

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday December 14, 2020, at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Brandy McDonald, Supervisor; Mr. Richard Barber, Councilman; Mr. Kregg Bruno, Councilman; Mr. James Douglass, Councilman; Mr. Mel Irwin, Councilman; Mrs. Dianne Miller, Town Clerk; Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board ; Mr. Mike Farrell, Highway Superintendent and Greg Swart-AES Representative. Also present via zoom Mr. Matt Favro; Town Attorney, Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Mr. Bob Guynup, Zoning Officer, and Mr. Dave Drollette, Dog Control Officer and John Flynn, Recreation Director.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Mr. McDonald, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Douglass to accept the reports from the following departments into the official record of tonight's meeting. (Water/Sewer/Valcour; Highway; Town Clerk; Dog Control; Youth Department; Code/Zoning; Supervisor's Report; Court; Website; and Banking Reports).

Ayes 5 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Irwin; seconded by Mr. Bruno to accept the minutes from the November 23, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Ayes 5 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Douglass; seconded by Mr. Bruno to approve minutes from the November 23, 2020 Public Hearing on 202-B Proceedings.

Community Input

NONE

Review Bids for Sewer Line Upgrade Project

Greg Swart stated highlights of the Sewer Main Bid. The 3 Bids received were, Rifenburg Construction, Luck Brothers and Reale Construction. Mr. Swart stated that overall bids received were similar. Manholes have doubled in price. AES will be recommending construction firm after confirming with all funding agencies. As part of the RD funding requirements, the Town needs to send an award recommendation letter to USRD.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 20.12.14-1

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Douglass

WHEREAS, In order to meet all the financial needs for the management of Peru Water and Sewer Departments, be it

RESOLVED, that the above mentioned Department will increase by the adopted Quarterly New Rate effective January 1, 2021. (See chart below), and

2021 Water and Sewer Usage Rates

In District Water/Sewer

Water

\$60.00 for 1st 6,000 gallons

\$4.25 for every 1,000 gallons after 1st 6,000

Sewer

\$63.00 for the 1st 6,000 gallons

\$5.75 for every 1,000 gallons after 1st 6,000

Out Of District Water

\$102.00 for 1st 6,000 gallons

\$6.50 for every 1,000 gallons after 1st 6,000

Out Of District Sewer

\$73.00 for 1st 6,000 gallons

\$7.50 for every 1,000 gallons after 1st 6,000

ON/OFF

\$30/\$30

REPAIR

\$30/\$30

\$40 If same day during work hrs

After HRS Emergency call in

\$100

Special read/bill

\$25

Hydrant Fill

\$25.00 plus \$7.50 Per 1,000 Gallons

Repair/Replace Permit/Subdivision

\$25 Water \$25 Sewer--Per Line

Valcour Rates

Residential--- \$150 for 1st 10hrs \$15 per hr after 1st 10hrs

Commercial--- \$180 for 1st 10 hrs-\$18 per hr after 1st 1

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	
	James Douglass	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

DISCUSSION-Approve Contract with Emergency Preparedness Solutions

Mr. McDonald stated this was a State requirement. The company preparing the employer emergency planning is the same company Ms. Barber attended a webinar with through the Association of Towns. Ms. Barber stated he was very knowledgeable and thorough. This plan needs to be in effect February 5, 2021.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 20.12.14-2

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PERU AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SOLUTIONS, LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

MOTION: Mr. Barber

SECOND: Mr. Douglass

WHEREAS, the Town Board members have the Contract between Emergency Preparedness Solutions, LLC to help facilitate the preparing of the public employer emergency planning and the Town of Peru before them,

WHEREAS, the consultant will develop a draft plan to address the requirements of S8617B/A10832, as signed into law by Governor Cuomo on September 7, 2020 regarding public employer emergency planning for the price of \$3,000.00 (Three thousand dollars and no cents)

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, said proposed Contract is approved and the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute said contract, 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	
	James Douglass	x	
	Melvin Irwin	x	
	Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 20.12.14-3

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TOWN’S SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PERU CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE SHARED USE OF FUEL DEPOT AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

Motion: Mr. Bruno

Second: Mr. Douglass

WHEREAS, the Town Board has the Shared Services Agreement for the shared use of fuel Depot between the Town of Peru and the Peru Central School District before it

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, said proposed Shared Services Agreement for fuel depot use is approved and the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute said agreement.

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	
	James Douglass	x	
	Melvin Irwin	x	
	Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Resolution No.20.12.14-4

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PERU IN THE COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A USED INGERSOLL-RAND PF4410 PAVER AS SHARED SERVICES WITH THE TOWN OF AUSABLE.

