

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday, March 23, 2009 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; Mr. Don Biggs, Town Attorney; and Mrs. Kathleen Flynn, Town Clerk.

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

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Glushko to pass resolution #09.03.23-1; accepting the minutes from the February 23, 2009 regular meeting. Ayes 4 Nays 0 Abstain-Mr. Forrence **Motion Carried**

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Forrence to pass resolution #09.03.23-2; accepting the minutes from the Public Hearing on Open Burning on March 9, 2009. Ayes 3 Nays 0 Abstain, Mr. Covell, and Mr. McDonald **Motion Carried**

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Forrence to pass resolution #09.03.23-3; accepting the minutes from the regular meeting on March 9, 2009. Ayes 3 Nays 0 Abstain, Mr. Covell, and Mr. McDonald **Motion Carried**

Community Input

John Ryan- Asks what the difference is between “absent” and “excused”. Mr. Ryan indicates that he believes that someone should be listed as “excused” if they are not in attendance of a meeting because of other town related business. An “absence” in his opinion would be other reasons.

Curtis Latremore- Addresses the town board regarding the sealed insurance bids that are being presented this evening. He thanks the board for the time that they have put in regarding this matter and respectfully requests that the board considers *only* the changes made on these policies that they (the board) had requested. Mr. Latremore believes that this will allow for a level playing field.

Rick Healey- Asks the board if the sidewalks that have been discussed in the past, will be running on his property.

Town’s Liability Insurance-

Mr. Powers opens two bids regarding the above. One is from Northern Insurance for a total of \$57,657.00. The second bid is from Latremore’s Insurance in the amount of \$54,999.06.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Covell to pass resolution #09.03.23-4; awarding the quote of \$54,999.06 to Latremore’s Insurance Agency for the Town Of Peru’s liability Insurance coverage, which may change slightly due to the possibility of adding one more vehicle.

Discussion

Mr. Forrence states that the Town Of Peru has worked with Northern Insurance for over 19 years. He believes that they are familiar with the town and have served them well. Mr. Forrence does not see a large enough savings to change insurance carriers.

Mr. Powers indicates that he feels that his loyalty is to the taxpayers, not insurance companies.

Mr. Covell refers to the lower quote this year compared to last for substantially the same coverage.

Mr. McDonald compliments the way that Latremore’s presented their proposal. He then states that he did not understand that they were to vote on this matter immediately and would like to have more time to research this matter and compare specific quotes.

Mr. Forrence specifically asks Mr. Latremore what towns he represents.

Mr. Covel states that he will not be here for the rest of the week.

Mr. Glushko refers to a hurried decision that the board made on insurance in the past and regrets it. Mr. Glushko also would like more time to review.

Roll Call: Mr. Powers-Yes Mr. Forrence-No Mr. McDonald-No
Mr. Glushko-Abstain Mr. Covel-No **Motion Carried**

Members discuss to have a Special meeting on March 30, 2009 at 6:30 PM to make a decision on the above.

Water District Expansion

Mr. Powers states that all members agree that the water district needs expanding.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Forrence to obtain an estimate from Thomas Labombard for the cost of preparing a map plan regarding a potential water district expansion. Ayes 5 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

Oath of Office Update.

Mrs. Flynn informs members that the Zoning members have completed their oath's of office and that there are two members on the Planning Board that still need to complete their oath.

NYS DOT Undertaking Resolution.

Mr. Biggs states that he would like to speak with the insurance companies regarding the above before action is taken.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Forrence to table this resolution and place on the next agenda. Ayes 5 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

Library Update.

Mr. Glushko suggests a schedule of payments for the library.

Mr. Glushko also informs members that the board is invited to a "Social" at the library on May 1st, at 5:00 PM

Potential Community Clean Up Day

Mr. Powers informs members that he has again contacted the prisoners and they will be coming into the Town Of Peru to assist in various odd jobs. Mr. Powers says that they will be coming at a minimum of two days per month.

The board also talks about various ideas of cleaning up the community and also contacting various other civic groups to allow the town to work together.

Potential Town wide yard Sale

Mr. Covel wants to bring this idea forward. Members agree that this is a very nice idea, as various other communities do this.

