

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday April 13, 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, Mrs. Kristen Marino, Recreation Director and 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. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Duquette to accept reports from all departments: Water/Sewer/Valcour; Highway; Town Clerk; Dog Control; Youth Department; Codes/Zoning; Supervisor; Court; Website; JCEO and Banking.

Ayes 5, Noes 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Irwin; seconded by Mr. Weaver to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 23, 2026.

Ayes 5, Noes 0

Motion Carried

Community Input

Mr. Ryan brings up that the entire packet given to the boardmembers should also be available online along with the agenda for each meeting. He questions the workshop held last week, which was scheduled the previous regular meeting,. There are questions about open meeting laws.

Mr. Randall explains that last minute changes and additions makes it difficult to get this information out early, and the boardmembers receive their packets just before meetings. This is a work in progress, but the town is working toward getting Mr. Ryan what he requests.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.04-13.01

A RESOLUTION OF THE PERU TOWN BOARD AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN BOARD AND THE TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO SPEND 2026 HIGHWAY FUNDS

MOTION: Mr. Weaver **SECOND:** Mr. Duquette

WHEREAS, Highway Law Section 284 requires the Town Board of Peru and the Town of Peru Highway Superintendent to determine by agreement how certain moneys for highway repairs and improvements are to be used; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Peru and the Town of Peru Highway Superintendent have reviewed a proposed agreement entitled “Agreement to Spend Highway Funds” that sets forth the expenditure of monies for the repair and improvement of highways; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Board of Peru is authorized to execute the Agreement to spend Highway Funds pursuant to Highway Law Section 284.

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	x	
Craig Randall	x	

Carried: Ayes 5, Noes 0

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.04-13.02

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW HOLLAND L334 WHEELED SKID STEER LOADER FOR PRIMARY USE AT THE NEW PERU WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AS REQUIRED BY THE CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS OF CONTRACT #C5-5508-03-00 FROM TAYLOR EQUIPMENT SALES POWERSPORTS.

Motion: Mr. Irwin **Second:** Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, The Town of Peru Town Board has found a need for a New Holland L334 wheeled skid steer loader for primary use at the new Peru Wastewater Treatment Plant as required by the contract specifications of Contract #C5-5508-03-00 From Taylor Equipment Sales Powersports, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board and the Water/Sewer Superintendent have determined that New Holland L334 Wheeled Skid Steer Loader offered by Taylor Equipment Sales from the State Sourcewell Contract would enable the Town to follow the PWWTP Contract #C5-5508-03-00 specification. The best quote out of two is \$84,024.15 (Eighty four thousand twenty four dollars and fifteen cents)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor is authorized to sign all paperwork to execute this purchase as soon as possible.

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

Carried: 5Ayes, 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER 26.04-13.03

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PERU AND ROBERT CRAWFORD FOR CLEANING SERVICES 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 Robert Crawford.

WHEREAS, the Town of Peru approves the cleaning contract from Robert Crawford at the hourly rate of \$19.50 (Nineteen Dollars and fifty cents) per hour,

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, said proposed Contract shall be in effect from April 14, 2026 until December 31, 2026 and shall return to the regular contract schedule from January to December in 2027. This contract shall be 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	x	
	Eric Duquette	x	
	Melvin Irwin	x	
	Nick Weaver	x	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes

Discussion: Approval of Murnane Building Contractors Pay App. #9 for Peru WWTP Project
Approval of John W. Danforth Company Pay App. #9 for Peru WWTP Project
Approval of K & L Plumbing & Heating Pay App.#4 for Peru WWTP Project
Approval of Triangle Electrical Systems Pay App #7 for Peru WWTP Project
Mr. Randall reads the amounts on the above payments.

The Town is on budget for the WWTP Project

Motion: Mr. Duquette makes the motion to approve the above payments (4), seconded by Mr. Irwin.

Ayes 5, Noes 0

Motion Carried

Discussion: Approval of Use of Heyworth Mason Park by the Autism Alliance of Northeastern NY.

Motion: Mr. Bruno makes the motion to approve the use and waive the fee, seconded by Mr. Weaver

Ayes 5, Noes 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NUMBER 26.04-13.04

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR THE CONTINUING USE OF CASELLA WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NY, INC. FOR THE TOWN'S WASTE AND RECYCLING DUMPSTERS AND SERVICES AND TO ALLOW THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received a contract renewal from Casella Waste Management of NY, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Town Board agrees that Casella Waste Management has proven to be the most reliable and cost effective for the Town of Peru.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the contract for the rental and services for the waste and recycling dumpsters is attached and the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute the contract.

