

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Wednesday December 29, 2021, at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Brandy McDonald, Supervisor; (Excused), Mr. James Douglass, Deputy Supervisor; Mr. Richard Barber, Councilman; Mr. Kregg Bruno, Councilman; Mr. Mel Irwin, Councilman and Mrs. Dianne Miller, Town Clerk. Also present were Ms. Pamela Barber, Confidential Secretary to the Board; Mr. Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Mr. Michael Farrell, Highway Superintendent; Mr. Robert Guynup, Zoning Officer; (via Zoom ) and Mr. Cliff Christon, Dog Control Officer (Excused).

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Mr. Douglass, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion** by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Bruno to accept the minutes from the December 13, 2021 Regular Meeting.  
Ayes 4 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

**Community Input**  
**NONE**

**Champlain Area Trails Group- Little Ausable River Extensions**

Champlain Area Trails representative Chris Moran and our town grant writer Adele Douglass came to discuss the \$ 125,000.00 grant possible usage. Ms. Barber stated the state is waiting for us to give further information to have the monies disbursed. Purchase of property on Route 22 was discussed.

Motion by Mr. Bruno seconded by Mr. Douglass to have property appraised not to exceed \$1000.00

Mr. Moran stated Champlain Area Trails maybe able to reimburse the Town for appraisal cost.  
4 Ayes 0 Nays

**Motion** by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Irwin to schedule Organizational Meeting January 10, 2022 at 5 PM.

Meeting will be held at Peru Town Hall.  
4 Ayes 0 Nays

**Motion** by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Irwin to schedule Regular Meeting- January 10, 2022 at 6 PM.

Meeting will be held at Peru Town Hall.  
4 Ayes 0 Nays

**Request for Quotes for Purchase of Automatic Start Switch for the Generator for Highway Garage**

Mr. Farrell asked to get quotes, after a short discussion about the specifics, Mr. Barber made a motion to go forward and Mr. Bruno made a motion to table until Mr. Tetrault finds out if the current generator can indeed have an automatic switch hooked to it or if a new generator would need to be purchased.

4 Ayes 0 Nays

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT FUNDS TO RETURN THE H-26 SEWER PROJECT LOANS TO THE PERU SEWER FUND**

**RESOLUTION # 21.12.29-1**

**Motion:** Mr. Barber

**Second:** Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, In order to meet the financial needs for the management of **the Town Peru Sewer Account**, funds need to be transferred from the Debt Service Account Funds back to the Peru Sewer Fund to cover the loans prior to EFC funding.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board has authorized the transfer in the total amount of **\$44,607.44** cover the loans for the H-26 Sewer Line Upgrade Project.

**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>	



**4 Ayes 0 Nays**

Mr. Bruno asked about the \$ 4630.64. Ms. Barber stated the money was for Parks.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF TOWN FUNDS WITHIN THE  
HIGHWAY FUND**

**RESOLUTION # 21.12.29-4**

**Motion:** Mr. Bruno

**Second:** Mr. Barber

WHEREAS, In order to meet the financial needs for the management of **the Town Highway Accounts** funds need to be transferred from line items with positive balances to line items with negative balances (see Attached Schedule of Transfers) and

WHEREAS, The outstanding positive balances in the Highway Fund are more than adequate to cover the accounts in need of transfers, be it

RESOLVED, That the Town Board has authorized the attached eight (8) transfers in the total amount of **\$12,872.16** to better align negative and positive line items.

**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>x</b>	
<b>James Douglass</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Mel Irwin</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Brandy McDonald</b>	<b>Excused</b>	

**Carried:**

**4 Ayes 0 Nays**

**Transfer was needed for general repair, social security and employee health insurance**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF TOWN FUNDS WITHIN THE PERU  
SEWER FUND**

**RESOLUTION # 21.12.29-5**

**Motion:** Mr. Bruno

**Second:** Mr. Barber

WHEREAS, In order to meet the financial needs for the management of **the Town Peru Sewer Accounts** funds need to be transferred from line items with positive balances to line items with negative balances (see Attached Schedule of Transfers) and

WHEREAS, The outstanding positive balances in the Peru Sewer Fund are more than adequate to cover the accounts in need of transfers, be it

RESOLVED, That the Town Board has authorized the attached three (3) transfers in the total amount of **\$14,706.39** to better align negative and positive line items.