Mr. Forrence agrees to contact other towns to find out when they do this.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to amend the agenda moving items 13 and 15 to 17A- Executive Session. Ayes 5 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

Update-2009 Summer Concert Series Schedule.

Pam Barbers presented the Summer Concert Schedule to the board and is asking if she can release to the public. Mr. McDonald commends Ms. Barber and asks her to contact the Fire Department to allow them to advertise on the board.

Other Business

Members request that Mrs. Flynn advertise a workshop on the revised OWB local law that Mr. Biggs presented to the board members. The workshop will be scheduled following the Special Meeting on Monday March 30th.

Mr. Biggs gave Mr. Covell two contracts for Engineering Ventures for his signature.

Mr. Powers informs members that Mr. Mitchell is still interested in buying the town property.

Mr. McDonald refers to various street signs and houses getting hit with paint ball guns.

Mr. Forrence informs members that he contacted the Post Office regarding the P.O. Box. Mr. Forrence states that the forwarding address lasts for one year. He states that after 18 months the post office no longer will place the yellow sticker on the mail that is incorrectly addressed. Members discuss if it would be wise to re-open the P.O. Box for a cost of a little over \$100.00 per year, and also keep the mail delivery.

Members discuss how certain individuals have lost their license over this issue and it seems to be creating problems.

Mr. Forrence agrees to discuss this issue with the Court System.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Healy informs members that he is licensed to sell insurance in the State of New York and that a \$17,000.00 lower bid in an insurance quote seems to show that prior quotes were excessive.

Mr. Healy also likes the idea of a community clean up. He also would like to see an opportunity to get rid of paint and other misc. items.

Mr. Healy informs and thanks board members for making contact with the Code Enforcement Officer regarding the abandoned house on School Street. Mr. Blaine visited the site.

Mr. Healy also states his concern regarding the speed of motorists on School Street, and Pleasant Street, specifically when school departs. Mr. Healy is fearful that someone will be killed.

**Mr. Farrell states that he will be speaking to Mr. Newton at Peru Central School regarding the motorists coming to and from School.*

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Covell to pass resolution #09.03.23-5;

WHEREAS, The Town Board wishes to rename a portion of a street within the Town of

Peru which is currently named Winding Brook Road,

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that a portion of the street that is currently named Winding Brook Road, which was conveyed to the Town from Roy R. Bedard by deed dated November 27, 2007 and recorded in the Clinton County Clerk's Office on January 7, 2008, is hereby renamed Bloomfield Drive; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the portion of the street that is currently named Winding Brook Road that will be renamed Bloomfield Drive is described as follows:

From a point in the easterly bounds of New York State 22B and traveling easterly a distance of approximately 363 feet to the beginning of a curve concave to the northwest said curve having a distance of approximately 174 feet and thence in a northerly direction and traveling a distance of approximately 700 feet to its terminus as depicted on a subdivision map filed in the Clinton County Clerk's Office on December 19, 2007 bearing instrument number 2007-00212051; and it is further

RESOLVED that the portion of the street currently named Winding Brook Road that extends from Maiden Lane to Bloomfield Drive (as described herein) shall remain named Winding Brook Road; and it is further

RESOLVED that within ten (10) days of the passage of this resolution the Town Clerk shall notify the Board of Assessors, Town Planning Board, the Clinton County Clerk and the United States Post Office of this name change.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Covell to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:40 PM to discuss possible litigation, the town website and employment history of a particular individual. Ayes 5 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

Motion by Mr. Covell, seconded by Mr. Powers to return to the regular meeting at 9:16 PM. Ayes 5 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald; under the request and recommendation of the Highway Superintendent, that the town creates a second foreman for the Town Highway Department at the rate of pay already established by Civil Service.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Covell appointing Mr. Rob Wright, under the recommendation from the Highway Superintendent, as a second foreman to the Highway Department at the rate of pay already established by Civil Service law.

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

Carried

**Mr. Forrence announces that he will be vacating his position as councilor sometime this year. He states that he has not formally handed in his resignation as of yet, but plans to do so sometime this year.*

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Forrence to approve the payment of the bills, abstract dated March 20, 2009 in the amount of \$176,698.39. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Motion

Carried

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 PM. Ayes 5 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

_____ **Supervisor** _____ **Councilman**

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