

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on September 14, 2026 at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Richard Barber, Jr., Councilman; Mr. Kregg Bruno, Councilman; Mr. Mel Irwin, Councilman; Mr. Nick Weaver, Councilman; Mr. Craig Randall, Supervisor and Mrs. Christine Crawford, Town Clerk.

Also present were; Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board; Mr. T’chaka Sikelianos, Dog Control Officer; Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; Ms. Helen Nerska, Historian; Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent;Mr. Tyler Jarvis, Deputy Highway Superintendent and Mr. Duane Bibeau, Code Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Matthew Favro, Town Attorney and Ms. Kristen Marino, Recreation Director were excused.

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

Motion by Mr. Weaver; seconded by Mr. Barber to accept the reports from all Departments.
Ayes 5, Noes 0
Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Irwin to approve the minutes from 3 meetings with one vote.
Ayes 5, Noes 0
Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Weaver; seconded by Mr. Bruno to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing of August 10, 2026; Special Meeting of August 14, 2026 and Regular Meeting of August 24, 2026.
Ayes 5, Noes 0
Motion Carried

Community Input: none

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.09-14.01

A RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE WESCOTT ROAD CULVERT PROJECT AS PER ENGINEERING VENTURES’ LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION.

MOTION: Mr. Barber **SECOND:** Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, the Town Board has deemed it necessary for monetary purposes to reject any and all bids received on September 4, 2026 for the Wescott Road Culvert Replacement Project.

WHEREAS, the Town Board, in consultation with Engineering Ventures, has decided that the bid of Luck Bros., Inc. is over the project estimate and over budget; **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED, that the Town of Peru rejects the current bid and plans to rebid in the winter 2026 /2027 spring construction season., **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	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Nick Weaver	x	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried:5Ayes;0 Noes

Discussion: Mr. Randall explains the sale results of “3M Bond Anticipation Notes, 2026.”

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.09-14.02

**A RESOLUTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW #2
OF 2026 TO EXCEED THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL
MUNICIPAL LAW 3-c. IF NEEDED.**

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Peru is anticipating that the budget for the fiscal year of 2027 will require a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c, and

WHEREAS, a local law is required pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law§ 3-c to authorize the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board, so be it therefore

RESOLVED, that Local Law #2 for the year 2026, entitled "A Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law § 3-c is duly introduced, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing on said proposed Local Law #2 of 2026 will be held at the Town Hall on Monday, September 28 at 5:45 p.m. where the public will be allowed an opportunity to voice comments for or against said law.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Carried:5 Ayes;0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.09-14.03

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AUTHORIZATION FOR REVISION TO
DECOMMISSIONING FINANCIAL ASSURANCE FOR YELLOW 6 LLC SOLAR PROJECT.**

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

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2022, Yellow 6 LLC (“Solar Owner”) received site plan approval (the “Permit”) from the Town of Peru Planning Board for a 1.7 megawatt solar energy facility located at 3757 NYS Route 22 in the Town of Peru; and

WHEREAS, the Permit includes an approved Solar Farm Decommissioning Plan, dated July 12, 2022, that requires the Solar Owner to provide financial assurance for the benefit of the Town of Peru to ensure that sufficient funds are available to implement the Decommissioning Plan at the end of life of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Decommissioning Plan provides that the financial assurance be in the form of a decommissioning bond or “alternatively, where mutually acceptable to both parties, an escrow account may be established” in lieu of a decommissioning bond; and

WHEREAS, the Project initially posted the decommissioning bond on February 8, 2023 and it has been renewed annually and is currently in place as required by the Decommissioning Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Project became operational in December 2025 and wishes to convert the financial assurance from a decommissioning bond to an escrow account in the form of an Escrow Agreement (the “Escrow Agreement”) among the Solar Owner, the Town of Peru, and Cambridge Trust, a Division of Eastern Bank, as escrow agent; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Escrow Agreement is annexed hereto as Exhibit A and has been reviewed by the attorney for the Town.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the conversion of the financial assurance for the Project from a decommissioning bond to an escrow account in substantially the form of the Escrow Agreement annexed to herein as Exhibit A; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into the Escrow Agreement on behalf of the Town of Peru, and execute those documents necessary to memorialize such agreement, the execution thereof by the Town Supervisor to constitute conclusive evidence of such consistency and approval.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Carried:5 Ayes; 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER:26.09-14.04

TO RESCIND THE RESOLUTION #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. Weaver **SECOND:** Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, The Peru Town Board is acting to rescind the prior Resolution #26.03-23-5 which was approving the Appointment of Taylor Jo Swan as the Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics due to residency requirements which could not be met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this body rescinds Town Resolution #26.03-23-5, effective immediately.

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

Carried:5 Ayes;0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.09-14.05

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. Barber **SECOND:** Mr. Weaver

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, Local Law #1 of 2026 Establishing the Residency Requirements of the Deputy Town Clerk for the Town of Peru had to be passed prior to Taylor Jo Swan taking an oath of office for the same.