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	x	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.04-13.05

A REVISED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF GAVIN THERIALT AS A FULL TIME LABORER FOR THE WATER/SEWER/VALCOUR DEPT. EFFECTIVE APRIL 21, 2026 AT A

REVISED RATE OF \$21.47 AS PER COURTNEY TETRAULT’S REQUEST.

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

WHEREAS, The Peru Town Board has agreed that a new full time laborer is necessary for the efficient 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’s hiring be revised to a full time laborer for the Town of Peru Water/Sewer/Valcour Dept. at a corrected hourly rate of pay to be \$21.47 as per Courtney Tetrault’s request with a start date of April 21, 2026.

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	x	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.04-13.06

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ENGINEERING VENTURES TO CONTINUE WITH THE ENGINEERING OF THE PROPOSED USE OF THE IN QUICK BRIDGE SYSTEM FOR THE WESCOTT RD. CULVERT/BRIDGE PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board has In Quick Bridge System specifications in front of them,

WHEREAS, The Highway Superintendent has requested of the Board to allow Engineering Ventures to continue the engineering work needed to coordinate for production and use of the In Quick Bridge System for the Westcott Rd. Culvert/Bridge Replacement due to safety concerns.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Peru Town Board approves Engineering Ventures to continue with the engineering of the proposed use of the In Quick Bridge System for the Westcott Rd. Culvert/Bridge System as the most economical and expeditious path to take to get this project completed in a timely manner.

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	x	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.04-13.07

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PERU Resolution to Appoint Jason Poulin as Interim Code Enforcement Officer

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

The Town Board of the Town of Peru, New York (the "Town") duly convened in regular session on April 13, 2026, at the Town Hall located at 3036 N. Main St., Peru, New York 12972 does hereby resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, Duane Bibeau is currently undergoing the mandatory New York State certification process for code enforcement officials; and **WHEREAS**, the Town requires assistance regarding the administration and enforcement of the Town of Peru Zoning Law (the "Zoning Law"); and **WHEREAS**, the Town recognizes the need to appoint a qualified individual to serve as code enforcement officer (the "Interim Code Enforcement Officer") to ensure the proper administration and enforcement of the Zoning Code until Duane Bibeau has completed the requisite certification process; and **WHEREAS**, upon consideration of the qualifications of eligible individuals, the Town Board has determined that Jason Poulin possesses the qualifications and experience necessary to fulfill the duties of Interim Code Enforcement Officer. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town hereby appoints Jason Poulin to the position of Interim Code Enforcement Officer, effective immediately. The Interim Code Enforcement Officer shall perform all duties and responsibilities as prescribed by the Zoning Law and the applicable New York State laws and regulations; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Interim Code Enforcement Officer shall serve in this capacity on an interim basis, with compensation consistent with the full-time code enforcement officer position. The Interim Code Enforcement Officer is anticipated to serve a minimum of two (2) days per week; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this appointment; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately. The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Irwin, and duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

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

Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.04-13.07

Resolution Authorizing Town Supervisor to Execute Agreement with Lake Champlain Transportation Company ("LCT")

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

The Town Board of the Town of Peru, New York (the "Town") duly convened in regular session on April 13, 2026, at the Town Hall located at 3036 N. Main St., Peru, New York 12972 does hereby resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Peru Zoning Law (the "Zoning Law") regulates the use of real property located within the Town in order to protect and promote public health, safety, comfort, convenience, economy, aesthetics, general welfare, natural, agricultural and cultural resources of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Town has appointed a Code Enforcement Official (the "Town CEO"), who is the officer charged with the administration and enforcement of the Zoning Law;

WHEREAS, In June 2024, LCT purchased the following parcels of land all located within the Town:

258.-2-2.1 4013 US 9 Lake Comm; 1.0 acre improved by a ship store and office space.

258.-2-2.2 US 9 Lake Comm; 11.3 acres improved by 2 buildings (4-bay service center.)

258.-2-2.3 4016 US 9 Lake Comm; 1.0 acre adjoining Lake Champlain. It is improved by a commercial building used for a restaurant and boat marina.

