

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday, August 24, 2009 at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Tom Powers, Councilman; Mr. Pete Glushko, Councilman; Mr. Brandy McDonald, Councilman; Mr. Don Biggs, Town Attorney; and Mrs. Kathleen Flynn, Town Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 Pm by Mr. Glushko, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Powers to pass resolution #09.08.24-1; approving the minutes of the August 10, 2009 Regular Meeting. Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to pass resolution #09.08.24-2; approving the minutes of the August 3, 2009 Emergency Meeting. Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Community Input

Bill Stanley- Addresses the board regarding property on North Bend Street. He states that he believes that his property rights have been violated. He refers to problems with dogs, a rat infestation; and now the increasing number of plastic containers filled with debris. He is requesting that the town board urge the Zoning officer to look into this matter.

Cortland Forrence- Mr. Forrence read a prepared statement regarding the importance of passing a budget for 2010. He stated that the budget is the foundation for the board and the department heads, and lists several reasons why he believes that it is essential that the board move forward with appointments (Councilor and Supervisor positions).

Henrietta Mastic- Mrs. Mastic hand delivered paperwork to the board from an attorney which she has hired to represent her regarding her request for the Town Of Peru to acknowledge the Mud Pond Road as a town road.

Bob Manchester- Mr. Manchester addresses the board regarding his prior status on the Zoning Board and believes that there was an issue with that road in the past.

Update on Water/Sewer Rates- Mr. Biggs states that he still is waiting for information from the engineer. There are two small revisions that need to be done and he has not heard back from Mr. LaBombard.

Communication from O'Connell and Aronowitz- Mr. Powers refers to a question/comment made at the last meeting regarding certain council members not receiving certain e-mails. Mr. Powers then refers to a package that was delivered to the Town Hall, addressed to Mr. Glushko, and Mr. McDonald. This package was from O'Connell and Aronowitz office. Mr. Powers did not receive one. Mr. Biggs explains that it was in regard to the Workplace Violence Protection Policy. Mr. Biggs explains to Mr. Powers that the board appointed the three of them to work on this policy, which is why Mr. Powers was not included. Mr. Powers asks if he can have the paperwork that was provided to the other two councilor's and Mr. Biggs agrees to provide him with the information.

Water/Sewer Rates- Mr. Powers informs members that he has met with Mr. Timmons several times regarding the above. He presents the board members with proposed Water/Sewer rate increases for their information and consideration. Mr. Powers also states that there are no real recommended changes to the Valcour Sewer rates as of yet.

Filling Vacant Town Council and Supervisor Seat- Mr. Powers refers to an e-mail that Mr. Biggs sent (regarding establishing the Office of a Deputy Supervisor) and states that he believes it would be beneficial for the board to put a Deputy Supervisor back into place. Mr. Biggs informs members that he believes that this would enable the board to begin the budget process. Mr. Powers then offers a motion to re-establish the Office of Deputy Supervisor.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to pass resolution #09.08.24-3;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town Of Peru desires to establish the Office of Deputy Supervisor pursuant to its authority under 42 of the Town Law' now therefore it is

RESOLVED, that there shall exist in the Town Of Peru the Office of Deputy Supervisor and that any person appointed to fill the office shall be vested with the authority granted by Town Law 42

Roll Call: Mr. Powers-Yes Mr. Glushko-Yes Mr. McDonald-Yes
Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Glushko, seconded by Mr. McDonald, to pass resolution #09.08.24-4; appointing Mr. George Coon to the vacant seat on the Town Board.

Roll Call: Mr. Powers-No Mr. Glushko-Yes Mr. McDonald-Yes
Motion Failed

Motion by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Glushko to pass resolution #09.08.24-5; appointing Mr. Jim Douglas to the vacant seat on the Town Board.

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

Failed

Motion by Mr. Glushko, seconded by Mr. Powers to table items 9 & 10. Ayes 3 Nays 0
Motion

Carried

Filling Vacant positions on the Town Planning Board-

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to pass resolution #09.08.24-6; appointing Mr. John Kanoza open alternate position for the Planning Board effective immediately, with an expiration date of 12/31/2015. Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to pass resolution #09.08.24-7; appointing Ms. Adele Douglas to the open alternate position for the Planning Board effective immediately, with an expiration date of 12/31/2014. Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Public Sector Human Resource Consultants, LLC presentation. Mr. Powers informs members that he attended a seminar and states that he would like the company to come and give a brief presentation to the board regarding the above.

