

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday March 23, 2026 at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Craig Randall, Supervisor; Mr. Kregg Bruno, Councilman ; Mr. Eric Duquette, Councilman; Mr. Mel Irwin, Councilman; Mr. Nick Weaver, Councilman; Mr. Matthew Favro, Town Attorney and Mrs. Christine Crawford, Town Clerk. Also present were Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board; Ms. Helen Nerska, Historian; Mr. T’chaka Sikelianos, Dog Control Officer and Mrs. Kristen Marino, Recreation Director.

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

**Motion** by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Duquette to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting and the March 20, 2026 Special Meeting.

**Ayes 5, Noes 0**

**Motion Carried**

**Community Input**

Corey Trombley asks if he should still communicate with Town Attorney Matt Favro, or the new counsel the Board has decided to retain. Mr. Favro directs him to send communication to him for now.

John Ryan asks if there are any pending or ongoing legal cases against the Town. Mr. Favro responds that the town has received a Notice Of Claim, but there is nothing else pending.

**Discussion:** Mr. Farrell gives an update on the Telegraph Road Over Dry Mill Brook Project. This Project is set to start in June, the box culvert will be ready.

**Discussion:** Mr. Randall gives an update on the Water Plant Upgrade Project. He explains our water filtration system, and the requirements of New York State that need to be met. The Town has financed this Project with both a grant and a loan. The Project is going well and everything is on track.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.03-23-1**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM ATLANTIC TESTING LABORATORIES FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS ENGINEERING AND TESTING SERVICES FOR THE LYONS ROAD CULVERT PROJECT.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Weaver

**SECOND:** Mr. Bruno

**WHEREAS,** the Town Board has received the Atlantic Testing Laboratories proposal and agreement in front of them for the testing required for the Lyons Rd. Culvert Project.

**WHEREAS,** the Town Board acknowledges that Atlantic Testing Laboratories was the only proposal received but meets all specifications needed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** that the proposal from Atlantic Testing Laboratories at a cost as per attached fee schedule is hereby accepted. An exact cost cannot be determined before site conditions are encountered and determined. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute any further documentation necessary to facilitate the proposal and it is further,

**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>Eric Duquette</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>Mel Irwin</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>Nick Weaver</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>Craig Randall</b>	<b>x</b>	

**Carried: Ayes 5, Noes 0**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.03-23-2**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF GAVIN THERIALT AS A PERMANENT FULL TIME LABORER EFFECTIVE APRIL 21, 2026.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has agreed that a new permanent 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 Gavin Theriault be hired as a full time laborer for the Town of Peru at an hourly rate of pay to be \$18.29, with a start date of April 21, 2026

**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>	x	
	<b>Eric Duquette</b>	x	
	<b>Mel Irwin</b>	x	
	<b>Nick Weaver</b>	x	
	<b>Craig Randall</b>	x	

**Carried: 5Ayes, 0 Noes**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 26.03-23-3**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT TO FUNDS THE INVOICES DUE FOR THE H-34 WATER TREATMENT PROJECT.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Bruno **SECOND:** Mr. Weaver

**WHEREAS**, In order to meet the financial needs for the management of **the Town Peru Water Treatment Project Account**, funds need to be transferred from the Debt Service Account Funds to the H-34 Water Treatment Plant Project Fund to cover the payments prior to EFC funding.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Town Board has authorized the transfer the total amount of **\$26,304.80 (Twenty six thousand three hundred four dollars and eighty cents)**of current invoices to cover the payments for the H-34 Water Treatment Plant Project.

**AND FURTHER 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>	x	
	<b>Eric Duquette</b>	x	
	<b>Mel Irwin</b>	x	
	<b>Nick Weaver</b>	x	
	<b>Craig Randall</b>	x	

**Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 26.03-23-4**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF ASSESSOR, SEAN MASTEN TO APPOINT JAMES DOUGLASS TO THE TOWN OF PERU BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW EFFECTIVE MARCH 23, 2026.**

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

WHEREAS, Sean Masten, Town of Peru Assessor, has requested that Town Board accepts his recommendation offered March 12, 2026.

**THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Peru Town Board agrees with the recommendation to accept the James Douglass to the Town of Peru Board of Assessment Review. He will be finishing Roy Perry’s term expired September 30, 2025. His appointment is for five years and will be effective through September 30, 2030.

**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>	x	
	<b>Eric Duquette</b>	x	
	<b>Mel Irwin</b>	x	
	<b>Nick Weaver</b>	x	
	<b>Craig Randall</b>	x	

**Carried:5 Ayes, 0 Noes**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.03-23-5**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF TAYLOR JO SWAN AS DEPUTY TOWN CLERK AND DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR BETTER COVERAGE FOR THE SERVICES TO THE TOWN RESIDENTS.**

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

WHEREAS, in a letter dated March 17, 2026 received from Christine Crawford, Town Clerk, she has recommended that Peru Town Board approves the appointment of Taylor Jo Swan as Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics effective immediately.

