The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on September 28, 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 Mr. Matthew Favro, Town Attorney; Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board; Mr. T'chaka Sikelianos, Dog Control Officer; Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent.

Ms. Helen Nerska, Historian and Ms. Kristen Marino, Recreation Director were excused. Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent and Mr. Duane Bibeau, Code Enforcement Officer were absent.

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 of the Regular Meeting of September 14,2026 and the Special Meeting of September 18, 2026.
Ayes 5, Noes 0
Motion Carried

Community Input: none

Motion by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Bruno to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:04PM.
Ayes 5, Noes 0
Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Weaver; seconded by Mr. Bruno to return from Executive Session at 6:26PM.
Ayes 5, Noes 0
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.09-14.06, tabled on 09/14/2026

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

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

Motion by Mr. Weaver; seconded by Mr. Bruno to amend this resolution to say '***Compensated for mileage to and from his domicile to the town hall***' instead of '***allowed to take the Town's Code vehicle to and from his domicile each day***.'
Ayes 5, Noes 0
Motion Carried

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 ***Compensated for mileage to and from his domicile to the town hall.***
AND, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:		**YES**	**NO**
	Richard Barber, Jr.	**x**	
	Kregg Bruno	**x**	
	Mel Irwin	**x**	
	Nick Weaver	**x**	
	Craig Randall	**x**	

Carried:5 Ayes;0 Noes

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2026 TO EXCEED THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c.

RESOLUTION # 26.09-28.01

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, the Public Hearing concerning said Local Law was duly advertised in the Press Republican, the official newspaper of the Town, and

WHEREAS, that a Public Hearing on said proposed Local Law #2 was held at the Town Hall on Monday, September 28 at 5:45 p.m. where all parties in attendance were allowed an opportunity to voice comments for or against said law.
WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Peru after due deliberation, finds that it is in the best interest of the Town to adopt said Local Law #2 of 2026,
RESOLVED, that introductory Local Law #2 for the year 2026, entitled "A Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c and the same is hereby adopted as Local law #2 of 2026 give notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State.
RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:		YES	NO
	Richard Barber Jr.	**x**	
	Kregg Bruno	**x**	
	Nick Weaver	**x**	
	Mel Irwin	**x**	
	Craig Randall	**x**	

Carried:5 Ayes;0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.09-28.02

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. Bruno

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 $31,533.11 (Thirty one thousand five hundred thirty three dollars and eleven 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:		**YES**	**NO**
	Richard Barber, Jr.	**x**	
	Kregg Bruno	**x**	
	Mel Irwin	**x**	
	Nick Weaver	**x**	
	Craig Randall	**x**	

Carried:5 Ayes; 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER:26.09-28.03

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FROM NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION'S SECURE GRANT PROGRAM – SECURE ASSESSMENT GRANT.

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

WHEREAS, The Town has an obligation to assess and remediate cybersecurity vulnerabilities in our information technology and operational systems. The Town of Peru has received funding from New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation's Secure Grant Program – Assessment Grant. **AND**,

WHEREAS, NYS EFC is empowered to provide financial assistance to eligible recipients whom the Corporation has determined that it is desirable and necessary to establish the Strengthening Essential Cybersecurity for Utilities and Resiliency Enhancement ("SECURE") grant program in order to provide financial assistance for cybersecurity assessments and for the implementation of eligible cybersecurity measures designed to remediate, mitigate, or otherwise address cybersecurity risks or vulnerabilities; **AND,**

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, said agreement for the acceptance of the award of grant monies from the New York State Environmental Facilities SECURE Grant Program in the amount of $20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) is approved and the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute said agreement,

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:		**YES**	**NO**
	Richard Barber Jr.	**x**	
	Kregg Bruno	**x**	
	Mel Irwin	**x**	
	Nick Weaver	**x**	
	Craig Randall	**x**	

Carried:5 Ayes;0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.09-28.04

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIRST EXTENSION OF TOLLING AGREEMENT