Motion by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Powers authorizing Mr. Powers to contact the Public Sector Human Resource Consultants to set up a brief (15 minute) presentation during a regular town board meeting. Ayes 3 Nays 0
Motion Carried

To erect four-way stop signs at the corner of the Dashnaw and Laphams Mills Roads. Mr. McDonald states that due to the recent accident which occurred at this site, he has contacted various neighbors and they are very much in favor of installing a four way Stop. The following resolution was offered.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to pass resolution #09.08.24-8;

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to create a four way stop intersection at the intersection of Dashnaw and Lapham Mills roads pursuant to its authority under vehicle and Traffic Law 1660; and

WHEREAS stop signs are currently in place on Dashnaw Road, controlling both lanes and directions of travel, at its intersection with Lapham Mills Road; it is now

RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Town Highway Superintendent erect or cause to be erected stop signs controlling both lanes and directions of travel on Lapham Mills Road at its intersection with Dashnaw Road; and it is further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Town Highway Superintendent erect or cause to be erected any other signage necessary to advise traffic that the intersection of Dashnaw and Lapham Mills Roads is controlled by a four way stop.

Roll Call: Mr. Powers-Yes Mr. Glushko-Yes Mr. McDonald-Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. McDonald also stated that there is a possibility that there will be additional lighting at this intersection.

Spitfire Drive drainage easement- Mr. McDonald informs members that he and Mike Farrell were down at Spitfire drive where there is a pending drainage problem. Mr. Farrell states that the easement does not run down to the lake. Mr. Farrell will continue to investigate this issue and will keep the board informed.

Other Business-

Mrs. Douglass provided the board with information pertaining to the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program grant.

Mr. Powers informs members that DOT will be visiting the School Street area regarding the potential sidewalks.

Mr. Powers informs members that he tracked down Mr. Covel's computer. He presented it to the board.

Public Comments on Agenda items.

Fred Hoffman asks if the statute of limitations has expired which would give Bob Duquette return rights to the board.

Fred Hoffman also states that the town law book states that the deadline for the Supervisor to present a tentative budget to the town board is November 20th, which is 17 days after the general election.

Kregg Bruno specifically asks Mr. Powers how he thinks the board will come to an agreement on a deputy supervisor when they have not been able to agree on anything else.

Roger Bonner addresses the board stating that the people on the town board did not create this situation, but he believes that it is their responsibility to fix it. He then asks if one town board member cannot attend a meeting, what would happen. Mr. Biggs explains that the town government would cease.

Jim Reid- Addresses the board regarding the statement made by Mr. McDonald that he cannot attend the next meeting. Members decide to reschedule the next meeting to Thursday September 17th.

Bill Stanley states that he has been on the School Board for a number of years, and asks if it is possible to sign a waiver if an emergency arises, to allow the town government to continue.

Nancy Long informs members that the Deputy Supervisor position needs to be approved by Civil Service.

Christa Sorrell reminds all department heads to pay close attention to their budget and their needs to allow for assistance in the budget process.

Garret Mastic refers to the previous Deputy Supervisor which was appointed by Mr. Covel (who was elected) Mr. Mastic believes that the town board eliminated the

position because they did not like Mr. Covel's choice and that was not right. He states that he believes that they should have had a back up plan.

Fred Hoffman states that he is sick of the "beat up on Tom campaign". He asks the board what is wrong with Jim Falvo.

Laurie Wetzel specifically asks Mr. Powers what he has against George Coon. She states that she feels that Mr. Powers owes the community a reason.

Bill Stanley states that he has been on split boards many times and never brought it out to the public. He refers to the town board problem as "public gridlock".

Motion by Mr. Glushko, seconded by Mr. McDonald to set a date of Thursday September 17, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Ayes 3 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to approve the bills in the amount of \$382,157.42. Ayes 3 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

Motion by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Powers to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:02 PM. Ayes 3 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

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