258.-2-12 3984 US 9 Lake Comm; 2.3 acres adjoining Lake Champlain. It is improved by a commercial building used for a marina, retail space, boat rentals, bathrooms for boaters/campers, a garage, RV rental sites.

258.-2-13.1 3981 US 9 Lake Comm; 11.2 acres improved by 2 buildings used for boat storage.

258.-2-13.3 US 9 Lake Comm 13.0 acres of vacant land.

WHEREAS, prior to LCT's purchase of these properties, they were operated as part of marinas known as "Snug Harbor Marina" and "Olde Valcour Marina" pursuant to permits issued by: (a)

the Adirondack Park Agency ("APA"); (b) the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("DEC"); (c) the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE"); and 23364912.1 a Submerged Land License issued by the New York State Office of General Services ("OGS"); and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2024, the DEC granted LCT's application for a Floating Object Permit (DEC Permit #5-0940-00011/0005); and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2025, the APA granted LCT's application and issued a new APA Permit #2024-0152; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2025, the OGS granted LCT's application and issued Submerged Land License #LUW02579; and issued

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2025, the USACE granted LCT's application USACE Permit #NAN-2024-00749-UDO; and the and

WHEREAS, LCT proceeded forward with its reconfiguration of the "Snug Harbor Marina" and "Olde Valcour Marina" pursuant to APA Permit #2024-0152 and Submerged Land License #LUW02579; and

WHEREAS, the Town has conducted inspections on LCT's properties and the Town CEO has raised concerns regarding LCT's compliance with the Zoning Law regarding application for building permits and site plan review; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2026, the Town CEO issued a letter to LCT setting forth the Town's position that LCT's property must conform to the Zoning Law and directed that all activities on those properties cease and desist until the issues can be resolved; and

WHEREAS, the Town and LCT have engaged in substantial negotiations to resolve all issues raised by the Town CEO and have reached an agreement regarding the same (the "LCT Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Town intends to enter into the LCT Agreement regarding LCT property's zoning compliance; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that entering into the LCT Agreement to be in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town that in order to provide a path for LCT to have a timely opening and still comply with the Zoning Law, that the Town Supervisor is empowered to execute the LCT Agreement, and any and all such other documents as may be desirable to accomplish the foregoing resolution contemplated thereby; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor and the Town Attorney to take such other steps as may be necessary to carry out this Resolution; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes

Discussion: Mr. Randall explains the Telegraph Over Dry Mill Brook Culvert Update and the Board views the Pre Construction Meeting Minutes provided.

Discussion: Mr. Randall explains the Peru Water Treatment Update provided by Barton and Loguidice.

Other Business

Mr. Farrell talks about switching the trucks over from plowing snow to fixing roads. His department will begin fixing winter damage, the shoulder of Telegraph Rd, and also Mud Pond Road and Garrow Rd.

Mr. Jarvis thanks the Board for the diagnostic computer that is already starting to pay for itself.

Ms. Nerska shows everyone one of the t-shirts that are for sale for America250 and talks about a grant she received as part of the county grant. There is much excitement about the upcoming celebrations, and Ms. Nerska has been letting the community know the planned events coming up. 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.

Ms. Marino has finished with basketball and is moving on to summer. Baseball and Tball enrollment is maxed out with waiting lists. Summer programs are being prepared. Ms. Marino comments on how great the fields look and thanks the Parks department guys for doing a fantastic job. She is still seeking a deputy.

Discussion: Public comment on agenda items.

Corey Trombley questions why the agenda changed today. Mr. Randall explains that these items were received only just today and needed to be added to the agenda. The agreement between the Town and LCT Co. is available to be foiled the next day.

John Ryan asks about the list to fix the roads and why this agreement between the Town Board and Mr. Farrell is necessary. This is State Law, and it gives the board input on which roads should be done in which order.

Mr. Ryan also comments on how diligent Ms. Barber is, working from early morning until evening most days.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.04-13.09

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

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed and audited the following claims, bills and invoices for services rendered and goods provided to the Town in April 2026.

From Town of Peru Vouchers for April 2026, #202600428 through and including #202600536

Abstract dated 4/9/26.

For the dollar amount totaling: \$287,513.65 of that, \$30,656.72 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$256,856.9 remaining to be paid for April 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.

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. Irwin; seconded by Mr. Weaver to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:56p.m.

Ayes 5, Noes 0

Motion Carried