

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday December 13, 2021 at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Brandy McDonald Supervisor; Mr. James Douglass, Councilman; Mr. Kregg Bruno, Councilman; Mr. Melvin Irwin, Councilman; Mr. Richard Barber; Councilman, Mrs. Dianne Miller, Town Clerk. Also present were Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; (Excused) Mr. Bob Guynup, Zoning Officer; (Via Zoom) Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board, Mr. Matthew Favro, Town Attorney,(Via Zoom) Mr. John Flynn, Recreation Director (Via Zoom) and Mr. Cliff Christon, Dog Control Officer (Excused).

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 PM by Mr. McDonald, with the Pledge of Allegiance. (Meeting started late due to ZOOM issues.)

**Motion** by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Irwin to include 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). No Dog Control report (**Also, late October 2021 Court Report**)

**Ayes 5 Nays 0**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion** by Mr. Douglass; seconded by Mr. Barber to approve the minutes from the November 22, 2021 meeting.

**Ayes 4 Nays 0**

**Motion Carried**

**Mr. Bruno abstained due not attending meeting.**

**Community Input and Questions**

**NONE**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.12.13-1**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF JASON BURL AS A PERMANENT MEO I AS OF DECEMBER 14, 2021 DUE TO THE CURRENT OPENING IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.**

**Motion by:** Mr. Irwin

**Second by:** Mr. Bruno

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has agreed that a new permanent 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 permanent position has been approved by the Clinton County Civil Service Department.

**BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that Jason Burl was 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. Due to the current open position at the Peru Highway Garage, the Peru Town Board hereby authorizes the hiring of Jason Burl for a permanent position as of December 14, 2021 at which time he will become a permanent 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>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Kregg Bruno</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>James Douglass</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Mel Irwin</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Brandy McDonald</b>	<b>x</b>	

**Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays**

***Posting of Town Clerk's 2022 Tax Season Hours***

Monday – Friday (January only)	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Monday- January 10, 24 & 31	4:00 pm –6:00 pm
Saturday, January 29	9:00 am – 11:00 am
Monday – Friday (Feb, Mar & Apr)	9:00 am – 12:00 pm

***Approval of Rifenburg's Pay Application #8***

***Motion*** by Mr. Douglass; seconded by Mr. Bruno to approve Rifenburg's Pay Application #8 in the amount of \$ 229,747.71.

5 Ayes 0 Nays

***Sewer Project Update***

Mr. Tetrault stated there was no update at this time.

Contractor is waiting for materials to arrive. Generators for both lift stations are due in any day.

***Other Business***

Mr. Irwin asked if Mr. Farrell received any bids on mini truck. Mr. McDonald and Ms. Barber stated Mr. Farrell has sent it out for rebid as no bids were received the first time. Mr. Farrell will know December 16, 2021 as whether any vehicles are available and whether anyone will bid on it this time.

In accordance with our Solar Farm Local Law, Mr. Guynup stated 1% of appraised value of the solar project can be used for public benefits. Mr. Favro will need to review contract of all details of the solar farm project.

Ms. Barber has received a quote for a new copier. Ms. Barber stated the copier is the same manufacturer but updated. The copier is approximately 10 years old.

Ms. Barber stated the Lyons Rd. speed reduction was not approved by the State.

Mr. Flynn was asked by Mr. McDonald when the next Youth Commission meeting was scheduled. Mr. Flynn answered the fourth Tuesday in January next year.

Mr. Irwin mentioned Sullivan Park improvements on the field will continue next spring. Rulfs are going to till with liquid manure. A tad bit of confusion with zoom communication as to if it was Mr. Flynn or Mr. Ryan was communicating with Mr. Irwin.

Mr. McDonald stated 113 children would be receiving Christmas joy but not without all the generous support from our community. Mr. McDonald expressed a huge THANK YOU.

Mr. McDonald delivered a vehicle full of gifts to Foster Care of Clinton County on Sunday.

Mr. Farrell, Mr. Provost and Mr. Jarvis worked throughout Saturday night to keeps the roads clear of fallen branches and trees due to the horrendous windstorm.

***Public Comments on Agenda Items Only***

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.12.13-1**

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

**MOTION: Mr. Bruno**

**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 December 2021:

Town of Peru Vouchers in December 2021; #202101383 through and including #202101461.

Abstract dated 12/9/2021

For the dollar amount totaling: \$139,162.99; of that, \$32,701.70 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$106,461.29 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><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>
	<b>Richard Barber, Jr.</b>	x	
	<b>Kregg Bruno</b>	x	
	<b>Mel Irwin</b>	x	
	<b>James Douglass</b>	x	
	<b>Brandy McDonald</b>	x	

**Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays**

**Motion** by Mr. Douglass; seconded by Mr. Barber to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:37 PM.  
**Ayes 5 Nays 0** **Motion Carried**

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