

The regular meeting of the Peru Town Board was held on Monday, April 27, 2009. Those in attendance were Mr. Don Covel, Supervisor; Mr. Tom Powers, Councilman; Mr. McDonald, Councilman; Mr. Glushko, Councilman; and Mrs. Kathleen Flynn, Town Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mr. Covel, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Covel requests that Mr. Forrence, Councilman; and Mr. Biggs, Town Attorney are listed as absent.

Approval of the minutes from April 6, 2009.

Mr. Covel refers to a resolution pertaining to appropriating funds to expand the Water District. Mr. Powers agrees that this was not written correctly and should read Water/Sewer throughout and that the money should come from the Water/Sewer fund, not the General fund. Mrs. Flynn indicates that she had copied and pasted the resolution from Mr. Biggs.

Mr. Powers states that there is a sentence in the third paragraph is redundant. Mrs. Flynn apologizes and agrees to remove it.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to pass resolution #09.04.27-1; approving the minutes from the April 6, 2009 meeting. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Motion

Carried

Community Input and Questions.

Melving Desrocher- submits a letter pertaining to his neighbor on the Nelson Road playing loud music for long periods of time and deep into the night. He has contacted the State Police numerous times and have been told (by them) that this is a town issue. The letter also has numerous signatures from other neighbors.

Bob Cronin- Refers to the anticipated resignation of Cortland Forrence. Mr. Cronin would like to publicly thank him for his time that he put into for the town. Mr. Cronin then specifically asks that the board recommends a replacement that is best for the town, not best for a political party.

Mike Farrell- presents a calendar of work that he has completed for the month of March.

Craig Schmitt- Urges the board to support the best, qualified candidate, regardless of party affiliation.

Ed Schiffler- Requests that the board advertise for the position and conduct public interviews.

Standardization of the Neptune Readers and Components for efficiency.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to pass resolution #09.04.27-2;

WHEREAS, In order to establish standardization in equipment within the Town of Peru's Water District, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Peru will only purchase Neptune water meters for installation with the water district.

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

Carried

Approval to go to bid for Neptune meters

**No resolution available.*

Motion by Mr. Glushko, seconded by Mr. Powers to table the approval to go out to bid for Neptune meters. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Discussion. Mr. Covel states that he and Mr. Timmons would like to have the water meters installed by August 1, 2009. Mr. Powers states that he spoke with Adel Douglas regarding possible grant opportunities regarding this topic.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald authorizing Adel Douglas to continue to research this matter and to place this on the agenda for action at the next meeting. Ayes 4 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

Set a date for a Public Hearing to amend the OWB law.

Motion by Mr. Glushko, seconded by Mr. Powers to table setting a date for the Public Hearing to amend the OWB law. Ayes 4 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**
**Request that this is on the next agenda*

Water District Expansion

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to rescind resolution 09.04.06-3; as it was not advertised in a timely manner, and members agree that the wording was incorrect. Ayes 4 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to pass resolution #09.04.27-3;
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 and Sewer District”), to include the entire Bedard Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that in order to properly proceed with the consideration of the extension of said Water and Sewer District that the Town Board, acting on behalf of the proposed Water and Sewer District, must retain engineering services for the preparation of a Map, Plan and Report regarding the proposed extension of the Water/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 Water/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 Water and 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 Water and Sewer District Extension, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (1,700.00) is appropriated from the Water/Sewer Funds for this purpose.

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

Approval of the lowest bidder on the Peru Sludge Storage Facility.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Covel to pass resolution #09.04.27-4;
WHEREAS, In order to preserve and protect the best interest of town funds regarding a capital project, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Peru has awarded the contract for the Peru Sludge Storage Facility to Leon Blair Construction Company for the amount of \$79,954.00 (Seventy-nine thousand nine hundred and fifty-four dollars).

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

Carried

Per request of the Clinton County Treasurer's Office –Addition of \$1.00 penalty on tax bills

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Covell to pass resolution #09.04.27-5; Authorizing the implementation of a \$1.00 penalty charge added to the second notice mailed annually to property owners in the Town of Peru.

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

Carried

Acceptance of resignation from board member Cortland Forrence.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to accept the resignation of Mr. Cortland Forrence, effective immediately. Ayes 4 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald requesting that anyone interesting in applying for the vacated town board position by Mr. Cortland Forrence to submit a letter of interest to the Town Supervisor's Office staff by Friday, May 8, 2009, to allow the current board to review the letters on hand. Ayes 4 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

Motion by Mr. Covell, seconded by Mr. Powers requesting Mrs. Flynn to contact the Board of Elections and make any necessary contacts as advised. Ayes 4 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

Little Ausable Park retaining wall on sidewalk

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Covell authorizing the withdrawal not to exceed \$2,000.00 **for materials only** from the sidewalk fund, for the purposes of holding up the retaining wall. Ayes 4 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

Little Ausable Park Pond- Test bed of rock bank

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Glushko to table the motion to approve the creation of a "rock bank" at Little Ausable Park. Ayes 4 Nays 0 **Motion Carried**

****Next agenda***

Update of Town Historian, Ron Allen regarding the Champlain Quadricentennial 400

Mr. Ron Allen presented the town with a certificate designating the Town Of Peru as an official quadricentennial community for their active support.

Mr. Allen also presented official pins for town officials. Mr. Allen referred to two new landmarks that have been obtained and installed with the Town Of Peru limits.

Lastly, Mr. Allen presents the Town Of Peru pin designed by Co-historian Carol Allen and presented them for all to see.

Other Business

Mrs. Flynn refers to the resignation of Cortland Forrence as a tremendous loss. She refers to many of the positive personality traits that he brought to the table as a town board member and states that she is very sad to see him leave.

Mr. Powers reports that he attended two seminars last week.

Mr. Powers also reports that he has obtained 160 free labor hours with prisoners this past month.

Mr. Powers referred to the sidewalk project and indicates that he will be attending a meeting regarding this.

Mr. Covel referred to a letter that he wrote to the DEC requesting the state assume a right of way across private land to the state land.

Mr. Glushko refers to the Library Social which is scheduled for Friday May 1, 2009 at 5:00 PM. He states that all board members are invited to attend.

Mr. McDonald refers to the resignation of Mr. Forrence. He states that he welcomed Mr. McDonald to the board, offering him assistance and never attempting to persuade him regarding making any decisions.

Community Input

Mr. Schmitt specifically asks the board if they will be making the resume's of the candidates available to the public.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. McDonald to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:32 PM to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Motion

Carried

Motion by Mr. Covel, seconded by Mr. Powers to return to the regular meeting at 8:38 PM. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Glushko to pay the bills in the amount of \$185,295.46, abstract dated April 24, 2009. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Covel to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. Yes 4 Nays 0

Motion Carried

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

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