The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on October 26, 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. Taylor Jo Swan, Deputy Town Clerk.

Also present were Mr. Matthew Favro, Town Attorney; Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board; Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; Ms. Helen Nerska, Historian; Ms. Kristen Marino, Recreation Director; Mr. T'chaka Sikelianos, Dog Control Officer; Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent and Tyler Jarvis, Deputy Highway Supervisor. Absent was Mr. Duane Bibeau, Code Enforcement Officer.

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

Community Input:

Mr. John Ryan recently attended and recorded the Town of Peru Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, and would like the Town Board to give an update on the issues with LCT, Corey Trombley and Teresa Larson. He also requests for total amount the Town has spent on the 2 Attorneys hired to handle these matters. He is saying from the outside it looks as if LCT is jumping through hoops in order to make up for possible Zoning Office deficiencies. Mr. Randall explains that this is a complex zoning code issue dealing with multiple uses on multiple pieces of property. He believes the town is doing the job it has to to protect all the people of the town, with the help of outside counsel. Any financial information is public record and may be FOILED.

Cynthia O'Keefe has concerns about a marijuana field in her neighborhood. After complaining to the Zoning Office, she was directed to the Town Board. This is a field, more than the 6 plant legal limit. Mr. Randall will discuss this with the Zoning Officer and see what can be done.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.10-26.01

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PERU WWTP UPGRADES - CHANGE DIRECTIVE GC-CD.19 BY THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR MURNANE BLDG. CONTRACTORS AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

MOTION: Weaver **SECOND:** Bruno

WHEREAS, The Town Board has the Work Change Directive GC-CD.19 for Project #5508 for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades contract dated January 22, 2026 and items before it.

WHEREAS, Contractor is directed to proceed promptly with the following change(s):

Change wall base on all walls in the Water Sewer Garage building to PVC trim in lieu of vinyl cove base.

ATTACHMENTS:

Murnane Building Contractors cost proposal, dated 09/28/2026, including Proposal Request GC-PR.23.

Directive to proceed promptly with the Work described herein, prior to agreeing to change in Contract Price and Contract Time, is issued due to:

- Necessity to proceed for schedule or other reasons.

WHEREAS,

$3,219.17 to be charged to the Contingency Allowance.

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

RESOLUTION # 26.10-26.02

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PERU WWTP UPGRADES - CHANGE DIRECTIVE GC-CD.20 BY THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR MURNANE BLDG. CONTRACTORS AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

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

WHEREAS, The Town Board has the Work Change Directive GC-CD.20 for Project #5508 for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades contract dated January 22, 2026 and items before it.
WHEREAS, Contractor is directed to proceed promptly with the following change(s):

Pipe connecting MH S-1 to MH N-1 has been confirmed to be clay pipe. No Asbestos-Containing Material (ACM) abatement work is required at this location. Provide credit to Owner for deduct of ACM abatement work.

ATTACHMENTS:

Murnane Building Contractors cost proposal, dated 10/13/2026, including Proposal Request GC-PR.24.

Directive to proceed promptly with the Work described herein, prior to agreeing to change in Contract Price and Contract Time, is issued due to:

☒Necessity to proceed for schedule or other reasons.

Estimated Change in Contract Price and Contract Times (non-binding, preliminary): N/A

Basis of estimated change in Contract Price:
WHEREAS, CREDIT of $3,995.00 to be ADDED to the Contingency Allowance.
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: 5Ayes; 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER:26.10-26.03

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PERU WWTP UPGRADES - CHANGE DIRECTIVE GC-CD.21 BY THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR MURNANE BLDG. CONTRACTORS AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

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

WHEREAS, The Town Board has the Work Change Directive GC-CD.21 for Project #5508 for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades contract dated January 22, 2026 and items before it.
WHEREAS, Contractor is directed to proceed promptly with the following change(s):

Increase concrete slab at oil water separator from 8" to 12", as per response to RFI GC-RFI.69 and associated drawing.

ATTACHMENTS:

Murnane Building Contractors cost proposal, dated 10/15/2026, including Proposal Request GC-PR.25.

