

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday November 24, 2008 at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Don Covell, Supervisor; Mr. Tom Powers, Councilman; Mr. Cortland Forrence, Councilman; Mr. Brandy McDonald, Councilman; Mr. Pete Glushko, Councilman; and Mr. Don Biggs, Town Attorney. Arriving late, Mrs. Kathleen Flynn, Town Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Mr. Covell, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Mr. Covell informs members that he would like to wait to discuss the minutes until the Town Clerk arrives.*

Community Input.

Dennis Mason. Mr. Mason inquires as to what the status is of his OWB application. Mr. Biggs informs Mr. Mason that the town board has asked him to review this matter and that he believes that this is the Zoning Officer's decision. Mr. Biggs states that he will be meeting with Mr. Blaine tomorrow and he will discuss this matter with him.

Motion Mr. Covell, seconded by Mr. Forrence to accept the resignation from Mike Farrell from the Planning Board, effective November 24, 2008. Ayes 5 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

Contract to Offer Shared Service with other Towns.

Mr. Powers suggests that the current and newly elected Highway Superintendent work together to develop a proposal on this topic.

Mr. Forrence suggests that a workshop is held, perhaps sometime in January 2009.

Motion by Mr. Glushko, seconded by Mr. Powers to table the appointment of a candidate to serve on the Peru Central School Committee until the next meeting. Ayes 5 Nays 0
Motion Carried

Change Workman Compensation to stay with PERMA, to move to Safety Group 497, or a State Program.

Members agree to schedule a workshop on this for December 3, 2008 at 6PM.

Other Business.

Mr. Covell notifies the board that the payroll had not been completed. He states that the money will be available for the employees that were affected within 48 hours.

Mr. Powers attended a Human Resource conference and handed out material that he gathered.

Mr. Powers gives board members packets of information regarding potential sale of two properties.

Motion by Mr. Forrence, seconded by Mr. Powers to amend the agenda to include an executive session. Ayes 5 Nays 0
Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:43 PM to discuss a personnel issue and contract negotiations for sale of two properties. Ayes 5 Nays 0
Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Forrence, seconded by Mr. McDonald to return to the regular meeting at 8:46 PM. Ayes 5 Nays 0
Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Forrence, seconded by Mr. Covell authorizing Mr. Powers to continue contract negotiations for two properties. Ayes 5 Nays 0
Motion Carried

Other Business.

Mr. Powers reports that Cabbage night was very quiet.

Mr. Powers informs members that he met with the current Highway Supervisor and the newly elected Highway Supervisor discussing end of the year budget concerns. Mr. Powers also thanks Judy Akey for her hard work on obtaining financial information to assist Mr. Powers.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Forrence to pass resolution 08.11.24-1; WHEREAS, In order to meet the financial management needs of the Highway Depts Accounts, funds from the Highway Fund accounts need to be transferred from line items with positive balances to line items with negative balances as well as to ensure appropriate monies are available in desired accounts, be it

RESOLVED, That the Town Board has authorized the eight (8) identified transfers line items in the total amount of \$ 106,326.87 .

Discussion. Mr. Forrence asks if these financial transfers have been approved by the Highway Supervisor, and Mr. Powers indicates that both the current and newly elected Highway Supervisor have approved this.

Roll Call: Mr. Powers-Yes Mr. Forrence-Yes Mr. McDonald-Yes
Mr. Glushko-Yes Mr. Covell-Yes **Motion**

Carried

Mr. Forrence states that Aubuchon Hardware is joining in with the fund raising efforts for the Little Ausable Trail and has agreed to donate 10% of their profits for this weekend to the Trail fund.

Mr. Forrence praises Adele Douglas for coordinating this, and thanks Aubuchon for their community involvement.

Mr. Powers recognized and praised Mr. and Mrs. Ron Allen (town historians) for a successful open house which was held during the prior weekend.

Mr. Forrence suggests that the board e-mail specific questions for discussion at the scheduled workshops with Carolyn Tetrault to either he or she to allow her to prepare for the workshop.

Mr. Covell informs members that he has given a contract with Charter Communications for Mr. Biggs for his review. He encourages board members to review this document and forward their concerns to Mr. Biggs also.

Mr. Timmons states that the Water Transmission Upgrade project has been completed. He then informs the board that the project with the Water Filtration Plant will begin Monday.

Mr. Forrence again suggests that board members send any recommendations for change or discussion regarding the OWB law to Mr. Biggs.

Mr. Glushko hands out a new position duty form for the position of Confidential Secretary to the Board by the Clinton County Department of Personnel. He states that the board is requesting that this position is Civil Service Exempt.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Forrence authorizing Mr. Glushko to sign the “New Position for Confidential Secretary to the Board” form and return to the Clinton County Department of Personnel. Ayes 5 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

Board members then discuss the timeline for accepting applications. A deadline of December 5, 2008 is decided upon and Mrs. Flynn agrees to make the change with the Press.

Mrs. Flynn informs members that the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, sponsored by the Youth Commission is scheduled for this Saturday at 6:30 PM

Motion by Mr. Covell, seconded by Mr. Powers to pass resolution #08.11.24-2; approving the minutes from the November 3, 2008 meeting. Ayes 5 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

Motion by Mr. Covell, seconded by Mr. Powers to pass resolution #08.11.24-3; approving the minutes from the November 10, 2008 meeting. Ayes 5 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to pass resolution #08.11.24-4; approving the minutes from the November 18, 2008 meeting. Ayes 5 Nays 0 **Motion**

Carried

Motion by Mr. Forrence, seconded by Mr. McDonald to pay the bills, abstract dated 11.24.2008, in the amount of \$202,768.78.

Discussion. Mr. Powers refers to a specific concerns regarding payments that he is not in agreement with. Board suggests that policies are reviewed and discussed.

Roll Call: Mr. Powers-No Mr. Forrence-Yes Mr. McDonald-Yes
Mr. Glushko-Yes Mr. Covell-Yes **Motion**

Carried

Motion by Mr. Forrence, seconded by Mr. Glushko to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 PM.
Ayes 5 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

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