

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on July 27, 2026 at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Craig Randall, Supervisor; Mr. Richard Barber, Jr., Councilman; Mr. Mel Irwin, Councilman; Mr. Nick Weaver, Councilman and Mrs. Christine Crawford, Town Clerk. Also present were Mr. Matthew Favro, Town Attorney; Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board; Mr. T’chaka Sikelianos, Dog Control Officer; Ms. Kristen Marino, Recreation Director; Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; Ms. Helen Nerska, Historian; Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent and Mr. Tyler Jarvis, Deputy Highway Superintendent.

Mr. Kregg Bruno, Councilman was excused.

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

Motion by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Weaver to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of July 13, 2026.

Ayes 4, Noes 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.07-27.01

A RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH TOWN LAW TO CHANGE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEPUTY TOWN CLERK.

MOTION: Mr. Weaver **SECOND:** Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, At the Town Board Meeting of July 27, 2026, it was recommended that the Position of Deputy Town Clerk be allowed to reside outside the Clinton County limits as per Town Law.

WHEREAS, Town of Peru Town Board orders a that a Public Hearing of the to be held in the Meeting Room at the Town of Peru Town Hall Building, 3036 Main Street, Town of Peru, New York (Clinton County), on the 10th Day of August, 2026 at 5:45 o’clock P.M. to view documents and consider said change.

RESOLVED, said proposed order for a public hearing to be called on such date is approved as per requirements by Town Law.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Richard Barber, Jr.	x	
	Kregg Bruno	excused	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Nick Weaver	x	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried:4 Ayes;0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.07-27.02

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE BUILDING PERMIT FEES, FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, PLANNING & ZONING, MISCELLANEOUS FEES TO THE BUILDING PERMIT FEES SCHEDULE ADOPTED APRIL 25, 2022.

MOTION BY: Mr. Barber **SECONDED BY:** Mr. Weaver

WHEREAS, In order to adequately compensate the Town, specifically the Codes and Zoning department, for the added work necessary when evaluating and monitoring multiple sized projects and issues, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Peru will amend the Building Permit Fees for Residential, Commercial, Planning & Zoning, Miscellaneous fees to amend the adopted Permit Fees effective April 25, 2022, and

RESOLVED, that the fees for Permitting will be adjusted to the attached revised fee Schedule.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Richard Barber Jr.	x	
	Kregg Bruno	excused	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Nick Weaver	x	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried:4 Ayes;0 Noes

Motion by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Irwin to approve Work Change Directive No:GC-CD.10 from Murnane Bldg. Contractors.

Ayes 4, Noes 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Weaver; seconded by Mr. Barber to approve Work Change Directive No:GC-CD.11 from Murnane Bldg. Contractors.

Ayes 4, Noes 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Weaver; seconded by Mr. Irwin to approve Work Change Directive No:GC-CD.13 from Murnane Bldg. Contractors.

Ayes 4, Noes 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NUMBER 26.07-27.03

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PERU APPROVING THE HIRING OF ADVANCED TANK & INFRASTRUCTURE SOLUTIONS FOR THE SERVICES OF DIVER INSPECTIONS AND SEDIMENT REMOVAL FOR THE WATER TOWERS OF PERU.

MOTION: Mr. Weaver **SECOND:** Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, Section 64(3) of the Town Law of the State of New York empowers the Town Board of the Town of Peru, Clinton County, New York (the “Town”) to manage, maintain and control Town property and assets as the purposes of the Town may require.

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received a request from the Town Water/Sewer Superintendent to hire Advanced Tank & Infrastructure Solutions for the diver inspections and sediment removal for the water towers of Peru.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Peru, in regular session that the Town Water/Sewer Supervisor is hereby allowed to hire Advanced Tank & Infrastructure Solutions at a cost of \$8,700.00 (Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars and No Cents) and it shall be completed as soon as possible;

This Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be dated July 27, 2026

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Richard Barber Jr.	x	
	Kregg Bruno	excused	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Nick Weaver	x	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried:4 Ayes;0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER 26.07-27.04

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT
MONIES LOANED TO FUND THE INVOICES DUE FOR THE H-33
BRIDGE/CULVERT PROJECT.**

MOTION: Mr. Weaver **SECOND:** Mr. Barber

WHEREAS, In order to meet the financial needs for the management of the Town Peru Bridge/Culvert Project Account, funds need to be transferred from the General Savings Account Funds to loan to the H-33 Bridge/Culvert Project Fund to cover the payments prior to bond funding.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board has authorized the transfer of the total amount of \$210,000.00 (Two hundred ten thousand dollars and no cents) of current invoices to cover the payments for the H-33 Bridge/Culvert Project Fund.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Richard Barber, Jr.	x	
	Kregg Bruno	excused	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Nick Weaver	x	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried:4 Ayes;0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER 26.07-27.05

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RATE CHANGE OF PAY OF
DUANE BIBEAU AS A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WITH FULL
CERTIFICATION AS PER HIRING AGREEMENT.**

MOTION: Mr. Barber **SECOND:** Mr. Irwin

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 who was hired as a permanent Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Peru with a fully certified start date of July 22, 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 on July 22, 2026. 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>
	Richard Barber, Jr.	x	
	Kregg Bruno	excused	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Nick Weaver	x	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried:4 Ayes;0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER:26.07-13.07 (tabled from July 13, 2026 regular meeting)

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SIGNAGE FOR THE “DISC GOLF AT THE SILO” COURSE AREA FROM SIGNS AND MORE.