Motion By: Mr. Bruno

Second By: 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 Towns of Peru and AuSable have decided to purchase the 2005 Ingersoll-Rand Paver with 2,759 hours together, sharing the expense of the purchase saving each Town half the cost and upkeep of the paver.

WHEREAS, the Town of Peru Highway Department has acquired \$35,565 from the sale of surplus equipment that will cover the cost of the new equipment.

WHEREAS, the Town of AuSable Town Board and the Town of Peru Town Board will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the shared purchase and upkeep of the 2005 Ingersoll-Rand Paver.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Towns of AuSable and Peru will purchase the 2005 Ingersoll-Rand Paver from Stephen E. Fuller Excavating in January 2021 at a cost of \$60,000.00 (\$30,000.00 per Town).

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Richard Barber, Jr.	x	
	Kregg Bruno	x	
	James Douglass	x	
	Mel Irwin	x	
	Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

RESOLUTION NUMBER 20.12.14-5:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PERU AND BRENTWOOD INDUSTRIES, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, the Town Board members have the quote from Brentwood Industries, for installation oversight at the WWTP Tank #2 equipment for a two day period before them,

WHEREAS, the installation oversight will be done for the price of \$5,200.00 (Five thousand two hundred dollars and no cents)

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, said proposal is accepted and the Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute said proposal, AND, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:	YES	NO
Richard Barber Jr.	x	
Kregg Bruno	x	
James Douglass	x	
Melvin Irwin	x	
Brandy McDonald	x	

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Mr. Bruno thanked Mr. Tetrault for the effort in pricing as the cost would have been substantially higher to have company do installation.

Fuller Rd. Culvert Project

Mr. Farrell asked board if the he could move forward on bid and engineering for the culvert. Motion by Mr. Irwin; seconded by Mr. Barber to move forward on tentative 2021 construction. Mr. Farrell will meet with Mark from Engineering Ventures to have information for December 30, 2020 meeting.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 20.12.14-6

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JEREMIAH CROSS AS APPOINTED ASSESSOR FOR A THREE YEAR TERM OF OFFICE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021.

MOTION: Mr. Douglass

SECOND: Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, the Real Property Tax Office of Clinton County has requested that as requirement for the renewal of the full assessment services contract, Jeremiah Cross be reappointed for a three year term starting on January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 which coincides with the contract date.

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the qualifications and performance of Jeremiah Cross and considers his reappointment to be of great benefit to the Town of Peru,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Jeremiah Cross is reappointed as the Assessor for the Town of Peru for a term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

Roll Call:	YES	NO
Richard Barber, Jr.	x	
Kregg Bruno	x	
James Douglass	x	
Mel Irwin	x	

	Brandy McDonald	x	
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Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Winter Walking Trail Use

Mr. McDonald stated after speaking with Town Attorney, it would be a liability and Mr. Favro recommended signs be erected during the winter season stating” Use Trail At Your Own Risk” Mr. Tetrault stated the snow removal equipment would also damage trail.
Mr. Barber stated the trail was built as a three season trail.

Sewer Project Update

Mr. Tetrault stated easements should begin for the alternate section of the project.

Other Business

Mr. Bruno commented on the out pour of appreciation on the tractor parade Mr. Irwin organized. Mr. Farrell stated the highway garage timeclocks needed replacing.
Mr. Bruno asked Mr. Farrell about the sidewalk machine. Mr. Farrell said that the machine itself works well; it is the implements that are worn down.
Ms. Barber stated new firewalls will be installed on our server December 17, 2020.
Mr. McDonald stated the January 4, 2021 Emergency Plan workshop is cancelled.
Motion by Mr. Irwin second by Mr. Barber to cancel January 4, 2021 Emergency Plan Workshop
5 Ayes 0 Nays
Mr. McDonald stated he had received phone calls about lawn damage on Bear Swamp Road from the installation of electric poles by NYSEG and O’Connell Electric. The town is NOT responsible for the repair. Mr. McDonald has made numerous phone calls to NYSEG expressing the residents’ dissatisfaction.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

NONE

Motion by Mr. Barber; seconded Mr. Douglass to adjourn from the Regular meeting at 7:06 PM for Executive Session to discuss contracts. No decision will be made.

Motion by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Barber.to return to Regular meeting at 7:32 PM

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 20.12.14-7

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

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Douglass

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed and audited the following claims, bills and invoices for services rendered and goods provided to the Town in December 2020:

From Town of Peru Vouchers in December 2020; #20201281 through and including #20201363,

Abstract dated December 11, 2020

For the dollar amount totaling: \$218,023.81, of that, \$31,340.01 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$186,683.80 is remaining to be paid and

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