**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>x</b>	
<b>James Douglass</b>	<b>x</b>	

	<b>Mel Irwin</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>Brandy McDonald</b>	<b>Excused</b>	

**Carried:**  
4 Ayes 0 Nays

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF TOWN FUNDS WITHIN THE VALCOUR SEWER FUND**

**RESOLUTION # 21.12.29-6**

**Motion:** Mr. Irwin

**Second:** Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, In order to meet the financial needs for the management of **the Town Valcour Sewer Accounts** funds need to be transferred from line items with positive balances to line items with negative balances (see Attached Schedule of Transfers) and

WHEREAS, The outstanding positive balances in the Valcour Sewer Fund are more than adequate to cover the accounts in need of transfers, be it

RESOLVED, That the Town Board has authorized the attached one (1) transfer in the total amount of **\$986.20** to better align negative and positive line items.

**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>Excused</b>	

**Carried:**  
4 Ayes 0 Nays

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF TOWN FUNDS WITHIN THE WATER FUND**

**RESOLUTION # 21.12.29-7**

**Motion:** Mr. Bruno

**Second:** Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, In order to meet the financial needs for the management of **the Town Water Accounts** funds need to be transferred from line items with positive balances to line items with negative balances (see Attached Schedule of Transfers) and

WHEREAS, The outstanding positive balances in the Water Fund are more than adequate to cover the accounts in need of transfers, be it

RESOLVED, That the Town Board has authorized the attached two (2) transfers in the total amount of **\$1,032.66** to better align negative and positive line items.

**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>Excused</b>	
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**Carried:**

4 Ayes 0 Nays

**Sewer Project Update**

Mr. Tetrault stated screening units installed. Generators are planned to be installed in January –after installation Maiden Lane will be online.

**Other Business**

Mr. Farrell sated he was beyond frustration as he received notice Bridge New York Grants was denied for Jabez Allen Road/Telegraph Road bridge. He stressed the area by Mr. Baggs needs to be done.

Once again no bids for the truck- no trucks are available at this time.

Highway employee “flopped” the truck on its side due to very icy roads on the Strackville Rd.; no injuries, minimal damage to the truck. Communication was difficult in the area as cell service is very limited. Mr. Barber stated a remedy for communication needs to be looked into asap, possibly an AT& T service.

Mr. Tetrault stated the Health Department and Syracuse University will be COVID testing on sewer discharge. Two grants totaling 2.3 million dollars was received for Peru Wastewater facility project.

Mr. Bruno extended Happy New year wishes.

Mr. Douglass thanked our community for their generosity during the holiday season to our Peru families.

Mrs. Miller stated the land tax collection will begin January 3.

Ms. Barber asked for approval for the new locks that were needed for the new entry system. The wiring will be completed in approximately 2 weeks.

Motion by Mr. Bruno; second by Mr. Barber to approve purchase of new locks for the entry system.

4 Ayes 0 Nays

**Public Comments on Agenda Items Only**

NONE

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 21.12.29-8**

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

**MOTION: Mr. Bruno**

**SECOND: Mr. Barber**

**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:

From Town of Peru Vouchers in December 2021; #20201462 through and including #20201536,

Abstract dated December 28, 2021

For the dollar amount totaling: \$362,783.83, of that, \$14,272.39 was wired, credit cards and prepaid; and \$348,511.44 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>	x	

	<b>Kregg Bruno</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>Mel Irwin</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>James Douglass</b>	<b>x</b>	
	<b>Brandy McDonald</b>	<b>Excused</b>	

**Carried:**  
**4 Ayes 0 Nays**

**Motion** by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Irwin to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:19 PM.  
 Ayes 4 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

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