

The regular meeting of the Town Of Peru, Town Board was held on Monday, November 9, 2009 at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Cortland Forrence, Deputy Supervisor; Mr. Tom Powers, Councilman; Mr. Brandy McDonald, Councilman; Mr. Pete Glushko, Councilman; Mr. Don Biggs, Town Attorney; and Mrs. Kathleen Flynn, Town Clerk..

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Mr. Forrence, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Approval of minutes for the October 26, 2009 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Town.***

*Discussion-* Mr. Powers specifically ask's Mrs. Flynn to add the words "neighborhood watch" into his comments about Cabbage night.

***Motion*** by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to pass resolution #09.11.09-1; approving the minutes from the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, with the requested addition. Ayes 3 Nays 0  
***Motion Carried***

***Community Input-*** None

Mr. Forrence congratulates the winners of the recent election and thanks everyone that was involved.

***Reports from all departments.***

***Motion*** by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to accept the monthly reports from all departments, excluding Dog (which is not included). Ayes 3 Nays 0  
***Motion Carried***

Mr. Forrence and Mr. Glushko discuss speaking with the Dog Control Officer regarding her report. Mr. Glushko agrees to speak with her.

***Approval of "Safe Route to School Contract"***

***Motion*** by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to pass resolution #09.11.09-2;

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Department of Transportation has submitted a proposed STANDARD Federal-Aid Highway and Marchiselli – Aid Local Project Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement"), and

**WHEREAS** the Town Board wishes to pursue grant funding for purposes of the construction of a sidewalk on the west side of School Street from State Route 22B to Woodland Drive, including crosswalks and signs (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS** it is necessary for the Town of Peru to enter into the Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation in order to obtain funding for the Project through the Safe Routes to School program; and

**WHEREAS**, the attorney for the Town has reviewed the proposed Agreement for legal sufficiency; now, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Town accepts the STANDARD Federal-Aid Highway and Marchiselli – Aid Local Project Agreement and authorizes the Deputy Town Supervisor to sign the same on behalf of the Town of Peru.

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

***Motion Carried***

***Changes to the 2010 Preliminary Budget.***

Mr. Forrence refers to three changes in the Preliminary Budget.

1. Moving \$500.00 from the Deputy Town Clerk line to Town Clerk expense.

2. Add \$10,000.00 to health insurance (in case the insurance quotes come in higher than anticipated).
3. Using \$50,000.00 of the fund balance to offset the tax rate. New tax rate for General will go from \$2.07 to \$1.97. Mr. Forrence also states that assessment for the Peru Fire Department is slightly different from the town, which changed the tax rate to \$1.30.

Mr. Forrence informs members that the document is ready to be approved with the above mentioned changes and the board is in agreement with what is presented.

Mr. Glushko specifically asks if the board would like to address Mr. Blaine's request. Mr. Powers responds that he is not prepared to make a change and Mr. McDonald states that Water and Sewer had concerns also. They agree that they do not want to make any more changes.

**Motion** by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Glushko to pass resolution #09.11.09-3;

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Peru has prepared a preliminary budget; and

**WHEREAS**, a properly noticed public hearing was held on the preliminary budget on November 5, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, three amendments to the preliminary budget were proposed:

1. \$500.00 added to line A.1410.02, town clerk equipment, for a total of \$1,500.00 (page 3);
2. \$10,000.00 added to health care line A.9060.08 for a total of \$115,000.00 (page 6); and
3. \$50,000.00 added to line A.0000.0599 appropriated funds from fund balance for a total of \$74,000 (page 1);

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby

**RESOLVED** that the Preliminary Budget, as amended above, is hereby approved and adopted as the 2010 budget for the Town of Peru.

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

**Motion** by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Glushko to revise the agenda moving item 9 to 11A. Ayes 3 Nays 0  
**Motion Carried**

**Other Business**

Mike Farrell informs members and acknowledges Scott Houser and Bryan Duprey for putting the fuel tank in a containment system, and Rob Wright and Scott Houser for hooking up the natural gas to the break room and installing the conversion for the addition to the Highway Garage.

Mr. Forrence refers to information that Mike Farrell brought forward to him pertaining to the bridge project. Mr. Farrell says that the County will allow the town to use (the town's) gravel, which will save a substantial amount of money.

Mr. Powers refers to the Water/Sewer expansion on the Bear Swamp Road. He requests Mr. Biggs to prepare a resolution to allow for this project to move forward for the next meeting.

Mr. Forrence says that he has had conversations with Pam regarding potential painting inside the town hall (before the carpet is installed), and a potential dropped ceiling. He encourages members to think about the options.

Mr. Forrence also says that he spoke with Tim Monahan from T.D. Banknorth regarding the various bank accounts that the town has. He suggests that the new

board meets with him in December discussing interest rates and other issues that may arise regarding all of the different accounts.

Mr. Forrence also says that he spoke to Judy Layhee from the Clinton County Board of Elections regarding certification of the election. She told Mr. Forrence that the election will become certified @ 25 days after the election. Mr. Forrence states that the board of elections will send a letter.

**Public Comments-**

Don McBrayer- requests copies of all reports. He also questions the board about whether or not they have ever thought of the possibility of purchasing or building a new town hall.

**Motion** by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:29 PM to go into executive session to discuss litigation and personnel issues. Ayes 3 Nays 0

**Motion**

**Carried**

**Motion** by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Glushko to return to the regular meeting at 7:48 PM. Ayes 3 Nays 0

**Motion Carried**

Mr. Forrence again suggests that the board members think about the options of painting versus a dropped ceiling within the town hall. Mr. Powers states that he believes that another quote should be obtained as the two that they have are from two individuals that have recently won elections within the town. Members agree that another quote should be obtained.

**Motion** by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Glushko to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM. Ayes 3 Nays 0

**Motion Carried**

_____	<b>Deputy Supervisor</b>	_____	<b>Councilman</b>
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_____	<b>Town Clerk</b>		