Motion: Mr. Weaver

Second: Mr. Barber

WHEREAS, the previous resolution was tabled, the Town has built an 18-Hole Disc Golf Course in the Town of Peru to provide a continued level of quality areas to recreate. The Town of Peru Town Board has found a need to purchase signage for the Disc Golf at the Silo Course area and installed by the Town Parks Department, and

WHEREAS, the Town received two bids and the lowest bid of the two from Signs & More was submitted at \$5,200.00 (Five thousand Two Hundred Dollars).

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>
	Richard Barber Jr.	x	
	Kregg Bruno	excused	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Nick Weaver	x	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried:4 Ayes;0 Noes

Discussion Mr. Farrell and Mr. Randall explain the C & S Companies Project Status Report for Replacement of Telegraph Road over Dry Mill Brook. Heavy Equipment has broken down and it needs to be taken apart, removed and replaced. There are time constraints to be out of the water by August 28th.

RESOLUTION NUMBER:26.07-27.06

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF STEVE IMHOFF AS A TEMPORARY CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO FURTHER ASSIST IN THE CODES AND ZONING OFFICE.

MOTION: Mr. Weaver **SECOND:** Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, the Town Board has agreed that a Code Enforcement Officer is necessary for the effective operation of the Peru Town Codes and Zoning Department

WHEREAS, that Steve Imhoff has been previously hired as a temporary Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Peru to be paid biweekly as an employee of the Town of Peru.

RESOLVED, Now, that Duane Bibeau has been hired as a permanent Code Enforcement Officer, although has completed his online training and he is “certified” he still needs field assistance and the ability to get answers to his questions that were not part of his training. Steve Imhoff has agreed to assist for a three month additional training period at a rate of payment of \$750.00 per week.

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

Motion by Mr. Irwin; seconded by Mr. Weaver to table this resolution, questioning whether Mr. Imhoff could be employed on a per diem basis rather than a flat weekly rate.

Aves 4, Noes 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NUMBER 26.07-27.07

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

MOTION: Mr. Barber 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.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board has authorized the transfer of the total amount of \$20,165.10 (Twenty thousand one hundred sixty five dollars and ten cents) of current invoices to cover the payments for the H-34 Water Treatment Plant Project.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Richard Barber, Jr.	x	
	Kregg Bruno	excused	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Nick Weaver	x	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried:4 Ayes;0 Noes

Discussion :Other Business-Town Board

Mr. Irwin and Mr. Barber report that five paintings will soon be installed in the window casings at Hayworth-Mason Park’s historic stone building. This will complete the goal of filling all of the windows.

Mr. Barber received a complaint that snow plows are pushing sand and salt through the Peasleeville Cemetery fence, damaging gravestones. Mr. Farrell has reported this situation to Clinton County Highway which is responsible for this road.

Discussion :Other Business- Dept. Heads

Mike Farrell is still awaiting the salt prices which are expected by July 29th. The paving of Lapham Mills Road will be the last paving job as the Town of Peru annual paving budget has been exhausted. Flagger on this project encountered rude and reckless drivers, with some driving at very high speeds, and others using rude gestures as they drove by.

Mr. Farrell published a notice stating that Lyon’s Rd. would be closed from July 21st to approximately September 21. Residents have access from Rock Road and South Junction Road.

Helen Nerska said 14 people participated in the July 18 Peasleeville History Tour. On July 20th, Ms. Nerska participated in the Battle of Valcour Bay cannon fragment unveiling at the Peru Dock. There will be an Open House at the Lyons Street School on August 15. The school’s interior will be set up with desks and other early 20th century schoolhouse memorabilia.

Kristen Marino said the baseball,softball,t-ball season is done. Basketball is underway, as is tennis, pickleball and arts&crafts for the summer program. Soccer registration is also underway with 201 youth registering. Ms. Marino is looking for a soccer program assistant.

Duane Bibeau reported that three new residences are underway and four more are pending.

T’chaka Sikelianos tells the story of a large dog he was transporting and the unfortunate accident that occurring inside his car that was a mess to clean up.

Courtney Tetrault says mowing has slowed way down with the lack of rain. The Town water supply is also running low, but is currently rebounding at night. Rain is needed.

Discussion :Other Business- Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

Teresa Larson questions the role of Steve Imhoff and the hours he works.

John Ryan asks about the Deputy Town Clerk Role and rate of pay.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.07-27.08

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

MOTION: Mr. Weaver **SECOND:** Mr. Barber

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

From Town of Peru Vouchers for July 2026, #202601061 through and including #202601132

Abstract dated 7/23/26.

For the dollar amount totaling: \$1,079,758.12 of that, \$17,640.89 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$1,062,117.23 remaining to be paid for July 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>
	Richard Barber, Jr.	x	
	Kregg Bruno	Excused	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Nick Weaver	x	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried:4 Ayes;0 Noes

Motion by Mr. Irwin; seconded by Mr. Barber to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Ayes 4, Noes 0

Motion Carried