Directive to proceed promptly with the Work described herein, prior to agreeing to change in Contract Price and Contract Time, is issued due to:

☒Necessity to proceed for schedule or other reasons. Estimated Change in Contract Price and Contract Times (non-binding, preliminary): N/A

Basis of estimated change in Contract Price:

$1,276.11 to be charged to the Contingency Allowance.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.10-26.04

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PERU WWTP UPGRADES - CHANGE DIRECTIVE GC-CD.22 BY THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR MURNANE BLDG. CONTRACTORS AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

MOTION: Weaver **SECOND:** Bruno

WHEREAS, The Town Board has the Work Change Directive GC-CD.22 for Project #5508 for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades contract dated January 22, 2026 and items before it.

WHEREAS, Contractor is directed to proceed promptly with the following change(s):

At the owner's request, provide prep and painting of the fiberglass influent sampler enclosure. Color shall be khaki brown to match the Preliminary Treatment & Administrative building and Water Sewer Garage building exterior siding.

ATTACHMENTS:

Murnane Building Contractors cost proposal dated 10/15/2026.

Directive to proceed promptly with the Work described herein, prior to agreeing to change in Contract Price and Contract Time, is issued due to:

☒Necessity to proceed for schedule or other reasons. Estimated Change in Contract Price and Contract Times (non-binding, preliminary): N/A

Basis of estimated change in Contract Price:

$1,034.25 to be charged to the Contingency Allowance.

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: 5Ayes; 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER:26.10-26.05

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUOZZO, DOTY & ASSOCIATES TO ASSIST WITH A EVALUATION AND GRANT THE TASKS OUTLINED IN CONTRACT FOR THE SECURE PROGRAM. FOR THE TOWN OF PERU

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

WHEREAS, To assist municipalities with compliance, NYS EFC has issued the Strengthening Essential Cybersecurity for Utilities and Resiliency Enhancement (SECURE) Program. This program provides funds for evaluation and implementation.

WHEREAS, Suozzo, Doty, & Associates will assist the Town Of Peru with field evaluation, assessment, documents/policies updates, training and deliverables:

- Written cybersecurity risk assessment report aligned with NIST CSF 2.0 (incl. OT per NIST SP 800-82r3)
- Prioritized list of vulnerabilities with remediation/mitigation strategies and policies
- Compliance readiness report identifying needs and next steps for DEC, DOH, and DPS regulations
- Validated OT/IT asset inventory
- Training Materials

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED. the Town of Peru Board grants authorization to the Town Supervisor to sign the Suozzo, Doty, & Associates contract/proposal #28-037 to complete tasks outlined above for a price Not To Exceed $20,000 (Twenty thousand dollars).

RESOLVED, 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:26.10-26.06

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF ROBERT LEPAGE FROM THE TOWN OF PERU PLANNING BOARD EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 19, 2026.

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

WHEREAS, Town of Peru Planning Board has recommended that Town Board accepts Robert LePage's resignation from the Town of Peru's Planning Board offered September 19, 2026.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Peru Town Board sadly agrees with the recommendation of the Town of Peru Planning Board to accept Robert LePage's resignation due to relocation from our area and thanks him for his dedication and past service to the Town of Peru. His resignation will be effective September 19, 2026. His resignation now leaves a vacancy on the Town of Peru Planning Board.

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
RESOLUTION NUMBER:26.10-26.07

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TOWN OF PERU'S PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF MARK HAMILTON TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, SEAT NUMBER 7

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

WHEREAS, The Peru Town Planning Board has recommended that Mark Hamilton be reappointed to fill the Planning Board Seat,
THERFORE BE IT
RESOLVED, The Peru Town Planning Board agrees with the recommendation of the Planning Board and reappoints Mark Hamilton to complete the full seven year term of the seat retroactively began January 1, 2026.
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

RESOLUTION NUMBER:26.10-26.08

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PERU PLANNING BOARD FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF GARRETT MASTIC AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TOWN OF PERU PLANNING BOARD FULL SEVEN YEAR TERM OF OFFICE SLATED TO BEGIN ON JANUARY 1, 2027.

