

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday April 24, 2023 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; Mr. Tyler Jarvis; Deputy Highway Superintendent; Mr. Bob Guynup, Zoning Officer; Ms. Pamela Barber; Confidential Secretary to the Board, Mr. Scott Thurber, Town Justice, Mr. T'Chaka Sikelianos; Dog Control Officer, Mrs. Helen Nerska; Town Historian and Mrs. Kristin Marino, Recreation Director.

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

Motion by Mr. Bruno; seconded by Mr. Irwin to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2023. Regular Meeting. Mr. McDonald abstained.

Ayes 4 Noes 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Barber; seconded by Mr. Douglass to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2023 Special Meeting. Mr. Bruno abstained

Ayes 4 Noes 0

Motion Carried

Community Input

Mr. Ryan requested the total cost of sewer project #1- Mr. Favro stated to Mr. Ryan to submit a F.O.I.L request. Mr. Ryan was not only visibly upset but also his tone of voice indicated that a F.O.I.L request was not necessary, and the Town should be more transparent. Mr. Favro attempted to explain to Mr. Ryan the town has absolutely nothing to hide. Ms. Barber commented many documents are involved. Mr. Ryan commented isn't there anyone else that works here.

Mr. Ryan asked again about affordable public housing. Mr. McDonald stated a developer would be needed. Also a possible new developer maybe interested in Washington Street.

Mr. Ryan stated he had received an e-mail from resident Jen Madore concerning Elm Street drainage. Once again Mr. Favro stated it is NOT the town's responsibility and he would welcome a meeting with Peru School to discuss the roof run off from their buildings and parking lots.

Resident Patti LaDuke shared with the town her driveway access after new sidewalk was poured does not allow a wheelchair resident to safely enter sidewalk with the 2-1/2" rise.

Mr. Farrell will assess the situation.

Sale of Excess Town Owned Properties

Mr. McDonald stated three properties-Tennis Court (Jenkins Street), Corner of Woodland Drive and School Street and 41.9 acres sludge lagoons (Brand Hollow Road). With the sale of 1 or more of these properties, 2 pickle ball courts at Sullivan Park could possibly be built. Mr. Favro stated selling town properties has complex steps and will move forward to start the process. Mr. McDonald STRESSED he will NOT be involved in the sale of the property as a real estate agent.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23.04.24-1

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO DECLARE THE WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT 1984 FORD TRACTOR MODEL #1710 SURPLUS AND OFFER FOR SALE.

MOTION: Mr. Douglass

SECONDED: Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, it is having been determined, in consultation with the Town Water/Sewer Superintendent, that the Town has no further need for a 1984 Ford Tractor Model #1710 (hereinafter referred to as the “Tractor”); and

WHEREAS, The Town has declared it as surplus equipment, and

WHEREAS, the Board is willing to put the tractor up for sale in “as is” condition.; be it

RESOLVED, the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to make known to the public that such sale to be “as is” with no warranties or guarantees express or implied, such offer to sell the tractor. The Bid shall be received by and opened at 10 am on May 22, 2023; it is further,

RESOLVED, 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 Noes

Mrs. Miller asked Mr. Tetrault for the specifications to submit bid to newspaper.
Mr. Tetrault answered I will give them to you tomorrow (April 25, 2023).

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23.04.24-2

A RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE JOHN DEERE MODEL 4044M COMPACT UTILITY TRACTOR FOR THE WATER/SEWER/PARKS DEPARTMENT FROM UNITED AG & TURF.

MOTION: Mr. Barber

SECOND: Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, The Town of Peru Town Board has found a need for a new John Deere Model 4044M compact utility tractor for the Water/Sewer/Parks Department.

WHEREAS, the Town Board and the Water/Sewer/Parks Department have determined that the new John Deere Model 4044M compact utility tractor would enable the Town to provide a continued level of quality service to the Town’s residents at a reasonable price,

WHEREAS, The pricing is from New York State’s Landscaping Grounds PC69683 Contract and provides a \$7,821.18 discount on the John Deere Model 4044M. For a total price of \$35,629.82 (Thirty five thousand six hundred twenty nine dollars and eighty two cents). Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor is authorized to sign all paperwork to execute this purchase as soon as possible.

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 Noes

APPROVE the SALE of the 2001 International Model 2674 Dump Truck on Auctions International Website.

Mr. Favro stated this was not a motion/discussion, but a resolution was required.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23.04.24-3

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO APPROVE THE SALE OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT’S 2001 INTERNATIONAL MODEL #2674 DUMP TRUCK AND OFFER FOR SALE ON AUCTIONS INTERNATIONAL.

MOTION: Mr. Barber

SECOND: Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, it is having been determined, in consultation with the Town Highway Superintendent, that the Town has no further need for a 2001 International Model #2674 Dump Truck (hereinafter referred to as the “Truck”); and

WHEREAS, The Town has declared it as surplus equipment, and

WHEREAS, the Board is willing to put the tractor up for sale in “as is” condition.; be it

RESOLVED, the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to make known to the public that such sale to be “as is” with no warranties or guarantees express or implied, and such offer to sell the truck on the Auctions International Website. It is further,

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

Mr. Guynup stated a certified letter will be sent to the homeowner and will have 30 days to respond. Mr. McDonald and Mr. Guynup met with Kimberly Davis – Clinton County Treasurer and after the demolition is completed, the expense will be put on the resident’s taxes.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23.04.24-4

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF STRUCTURE FOR THE CONDEMED 5 SCHOOL ST. PROPERTY TO TERRY STONE CONSTRUCTION.

