x	

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER:26.01-29-3

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PERU AND THE ADIRONDACK PARK LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

MOTION: Mr. Bruno **SECOND:** Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, the Town Board members have the contract between the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board and the Town of Peru before them,

WHEREAS, the Review Board agrees to provide to the Town the benefit of its services, including, but not limited to, attendance at all meetings of the Adirondack Park Agency, Attendance and participation at public hearing conducted by the APA on projects under review by said Agency, periodic reports on the activities of the APA to the Supervisor of the Town, especially as such activities that affect the residents of the Town and generally to report on the administration and enforcement of the Land Use and Development Plan set forth in the Executive Law of the State of New York for the price of \$300.00 (Three hundred dollars and no cents) **THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED, said proposed Contract is approved and the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute said contract, and

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

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

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER:26.01-29-4

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REAL ESTATE CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF THE 7 JENKINS ST. PROPERTY PARCEL #280.1-9-55, BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PERU AND HIDDEN SPRINGS AT BEAR SWAMP, LLL AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

MOTION: Mr. Irwin **SECOND:** Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, the Town Board members have a real estate contract between the Town of Peru and Hidden Springs at Bear Swamp, LLC.; Jon N. Rulfs, Member, for the price of \$40,000.00 for the sale of 7 Jenkins St. property, Parcel #280.1-9-55.

WHEREAS, the Town of Peru agrees to provide the Purchaser with a completed survey of the property at the Seller's expense.

WHEREAS, The Contract is contingent upon the drainage piping being installed in the back ditch of the Parcel at the Seller's expense. This installation will be completed in a timely manner, weather permitting.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the contract be approved and the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute said contract, and

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

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

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.01-29-5

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CLOSURE OF JUDGE KIRBY'S BAIL ACCOUNT AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO JUDGE MITCHELL'S ACCOUNT AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

MOTION: Mr. Duquette **SECOND:** Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, the Town Board members have a request from the Peru Town Court requesting that any and all TD Bank accounts that formerly belonged to Judge James Kirby be transferred to Judge Sarah Mitchell's like Bank accounts as per Office of Court Administration guidelines.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, The above mentioned request be approved and the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute such request, and

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

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

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.01-29-6

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF DUANE BIBEAU AS A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WITH A START DATE OF FEBRUARY 2, 2026 TO FILL VACANCY IN THE CODES AND ZONING OFFICE.

MOTION: Mr. Duquette **SECOND:** Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, the Town Board has agreed that a permanent Code Enforcement Officer is necessary for the effective operation of the Peru Town Codes and Zoning Department following the offer by Steve Imhoff to assist the Town of Peru as the interim Codes officer and to assist in training the new Codes Officer.

BE IT

RESOLVED, that Duane Bibeau will be hired as a permanent Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Peru with a start date of February 2, 2026, to be paid biweekly as an employee of the Town of Peru. While performing the duties of the Codes Officer, he will be compensated at a rate of \$56,000.00 and to increase to \$62,000.00 upon completion of training and achieving full certification of Code Enforcement Officer. He will also have a one year probationary period.

AND, BE IT RESOLVED, 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	excused	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.01-29-7

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF TAYLOR JO SWAN AS CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE SECRETARY WITH A START DATE OF FEBRUARY 3, 2026 TO FILL VACANCY IN THE CODES AND ZONING OFFICE.

MOTION: Mr. Bruno **SECOND:** Mr. Duquette

WHEREAS, the Town Board has agreed that a permanent Code Enforcement Office Secretary is necessary for the effective operation of the Peru Town Codes and Zoning Department following the interviews to fill the same position.

BE IT

RESOLVED, that Taylor Jo Swan will be hired as a permanent part time, 29 hours per week, Code Enforcement Office Secretary for the Town of Peru with a start date of February 3, 2026, As an employee of the Town of Peru, while performing the duties of the Codes Office Secretary, she will be compensated at a rate of \$19.15 per hour to be paid biweekly. She will have a one year probationary period.

AND, BE IT

RESOLVED, 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	excused	
Craig Randall	x	

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER:26.01-29-8

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PERU WPCP UPGRADES - CHANGE DIRECTIVE GC-CD.06 BY THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR MURNANE BLDG. CONTRACTORS AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

MOTION: Mr. Bruno **SECOND:** Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, The Town Board has the Work Change Directive GC-CD.06 for Project #5410 for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades contract dated January 22, 2026 and items before it.

WHEREAS, Contractor is directed to proceed promptly with the Work Change Directive GC-CD.05: as per attached:

Description:

1. Modify Solids Handling Building loading dock configuration, per Proposal Request GC- PR.02.

Attachments:

Murnane Building Contractor’s Cost Summary, dated 07/16/2025, including Proposal Request GC-PR.02.

WHEREAS, The necessity to proceed for schedule or other reasons, **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, said proposed Work Change Directive shall be amended with the cost **credit** of \$20,096.12(Twenty thousand ninety six dollars and twelve cents) to be **added** to the General Allowance.

RESOLVED, 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	excused	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes

Other Business

Mrs. Marino updates everyone on the basketball program, which is under way although with some weather delays. She was approached by volunteer cheerleaders, but the County says not at this time. The Ski Club is going very well, and Mrs. Marino is hoping to get Peru apparel that will be available from Finney Sports.

Mr. Jarvis commends the Highway Department for the great job they do, and states that morale in his department could use a boost after some negative Social Media comments. Mr. Duquette praises the Highway Department on how well the roads have been maintained. Mr. Jarvis also reminds the public to keep their trash cans out of the road so they don't get hit by plow trucks.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Mr. John Ryan agrees that the Highway Department is doing a great job keeping up with the plowing.

Mr. Ryan also suggests that for each job the Town undertakes there should be a running account of every cost from the planning stages to project completion

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.01-29-9

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 December 2025.

From Town of Peru Vouchers for December 2025, #202501921 through and including #202501924

Abstract dated 1/22/26.

For the dollar amount totaling: \$2,512.62 of that, \$0.00 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$2,512.62 remaining to be paid for December 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>
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	Eric Duquette	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	

	Nick Weaver	excused	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.01-29-10

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

MOTION: Mr. Duquette **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 January 2026.

From Town of Peru Vouchers for January 2026, #202600020 through and including #202600098

Abstract dated 1/22/26.

For the dollar amount totaling: \$1,207,551.88 of that, \$20,905.04 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$1,186,646.84 remaining to be paid for January 2026.

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

RESOLVED, 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	excused	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Noes

Motion by Mr.Irwin; seconded by Mr.Bruno to adjourn the special meeting at 7:12p.m.

Ayes 4 Noes 0

Motion Carried