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

WHEREAS, at a meeting held on October 14, 2026, the Peru Town Planning Board has recommended that Garrett Mastic be reappointed to the position of Town Planning Board Chairman to fulfill the seven year term beginning January 1, 2027.
THEREFORE, BE IT
RESOLVED, the Peru Town Board agrees with the recommendation of the Planning Board and reappoints Garrett Mastic to the position of the Chairman of the Peru Planning Board for the full seven year term.
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:5Ayes; 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER:26.10-26.09

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF HOLLY STONE FROM THE TOWN OF PERU'S POSITION OF CLERK TO THE TOWN JUSTICE EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2, 2026

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

WHEREAS, Town of Peru Town Board accepts Holly Stone's letter of resignation dated, October 19, 2026.
THEREFORE, BE IT
RESOLVED, the Peru Town Board agrees with the Mrs. Stone's decision to resign from her position as Clerk to the Town Justice from the Town of Peru's employ. The Town of Peru thanks her for her prior dedication in the 15 years of service and has been greatly appreciated by the Town of Peru.
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

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.10-26.10

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF ANDREW BIZGA FROM THE TOWN OF PERU'S POSITION OF CLERK TO THE TOWN JUSTICE EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2, 2026

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

WHEREAS, Town of Peru Town Board accepts Andrew Bizga's letter of resignation dated, October 19, 2026.
THEREFORE, BE IT
RESOLVED, the Peru Town Board agrees with the Mr. Bizga's decision to resign from his position as Clerk to the Town Justice from the Town of Peru's employ. The Town of Peru thanks him for his prior dedication in the time of service and has been appreciated by the Town of Peru.
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		

Carried: 5 Ayes; 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.10-26.11

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PAMELA ST. JOHN AS A TEMPORARY CLERK TO THE TOWN JUSTICE TO COVER THE DUAL RESIGNATIONS OF CURRENT COURT CLERKS.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board has agreed that a temporary, part-time Clerk to Town Justice hiring is necessary for the effective operation of the Peru Town Court following the offer by Pamela St. John to assist the Town of Peru Court System.
BE IT
RESOLVED, that Pamela St. John will be hired as a temporary, part-time Clerk to the Town Justice for the Town of Peru with a start date of October 26, 2026, to be paid biweekly as an employee of the Town of Peru. While performing the duties of the Clerk to the Town Justices, she will be compensated at a hourly rate of pay of $35.00 per hour. Mrs. St. John will also assist with the training of new, permanent Clerks to Town Justices.
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

Discussion: C&S Companies Monthly Report on Telegraph Rd. Culvert Project/AES Northeast Monthly Report on Peru WWTP; Mr. Randall explains these reports

Discussion: Other Business-Town Board
There will be a 2027 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing on November 5, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Discussion: Other Business-Department Heads
Ms. Kristen Marino has just finished up soccer with a great moving up game under the lights. Basketball season is coming up and Ms. Marino is still looking for an assistant. Emily Sypek is also looking for someone to take over the Ski Club.
Ms. Helen Nerska has been busy, another history chat is coming up November 9th and the History Holiday Social is set for December 14th downstairs from 2-4PM. Ms. Nerska reads aloud from the Resolution of New York State to commemorate the October 11th, 2026 250th anniversary of the Battle of Valcour. This will be framed, and should be read by all.
Ms. Nerska thanks Mr. Randall for his support and his public address at the Battle of Valcour celebrations which Mr. Randall states was his honor to do.
Mr. Tyler Jarvis would like to clarify that the cameras used by the Town to read temperatures and road conditions are NOT FLOCK cameras. He urges people interested in destroying the FLOCK cameras to leave the town cameras alone. Mr. Jarvis would also note that pulling your trashcans off of the shoulder is very helpful when snowplowing starts.
Mr. Farrell adds that the highway has been finishing up summer and preparing for winter.

Discussion: Public Comments on Agenda Items: none

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26.10-26.12

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

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed and audited the following claims, bills and invoices for services rendered and goods provided to the Town in October 2026.
From Town of Peru Vouchers for October 2026, #202601588 through and including #202601644
Abstract dated 10/22/26.

For the dollar amount totaling: $734,893.69 of that, $16,257.88 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and $718,635.91 remaining to be paid for October 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 6:50 p.m.
Ayes 5, Noes 0
Motion Carried