

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday November 22, 2021, at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Brandy McDonald, Supervisor; Mr. Richard Barber, Councilman; Mr. Kregg Bruno, Councilman; (Excused) Mr. James Douglass, Councilman; Mr. Mel Irwin, Councilman and Mrs. Dianne Miller, Town Clerk. Also present were Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board and Mr. Matt Favro, Town Attorney.

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

**Motion** by Mr. Douglass seconded by Mr. Barber accept the minutes from the October 25, 2021 Public Hearing

Ayes 4 Nays 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion** by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Douglass to accept the minutes from the November 8, 2021 Regular meeting.

Ayes 4 Nays 0

**Motion Carried**

**Motion** by Mr. Douglass seconded by Mr. Barber to accept the minutes from the November 15, 2021 Special Meeting.

Ayes 4 Nays 0

**Community Input**

Mr. Ryan asked when the Care Act Money was going to be received. Ms. Barber and Mr. McDonald stated again one half was received this summer and the balance would be forthcoming in the summer of 2022. The funds will be used for the wastewater project instead of several projects.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.11.22-1

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT OF KEITH DEW FROM THE TOWN OF PERU HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 17, 2022.

MOTION: Mr. Irwin

SECOND: Mr. Barber

WHEREAS, The Peru Town Highway Superintendent has recommended that Town Board accepts the resignation for retirement of Keith Dew offered November 15, 2021 and effective January 17, 2022.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Peru Town Board agrees with the recommendation of the Town of Peru Highway Superintendent to accept the resignation for retirement of Keith Dew and thanks him for his past service to the Town of Peru. His resignation will be effective January 17, 2022. AND, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

**Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Nays**

**DISCUSSION:** Accept the Temporary Hire of MEO Jason Burl

Mr. Farrell stated Mr. Burl was fully qualified. Mr. Burl work for the Town of Clinton Highway Department.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.11.22-2

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF JASON BURL AS A TEMPORARY MEO I UNTIL JANUARY 17, 2022 AT WHICH TIME HE WILL BECOME FULL TIME MEO I.

**Motion by:** Mr. Barber

**Second by:** Mr. Douglass

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has agreed that a new temporary full time MEO I is necessary for the effective operation of the Peru Town Highway Department following the recommendation of the Peru Highway Superintendent, Michael Farrell. This temporary position has been approved by the Clinton County Civil Service Department.

**BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that Jason Burl be hired as a temporary full time MEO I for the Town of Peru Highway at an hourly rate of pay to be \$19.75, with a start date of November 23, 2021. The Peru Town Board hereby authorizes the hiring of Jason Burl as a temporary MEO I until January 17, 2022 at which time he will become full time MEO I.

**AND, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

**Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Nays**

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.11.22-3

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CLINTON COUNTY 2021 MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

MOTION: Mr. Douglass

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, the **Town of Peru**, Clinton County, New York is most vulnerable to natural and human made hazards which may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety, and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000), requires state and local governments to develop and submit for approval to the President a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and

WHEREAS, the **Town of Peru** acknowledges the requirements of Section 322 of DMA 2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds, and

WHEREAS, the **Town of Peru**, with the assistance from the Clinton County Planning Department and Mountain View Planning, in cooperation with other county departments, local municipal officials and the citizens of the **Town of Peru**, has gathered information and prepared the Clinton County Pre-Disaster Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of the DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Clinton County Hazard Mitigation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Pre-Disaster Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, The Clinton County Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce loss to life and property by both natural and human-made hazards that face the County and its municipalities, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the **Peru Town Board** that the **Town of Peru** hereby adopts the 2021 Clinton County Pre-Disaster Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

**Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Nays**

ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2021 by Peru Town Board

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**Brandy McDonald, Town Supervisor**

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**Dianne Miller, Town Clerk**

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.11.22-4

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TOWN'S CONTRACT WITH CLINTON COUNTY FOR PROVIDING SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

Motion: Mr. Irwin                      Second: Mr. Barber

WHEREAS, the Town Board has the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024 Snow and Ice Seasons, Clinton County Snow and Ice Removal Contract before it

WHEREAS, this agreement includes rates increases of 1.0%, 1.25% and 1.5% over the 3-year period for Regular and Snowbelt Roads plus a fuel adjustment based on applicable increases/decreases in the market price of diesel fuel for Clinton County.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, said proposed agreement 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.