MOTION: Mr. Barber

SECOND: Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received three bids in response to its request for same in connection with the condemned 5 School St. property; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board agrees that Terry Stone Construction was the lowest bidder of three (3) on the demolition and removal of condemned structure request for the above mentioned project. All work will be done in accordance with NYS Industrial Code Rule 56-11.5 for Controlled Demolition with Asbestos in Place.

WHEREAS, Terry Stone Construction will provide the Town of Peru with current NYS Department of Labor Asbestos Abatement Licensing and certificate of insurance naming the Town of Peru as additionally insured.

WHEREAS, Terry Stone Construction expects payment terms to be 50% of fee due upon signing of contract and the final 50% of fee upon completion of project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the bid of Terry Stone Construction for the demolition and disposal of the asbestos containing materials and structure at 5 School St. at a cost of Twenty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$20,00.00) is hereby accepted. And the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute any further documentation necessary to facilitate and/or consummate the bid contract; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23.04.24-5

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING THE SITE-SPECIFIC VARIANCE AND ASBESTOS AIR MONITORING SERVICES FOR THE CONDEMNED 5 SCHOOL ST. PROPERTY TO KAS ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING.

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Irwin

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received one bid in response to its request for same in connection with the condemned 5 School St. property; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board agrees that KAS Environmental Science & Engineering was the lowest and only bidder on the asbestos air monitoring project request for the above mentioned project. All work will be done in accordance with NYS Industrial Code Rule 56-11.5 for Controlled Demolition with Asbestos in Place.

WHEREAS, KAS Environmental Science & Engineering will provide the Town of Peru with current NYS Department of Labor Asbestos Abatement Licensing and certificate of insurance naming the Town of Peru as additionally insured.

WHEREAS, KAS will submit a site-specific variance application to NYS Dept. of Labor - Asbestos Bureau Engineering Division and will forward the approved variance upon receipt.

WHEREAS, based on the abatement being completed in three working days, the actual amount cost is subject to change based on the conditions of the site specific variance, abatement contractor's set up and the efficiency of the abatement contractor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the bid of KAS Environmental Science & Engineering for the site-specific variance of the condemned property located at 5 School St. in Peru for the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) and the on-site Air/Project Monitoring at a cost of Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$2,800.00) is hereby accepted and the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute any further documentation necessary to facilitate and/or consummate the bid contract; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Carried: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23.04.24-6

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF MATTHEW BOND AS A FULL TIME SEASONAL LABORER TO THE WATER/SEWER/PARKS DEPARTMENT.

MOTION: Mr. Bruno

SECOND: Mr. Douglass

WHEREAS, the Town Board has agreed that a new full time seasonal laborer is necessary for the effective operation of the Water/Sewer/Parks Department following the recommendation of the Courtney Tetrault, Water/Sewer/Parks Supervisor.

BE IT

RESOLVED, that Matthew Bond be hired as a full time, seasonal laborer for the Town of Peru Water/Sewer/Parks Department at an hourly rate of pay of \$16.42, with a start date of April 25, 2023

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 Noes

Mr. Irwin asked if a background check was done on Mr. Bond. Mr. Tetrault stated it is not required and seemed like good kid.

Other Business

Mr. Bruno, per Judge Kirby’s request, asked Mr. Tetrault about the air conditioning unit at the courthouse, Mr. Tetrault stated he was aware, after several phone calls from Judge Kirby. Mr. Tetrault was told this winter after service on the furnace it was a control issue. Judge Thurber

suggested if a split unit was installed in the long run would be a cost savings for our town. Mr. Tetrault stated he would follow up on the issue.

Judge Thurber stated the importance of AED machines and CPR trained staff in each town building. Ms. Barber and Judge Thurber will inquire about possible grants and pricing.

Mrs. Nerska stated there will be Peru History Booth at Babbie Rural Farm this year.

Mrs. Marino stated baseball, softball and t-ball signup went well. April 25th will be drafting for each team.

Mr. Tetrault stated his team was continuing winter clean up, assembling picnic tables and Matt Houser is now a 2A operator.

Mr. McDonald asked about sweeping the trail. The highway department has a sweeper that can be used.

Mr. Farrell stated tracks for the paver are being installed. Mr. Irwin inquired about the price of tarmac. Mr. Farrell stated the plant is not open and the price depends on the price of oil.

Mr. Barber stated the cover is being made for the bell and Mr. Arnold was wondering if anyone knew anyone that made weathervanes. A weathervane would be very attractive to complete the tower.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

Mr. Ryan asked Mr. Guynup what the infraction was called on the 5 School street property. Mr. Guynup answered Building Code violation.

Motion b. Mr. Bruno; second by Mr. Barber to table Executive Session.

Ayes 5 Noes 0

Motion by Mr. Douglass; seconded by Mr. Irwin to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:09 PM.

Ayes 5 Noes 0

Motion Carried

_____ *Supervisor* _____ *Councilman*

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