

A Special meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Friday, May 22, 2026 at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Craig Randall, Supervisor; Mr. Richard Barber, Councilman; Mr. Mel Irwin, Councilman; Mr. Nick Weaver, Councilman and Mrs. Christine Crawford, Town Clerk. Mr. Kregg Bruno, Councilman; was excused.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Mr. Randall, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion** by Mr. Irwin; seconded by Mr. Weaver to Open the Special Meeting.

**Ayes 4, Noes 0**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion** by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Weaver to Adjourn to Executive Session at 9:33 AM.

**Ayes 4, Noes 0**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion** by Mr. Weaver; seconded by Mr. Barber to Return from Executive Session at 9:48 AM.

**Ayes 4, Noes 0**

**Motion Carried**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER:26.05-22.01**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE HIRING OF SPECIAL OUTSIDE COUNSEL OF COSTELLO, COONEY & FEARON, PLLC FOR LAND USE MATTERS AND AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE ATTACHED ENGAGEMENT LETTER.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Weaver

**SECOND:** Mr. Barber

**WHEREAS** the Town Board has found that in the best interests of the Town, we are in need of outside counsel that specializes in land use matters.

**WHEREAS**, the Board has in front of them, the basic Terms of Representation from Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC.

**WHEREAS**, according to those terms, the Town of Peru agrees to pay an upfront retainer fee of \$2,500.00 to cover initial costs and hourly fees will vary from \$225.00 to \$425.00 per hour with specific rates reflecting the knowledge, experience and expertise of each individual assigned.

**THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, said proposed authorization is approved and the Supervisor is hereby directed to execute the engagement letter attached.

**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>Richard Barber</b>	x	
	<b>Kregg Bruno</b>	<b>Excused</b>	
	<b>Mel Irwin</b>	x	
	<b>Nick Weaver</b>	x	
	<b>Craig Randall</b>	x	

**Carried:4 Ayes;0 Noes**

**Motion** by Mr. Irwin; seconded by Mr. Weaver to adjourn the Special meeting at 9:55AM

**Ayes 4, Noes 0**

**Motion Carried**