

**Town of Peru
Municipal Office
Select Board Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2022**

PRESENT: Jess Carrier, Katie Lawrence, Arthur Clifford, Gail Belyea, Patrick Houghton, Jason Dolloff, Dan Carrier Jr., Lyndzi Doloff, Brad Hutchings, Rick Vaughn, Tyler McDonald, Stephen & Brittany Papierz

1. Minutes:

a. Minutes of the November 28, 2022, Selectboard Meeting:

- ***Gail made a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 28, 2022, Select Board Meeting. Arthur seconded the motion. 4-0, Jason abstained.***

2. Town Officials/Appointed Committee Members/Board Reports:

a. Fire Chief, Dan Carrier

- Dan presented the Board with a copy of the Cost Recovery Program Policy. General discussion ensued.
– ***Arthur made a motion to allow the Fire Department to move forward with Cost Recovery Program. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.***
- Dan requested the Board to approve and sign off on the Fire Department receiving as a donation extrication tools which were purchased by and with funds raised from the Peru Fireman's Association.
– ***Patrick made a motion to approve the Fire Department receiving donation of extrication tools from the Peru Fireman's Association. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.***
- Contract for the new firetruck has been signed. Down payment of 10% for truck portion equals \$13,750. Erik Designs will be doing the lettering. Delivery time is estimated at 45-60 days.
- Dan will be applying for AFG grant after the first of the year, has received one quote estimate of \$135,720 for 30 sets of gear. General discussion ensued.

3. Action Items:

- a. ***Arthur made a motion to approve abatement request from tax assessor in the amount of \$348.28 for Paul Holland for unapplied veteran exemption in 2020, 2021, and 2022. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.***

4. Requests from individuals/entities to meet with the board:

- a. Stephen Papierz presented his resume and military discharge papers to the Board, interested in Animal Control Officer position. He currently serves as ACO for Mexico and backup ACO for Rumford, is pending phase 1 & 2 training. General discussion was had, with emphasis on need for ACO to be communicative with Board members, as well as willing to work with the kennel/shelter the Town of Peru contracts with.
 - ***Arthur made a motion to hire Stephen Papierz as Animal Control Officer. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.***

5. Select Board Business:

a. New Business:

- MEMIC/Worker's Comp rates:

- ***Arthur made a motion to table discussion of MEMIC to meeting next Monday, December 12, 2022. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.***
- Town Office parking lot: General discussion was had regarding pros and cons of allowing big trucks to utilize Town Office parking lot.
 - ***Arthur made a motion to have the road department remove the “no tractor trailers” sign that is currently in the parking lot. Patrick seconded the motion. All in favor.***
- b. Old Business:
 - Worthley Pond spring: Wayne bleached and flushed spring the beginning of last week. Darrin is giving it a full week for bleach to clear before re-testing.
 - McKennel’s bill: Gail shared with the Board the conversation she had with Marsha. The bill amount of \$160 includes 2 days of shelter, 2 hours of labor, and mileage to and from Lewiston. General discussion ensued, with consensus of Board being that Robert Briggs and/or the Tarr’s are more responsible for McKennel’s bill than the town is.
 - ***Arthur made a motion to send a letter to McKennel’s Animal Adoption Agency denying town responsibility for the \$160 bill dated November 17, 2022. Patrick seconded the motion. All in favor.***
 - Personnel Policy: Members of the road crew worked with the Selectboard on re-wording some of the articles in the personnel policy that was updated in October.
 - ***Jason tabled further discussion of personnel policy until updated draft is complete. Patrick seconded the motion. All in favor.***
 - Porta potty: Gail shared that she had contacted Orr’s in Farmington and was told their rate is still \$95/month. Consensus of Board was to pause conversation regarding porta potty, pending more information regarding Winterfest and ice skating rink.

Public Participation:

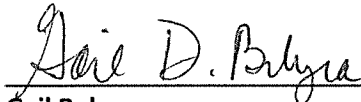
The Town of Peru Ordinance “OPEN TO THE PUBLIC” Sessions enacted by the townspeople on January 19, 2013, is in full force and effect. There will be one “Open to the Public” segment near the end of the Board meeting. This segment is limited to twenty minutes, to allow for the public to ask questions, make comments or express concerns during that portion of the meeting. The Board may or may not respond at that time. Complaints or criticism regarding any Town employee should be put in writing and directed to the Department Head or Chairperson of the Board. The Board will not engage in any discussion of an employee, Town Official or Citizen without that person first having adequate knowledge and having the right to be present at such a meeting and be accurately represented. Copies of the Ordinance are available by the sign-up sheet in the hall or from the Secretary.

Select Board Meeting

Monday, December 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

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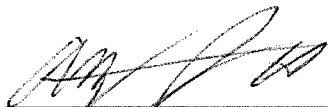
- Gail made a motion to go into Public Participation at 7:57 p.m. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.
- Patrick made a motion to come out of Public Participation at 7:58 p.m. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.
- Gail made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.

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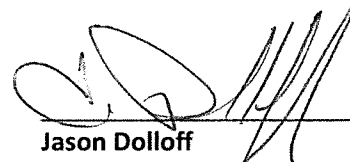
Gail Belyea Date
Selectboard Chair

 12/12/22

Kathryn Lawrence Date
Selectboard Vice Chair

 12-12-22

Arthur Clifford Date

 12-12-22

Jason Dolloff Date

 12/12/22

Patrick Houghton Date