

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday, November 23, 2009 at the Peru Town Hall. Those present were Mr. Pete Glushko, Councilman; Mr. Tom Powers, Councilman; Mr. Brandy McDonald, Councilman; Mr. Don Biggs, Town Attorney; and Mrs. Kathleen Flynn, Town Clerk.

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

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to pass resolution #09.11.23-1; approving the minutes from the Public Hearing on November 5, 2009. Ayes 3 Nays 0
Motion

Carried

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to pass resolution #09.11.23-2; approving the minutes from the regular meeting on November 9, 2009. Ayes 3 Nays 0
Motion Carried

Community Input- None

Set date for Employee Handbook Workshop

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to set a date of December 10, 2009 at 6:30 PM to hold a workshop on the Employee Handbook. Ayes 3 Nays 0
Motion Carried

Update on Health Insurance pricing

Mr. Glushko informs members that Mr. Forrence spoke to Clark/Forster regarding health insurance. Mr. Forrence informed Mr. Glushko that the current plan that the town has; got a 35% requested rate increase. Mr. Glushko says that the board is going to have to look at other options and would like to schedule a workshop and a possible Special meeting concerning the above.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to schedule a workshop on November 30, 2009 at 6:30 PM, to discuss health care.

Discussion- Mr. Powers asks who will be attending the meeting. He states that he would like to have the current health care provider there. Mr. McDonald specifically asks if a decision needs to be made by December 15th. Members are not sure.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald requesting Mr. Forrence to call a Special Meeting for 7:00 PM on December 3, 2009 for Health Care Issues Only. Ayes 3 Nays 0
Motion Carried

Mr. Powers states that he would like someone to remind Mr. Forrence to make sure the vendors are in attendance.

Discussion date for IT person interviews.

Mr. Glushko informs members that Gabrielle Giroux (IT person) has given notice to the Town that she will not be seeking employment with the town in 2010. Members discuss advertisement requirements (for a new IT person) and days for the ad to run. Mr. Glushko and Mrs. Flynn will speak to Ms. Giroux regarding the job requirements, and the board requests that the ad (in the newspaper) run for five consecutive days, with a deadline of December 11, 2009.

Update on SPDES invoicing.

Mr. Timmons briefs the board regarding the SPDES permit (discharge permit for the sewage treatment plant), which is paid once a year. This fee is usually \$1,875.00, but according to a letter received from the state, Mr. Timmons reports that the fee had been increased to \$7,500.00. After many telephone calls and research, Mr. Timmons was informed that municipalities were exempt this year. However, he reports that the fee will be increasing in the future (as much as \$3,500.00). Mr. Timmons admits that the invoices for the town are very confusing, but all paperwork is in order. Information provided this evening is for future budget information. There is no action required for tonight.

Decision on ceiling work.

Mr. Powers informs members that he will not support a suspended ceiling. He supports painting. Mr. McDonald agrees to have it cleaned up. Mr. Glushko informs Mr. Bruno that due to he and Mr. Kirby recently winning elections in the Town Of Peru, he see's it as a conflict of interest to have them working for the town. Councilman discuss other options and agree to obtain two more quotes for painting.

Approval of Tom LaBombard's contract for District Extension.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to pass resolution #09.11.23-3;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Peru (hereinafter referred to as the "Town") has been discussing the possibility of the Town extending the Peru Water District in the Town of Peru, County of Clinton, and State of New York (hereinafter referred to as the "Water District"), in the area in and around Bear Swamp Road; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that in order to properly proceed with the consideration of the extension of said Water District that the Town Board must retain engineering services for the preparation of a Map, Plan and Report regarding the proposed extension of the Water District; and

WHEREAS, said proposal is to include the preparation of a general plan to establish the necessary facilities as well as the proposed boundaries of the proposed Water District, an inventory of any existing facilities, and estimates for annual operation and maintenance costs, and district delineation and boundary maps; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that in order to properly proceed with the Map, Plan and Report it will be necessary to retain the services of an engineering firm; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that it is now necessary to formally retain Thomas P. LaBombard, PE, for the submittal of the necessary Map, Plan, and Report for the extension of said Water District.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Peru does subject to permissive referendum, hereby authorize and direct Thomas P. LaBombard PE to prepare and submit a Map, Plan and Report for the establishment of the proposed Water District Extension, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of One Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$1,400.00) is appropriated from the General Fund for this purpose.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to pass resolution #09.11.23-4;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Peru (hereinafter referred to as the "Town") has been discussing the possibility of the Town extending the Peru Sewer District in the Town of Peru, County of Clinton, and State of New York (hereinafter referred to as the "Sewer District"), in the area in and around Bear Swamp Road; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that in order to properly proceed with the consideration of the extension of said Sewer District that the Town Board must retain engineering services for the preparation of a Map, Plan and Report regarding the proposed extension of the Sewer District; and