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

The Town Board of the Town of Peru, New York (the "**Town**"), duly convened in a regular session on September 28, 2026, at the Town Hall located at 3036 Main Street, Peru, NY 12972, does hereby resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, on or about April 27, 2026, counsel for Corey Trombley and Lighthouse Apartments, LLC delivered a FOIL request to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town provided a partial response to the April 27, 2026, FOIL request; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2026, counsel for Corey Trombley and Lighthouse Apartments, LLC delivered a letter following up on the April 26, 2026 FOIL request, providing a supplemental FOIL request, and placing a litigation hold on the Town with respect to any records associated with the Valcour Island Marina, previously existing Snug Harbor Marina and Olde Valcour Marina, Lake Champlain Transportation, and/or the properties located at Clinton County Tax Map Numbers 258-2-2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 12, 13.1, 13.3, & 13.4; and

WHEREAS, after the advice of counsel, effective August 12, 2026, the Town Supervisor executed a Tolling Agreement with Corey Trombley and Lighthouse Apartments, LLC to extend certain statute of limitations;

WHEREAS, the Town Board ratified the execution of the Tolling Agreement with Corey Trombley and Lighthouse Apartments, LLC;

WHEREAS, the Town Board now wishes to authorize the extension of the Tolling Agreement for thirty (30) days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby declares itself lead agency for SEQRA review of the extension of the Tolling Agreement with Corey Trombley and Lighthouse Apartments, LLC.
2. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the ratification of the Tolling Agreement with Corey Trombley and Lighthouse Apartments, LLC is a Type II action for purposes of SEQRA.
3. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town has reviewed the First Extension of the Tolling Agreement with Corey Trombley and Lighthouse Apartments, LLC and finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the Town to toll certain litigation deadlines in an attempt to resolve issues outside of litigation.

4. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the information available concerning the First Extension of the Tolling Agreement was sufficient for the Town to make its determination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, based on the foregoing findings of fact, the Town hereby **APPROVES** the First Extension of the Tolling Agreement and **AUTHORIZES** the Town Supervisor to execute same with Corey Trombley and Lighthouse Apartments, LLC; anD

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:		**YES**	**NO**
	Richard Barber Jr.	**x**	
	Kregg Bruno	**x**	
	Mel Irwin	**x**	
	Nick Weaver	**x**	
	Craig Randall	**x**	

Carried:5 Ayes;0 Noes

Discussion: Mr. Randall reads the AES Northeast Peru Wastewater Treatment Plant Progress Meeting Notes.

Discussion: Mr. Randall reads through the Barton & Loguidice Monthly Report on the Peru Water Project.

Discussion: Other Business-Town Board
Mr. Randall spoke of his involvement with the Lions Club, and his attendance at the Fireman's Banquet. Michael Cashman visited the Peru Town Hall, followed by a meeting with County Supervisors. On Oct. 10th there will be a dedication of the Legacy Project concerning the Battle of Valcour Island. This is a big deal for our town.
Discussion: Other Business-Department Heads
Mr. Mike Farrell is headed to a Highway Convention.
Mr. T'chaka Sikelianos states that the Parvo Quarantine is almost over at the SPCA.
Mr. Randall welcomes republican Town Board Candidate Duane Bast to the meeting.

Discussion: Public Comments on Agenda Items: none

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.09-28.05

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POST-AUDIT PAYMENT OF CERTAIN

CLAIMS, BILLS AND INVOICES OF THE TOWN.

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

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, #20260146 through and including #202601485

Abstract dated 9/24/26.

For the dollar amount totaling: $2,077,032.05 of that, $16,865.09 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and $2,060,166.96 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:		**YES**	**NO**
	Richard Barber, Jr.	**x**	
	Kregg Bruno	**x**	
	Mel Irwin	**x**	
	Nick Weaver	**x**	
	Craig Randall	**x**	

Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes
Motion by Mr.Irwin; seconded by Mr. Barber to adjourn the meeting at 6:54.m.
Ayes 5, Noes 0
Motion Carried