WHEREAS, Local Law #1 of 2026 Establishing the Residency Requirements of the Deputy Town Clerk for the Town of Peru was received back from the State of New York Department of State on September 9, 2026.

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 and Registrar of Vital Statistics effective September 15, 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.

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

Carried:5 Ayes;0 Noes

Discussion: NYSDOT Reducing Speed Limit on Fox Farm Rd. from Unposted 55 MPH to 45 MPH. Mr. Randall reads aloud the letter from the State approving this change.

Motion: by Mr. Bruno, second by Mr. Weaver to Approve Triangle Electrical Systems Pay App.#12 for Peru WWTP for \$83,756.75.
Ayes 5; Noes 0
Motion carried

Motion: by Mr. Barber, second by Mr. Bruno to Approve John W. Danforth Systems Pay App.#14 for Peru WWTP for \$259,350.00.
Ayes 5; Noes 0
Motion carried

Motion: by Mr. Bruno, second by Mr. Irwin to Approve Murnane Bldg. Contractors Pay App.#14 for Peru WWTP for \$439,667.67.
Ayes 5; Noes 0
Motion carried

Motion: by Mr. Bruno, second by Mr. Weaver to Approve K & L Plumbing & Heating Systems Pay App.#9 for Peru WWTP for \$65,113.00.
Ayes 5; Noes 0
Motion carried

Motion: by Mr. Weaver, second by Mr. Bruno to Approve Luck Bros Inc. Pay App.#2 for Telegraph Road Culvert for \$739,647.72.
Ayes 5; Noes 0
Motion carried

Motion: by Mr. Weaver, second by Mr. Irwin to Approve Ed Garrow & Sons Inc. Pay App.#1 for Lyons Road Culvert for \$301,344.75.
Ayes 5; Noes 0
Motion carried

Motion: by Mr. Barber, second by Mr. Bruno to Approve the 2027 Budget Meeting Schedule
Ayes 5; Noes 0
Motion carried

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.09-14.06

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMPENSATION OF DUANE BIBEAU AS A
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DURING EMERGENCY CALL OUT TIMES AS
REQUIRED BY FIRE AND CODE REQUIREMENTS.**

MOTION: Mr. Weaver **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.

WHEREAS, 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, it has been brought to the Town Board's attention that there may be times that the CEO shall be called out during off hours to do inspections on buildings that may have fires or other issues that need an immediate inspection due to safety concerns.

BE IT

RESOLVED, That the CEO will be offered the same call out compensation as the other Department employees with a (minimum of three hours) to be taken in compensation hours or hourly rate of pay and will also be allowed to take the Town's Code vehicle to and from his domicile each day.

AND, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Mr. Irwin, second by Mr Barber to **table** this Resolution until the next Regular Board Meeting.

Ayes 5; Noes 0
Motion carried

Discussion: Mr. Randall reads through the Barton & Loguidice Monthly Report on the Peru Water Project. This project is still in the planning stage.

Discussion: Mr. Randall presents the AES Northeast Meeting Report on the Peru Wastewater Project. Mr. Courtney Tetreault gives an update. The excavation/concrete work is done and electric is almost finished.

Discussion: Other Business-Town Board

Mr. Randall announces that on September 16th Michael Cashman will pay a visit to the Town Hall. There will be a meeting of all Clinton County Supervisors later that morning with Mr. Cashman.

Mr. Irwin praises the work of Greg Badger, who has finished the paintings on the Heyworth Mason Building.

The Board discusses the problems in the Town and on the Trails concerning Ebikes. Perhaps the Town could host a bike safety course.

Discussion: Other Business-Department Heads

Mr. Mike Farrell talks about the price of Salt climbing and is waiting to hear what the town can buy and at what price, Clinton County has put it out to bid again.

Mr. Courtney Tetreault's Department has been busy keeping up the Soccer Fields and dealing with the sink hole on Elm Street.

Ms. Helen Nerska gives an update on the busy History Department. September 26th will be a tour of the Old Peru Cemetery. Wednesday night Ms. Nerska will be speaking in Keeseville, and she will be at Applefest and the Peru Town Market this weekend. She is also looking forward to a Conference of Historians coming up in Utica.

Mr. Tyler Jarvis has been busy fixing truck issues, fixing mowers and a plow truck. He also reports that the Brine Maker is up and running.

Mr. Duane Bibeau goes over his monthly reports, covering projects from the last month.

Mr. T’Chaka Sikelianos reports that Elmore SPCA has had to quarantine due to an outbreak of Parvo.

Discussion: Public Comments on Agenda Items: none

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.09-14.07

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

MOTION: Mr. Weaver **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 September 2026.

From Town of Peru Vouchers for September 2026, #202601293 through and including #202601425

Abstract dated 9/10/26.

For the dollar amount totaling: \$1,425,459.42 of that, \$29,709.22 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$1,395,750.20 remaining to be paid for September 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	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Nick Weaver	x	
	Craig Randall	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes

Motion by Mr.Weaver; seconded by Mr. Bruno to adjourn the meeting at 7:15p.m.

Ayes 5, Noes 0

Motion Carried