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

Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Nays

Mr. Farrell stated overall approximately \$136,000.00-which covers Peasleeville and Union Roads. Mr. Ryan asked how many miles is covered- Mr. Farrell replied 30 miles.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.11.22-5

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING BID TO R.R CHARLEBOIS AND COMPANY, INC. FOR A 2023 FREIGHTLINER MODEL#114SD CONVENTIONAL CHASSIS TANDEM DUMP TRUCK WITH A TENCO STAINLESS STEEL BOX AND PLOW GEAR.

MOTION: Mr. Barber

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received certain bids in response to its request for same in connection with the purchase of a tandem axle dump truck for use by the Town Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, in consultation with the Town Highway Superintendent, find that the bid of R.R. Charlebois and Company, Inc. for a 2022 Freightliner Model#114SD Conventional Chassis tandem dump truck with a Tenco stainless steel box and plow gear was the lowest bidder and the one that most closely met the bid specifications;

WHEREAS, the ordering of this truck is included in the 2022 budget and there will be a minimum of one year lead-time once ordered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the bid of R.R. Charlebois and Company, Inc. for a 2023 Freightliner Model#114SD Conventional Chassis tandem axle dump truck for Two Hundred and Fifty Two Thousand, Five Hundred and Sixty Nine Dollars and Zero Cents (\$252,569.00) is hereby accepted and the Town Supervisor and Highway Superintendent are hereby authorized to execute any further documentation necessary to facilitate and/or consummate the purchase for a price not to exceed this amount; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

**Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Nays**

Mr. Farrell removed liquid brine system and hydraulics package which reduced quote by \$ 5,588.00.

**Complete Streets Utilization Plan 2021 and Options for Grant Award**

Further discussion is needed to finalize options for some items.

**Cannabis Opt-Out Local Laws for Dispensaries or On-Site Consumption Sites Notification**

Mr. Barber stated strongly that he felt our town should not have Cannabis Dispensaries as he was concerned of the negative impact of individuals in our town purchasing and displaying addiction behavior as he had seen recently in Colorado. Mr. Favro stated more discussion was needed as a dispensary in our town could be positive for our tax base. Mr. Favro stated New York State has very strict guidelines and regulations unlike other states such as Colorado.

**Approved Speed Limit Reduction on Valley View Drive**

New York State Department of Transportation has approved the request to lower the speed limit to 25 MPH for Valley View Drive.

**Sewer Project Update**

Mr. Tetrault stated Maiden Lane had been paved with top coat. Possibly the generators may arrive in December 2021.

**Other Business**

Mr. Irwin asked about the color on asphalt in front of Town Hall. Mr. McDonald stated it had been backordered.

Mr. Farrell has submitted a mini-bid for a pickup truck. He will keep the board updated. City of Plattsburgh has loaned our town a trackless sidewalk plow at no charge.

Mr. McDonald thanked the community for their generosity for the Thanksgiving food drive.

Christmas tree lighting is set for 12/3 at 7 PM with Mr. Bob Rulfs as our tree lighting guest of honor.

Reminder of December 6, 2021 at 9AM-Mandatory Harassment Training for all employees being held at the Peru Fire Station.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items Only**

**NONE**

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.11.22-6

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

MOTION: Mr. Douglass

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 November 2021:

From Town of Peru Vouchers in November 2021; #202101315 through and including #202101382

Abstract dated 11/19/2021

For the dollar amount totaling: \$518,348.64; of that, \$15,747.48 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$502,601.16 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

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

**Carried: 4 Ayes 0 Nays**

**Motion** by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Irwin to adjourn Regular meeting at 6:46 PM to go into Executive Session.

To discuss possible litigation

Motion by Mr. Douglass; seconded by Mr. Barber to return to Regular Meeting at 7:11PM

**Motion** by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Irwin to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:12 PM.

Ayes 4 Nays 0

**Motion Carried**

\_\_\_\_\_ *Supervisor* \_\_\_\_\_ *Councilman*

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