WHEREAS, said proposal is to include the preparation of a general plan to establish the necessary facilities as well as the proposed boundaries of the proposed Sewer District, an inventory of any existing facilities, and estimates for annual operation and maintenance costs, and district delineation and boundary maps; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that in order to properly proceed with the Map, Plan and Report it will be necessary to retain the services of an engineering firm; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that it is now necessary to formally retain Thomas P. LaBombard, PE, for the submittal of the necessary Map, Plan, and Report for the extension of said Sewer District.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Peru does subject to permissive referendum, hereby authorize and direct Thomas P. LaBombard PE to prepare and submit a Map, Plan and Report for the establishment of the proposed Sewer District Extension, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of One Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$1,400.00) is appropriated from the General Fund for this purpose.

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

Motion Carried

2010 Training School for newly elected officials.

Mr. Glushko refers to training for newly elected town officials which will take place in Albany in early January. Mr. Glushko encourages new members to review material and let Pam Barber know if they will be attending.

Removal of Paul Green and Holly Heller Ross from the Committee to Implement the Comprehensive Plan (at their request); approval to add Don McBrayer to the same committee.

Members discuss that they have not seen anything in writing regarding Mr. Green and Ms Ross's request to be removed from this committee. Mr. Biggs agrees that the board should have something in writing regarding this.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to add Don McBrayer to the Comprehensive Planning Committee through 2010. Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald requesting something either verbal to a board member or in writing to members of the board regarding their request for removal from the Comprehensive Planning Committee. Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Other Business

Mr. Powers refers to negative balances that need to be transferred before the end of the year. Mr. Glushko agrees and has states that he has already been discussing this with department heads.

Mr. McDonald refers to varying speed limit signs- specifically on Route 22 and 22B. He notes that the speed limits are different depending on whether you are entering or exiting the township. Mr. McDonald states that these speed limits are determined by the State, not the town.

Mr. Glushko welcomes back Town Historian, Ron Allen. Mr. Allen recently has had a hip replacement and is recovering well.

Mr. Glushko also refers to NYSDOT approving the request for reduction of speed in Quaker Springs to 35 MPH. He then states that the Strackville road reduction request has not been approved.

The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled for Friday December 3rd at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Glushko refers to information regarding questions and answers on the construction of Route 98. He informs members that the informational packets will be remain on the counter of the town hall.

Carpet installation will take place on December 3rd.

Mrs. Flynn informs members that she has attended two meetings in the past week regarding providing tax information for the Town Of Peru through the internet. The County is supportive of this and is encouraging towns to move in this direction. This service will allow citizens to view their tax bills on line. Because this is public information, many towns are now providing this service. This will allow citizens, banks, real estate brokers, and the County to access information without taking time to call the municipalities. Mrs. Flynn also informs members that she would like to be able to offer tax payers to pay on line. She hopes to have this service available for 2011. Board members offer their support for this transition.

Mr. Glushko states that the town hall will be closed the day after Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Flynn refers to a request made last year to acknowledge two New York State Wrestling Champions. She also referred to Larry Ewald recently announcing his retirement from coaching Football. Mr. McDonald then refers to Lisa Gonyo, Cortland Forrence and Pete Keenan. Mrs. Flynn states that perhaps a committee should be formed to honor these individuals.

Public Comments

Mr. Roger Bonner questions the legality of not hiring Jim Kirby as a contractor to complete town work. He states that Mr. Kirby will not be making financial decisions and does not see the conflict. Mr. Biggs states that perhaps there is something in the code of Ethics.

Mr. Ryan asks for clarification on the 35% increase in Health Care. Mr. Powers assists Mr. Ryan with this.

Don McBrayer offers to place the information regarding the town hall being closed on the town web site.

Motion by Mr. Glushko, seconded by Mr. Powers to approve the bills in the amount of \$205,655.88 on abstract dated November 20, 2009. Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 P.M. Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion Carried

_____ ***Councilman*** _____ ***Councilman***

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