WHEREAS, Taylor Jo Swan as Deputy will receive \$1,575.00 for the remainder of the year;

**THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Peru Town Board agrees with the recommendation of the Town Clerk, Christine Crawford to approve the appointment of Taylor Jo Swan as Deputy Town Clerk effective March 24, 2026 through December 31, 2026 for better coverage for the Town Clerk services to the residents of Peru.

**AND, BE IT FURTHER**

**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>	x	
	<b>Eric Duquette</b>	x	
	<b>Mel Irwin</b>	x	
	<b>Nick Weaver</b>	x	
	<b>Craig Randall</b>	x	

**Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes**

**Discussion:** The Town has received a request from the Peru Free Library to waive the fee for a single event sponsored by the library that is free for the community.

**Motion** by Mr.Bruno; seconded by Mr. Duquette to waive the fee for this event.

**Ayes 5, Noes 0**

**Motion Carried**

**Discussion:** Geri Favreau, President of the Clinton County Historical Association and Chair of Clinton County’s America 250 Committee speaks on upcoming events in our Town and in Clinton County. Ms. Favreau gave everyone a brochure listing these events, and presented the Town with an America 250 banner which will displayed at the Town Hall. Ms. Favreau speaks very highly of our Town Historian, Helen Nerska. Mr. Bruno agrees and says Peru is lucky to have Ms. Nerska.

There will be a raising of the America 250 Banner at the Town Hall, with refreshments, with Ms. Nerska warmly inviting the public. There are also plans to sell t-shirts and souvenirs throughout the summer with a table set up at the Peru Town Markets.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.03-23-6**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AES NORTHEAST PROPOSAL FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE VALCOUR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT UPDATE (PROJECT). ENGINEER'S SERVICES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT (SERVICES) ARE GENERALLY IDENTIFIED AS UPDATING THE EXISTING ENGINEERING PLANNING REPORT FOR THE VALCOUR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT TO THE EFC REPORT OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 2025 AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Bruno

**SECOND:** Mr. Duquette

**WHEREAS,** the Town Board has the AES Northeast Proposal for updating the existing engineering planning report for the Valcour Wastewater Treatment Plant in front of them,

**WHEREAS,** The purpose of this proposal is to complete engineering planning report to submit to the NYSDEC for their approval regarding the Town’s Valcour Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** The approval of the AES Northeast Proposal for the updating of the Valcour Wastewater Treatment Plant Report Upgrade per NYS DEC requirements at a cost estimated to be Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$30,000.00) plus all reimbursable expenses and authorizing the Supervisor to execute the same.

**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>Eric Duquette</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>Mel Irwin</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>Nick Weaver</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>Craig Randall</b>	<b>x</b>	

**Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes**

***Other Business***

Mr. Randall is happy to report the Town Annual Financial Report was completed.

Mr. Duquette gives an update on the Sewer project, he has observed shingling, drywall and windows and siding going up. The Project is coming along well, and is within budget.

Mr. Farrell gives an update to the damage caused by high winds last week. Many trees were down, and there was even a bit of freezing rain mixed in causing dangerous conditions. The Town Highway Department worked hard to get roads cleared. The lack of lighting was frustrating and the Board discusses the benefits of having emergency working lights. The Water Department would also be able to use lights for difficult work during dark hours.

Ms. Nerksa has been preparing display cases and is excited that people have been dropping in to discuss the history of Peru.

Ms. Marino says basketball season is finishing up. Clinton County has switched to grade level instead of age, and the Peru Youth Commission will discuss these changes on the Town level. She continues to seek an Assistant Youth Director. This is a paid position.

**Discussion:** Public comment on agenda items.

Ms. Favreau mentions how nice it is that Helen Nerska has such great town support and such a nice space downstairs in the Town Hall. Mr. Randall agrees and confirms the importance of our Historical Society as well as the many collections and artifacts from Peru history.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.03-23-7**

**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 March 2026.

From Town of Peru Vouchers for March 2026, #202600335 through and including #202600427 Abstract dated 03/23/26.

For the dollar amount totaling: \$786,596.97 of that, \$16,570.67 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$770,026.30 remaining to be paid for March 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 be it further,

**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>	x	
	<b>Eric Duquette</b>	x	
	<b>Mel Irwin</b>	x	
	<b>Nick Weaver</b>	x	
	<b>Craig Randall</b>	x	

**Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes**

**Motion** by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Duquette to Adjourn to Executive Session at 7:03p.m.

**Ayes 5, Noes 0**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion** by Mr. Weaver; seconded by Mr. Bruno to Return from Executive Session at 7:26 p.m.

**Ayes 5, Noes 0**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion** by Mr. Duquette; seconded by Mr. Weaver to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:27p.m.

**Ayes 5, Noes 0**

**Motion Carried**