

**Town of Peru  
Municipal Office  
Select Board Meeting Minutes  
December 12, 2022**

PRESENT: Jess Carrier, Katie Lawrence, Arthur Clifford, Gail Belyea, Patrick Houghton, Jason Dolloff, Dan Carrier Jr., Lyndzi Doloff, Brad Hutchings, Warren MacFawn

1. Minutes:

a. Minutes of the December 5, 2022, Selectboard Meeting:

- ***Arthur made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2022, Select Board Meeting. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.***

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

a. Road Commissioner, Brad Hutchings

- Trailer is done, water tank ready for frozen culverts.
- Dirigo Wireless coming Thursday to program radios with new repeater tower.
- Hired a grant-writing company to submit paperwork for grants for Sicotte Road and culvert on Dickvale Road; awards are usually not granted until January timeframe.
- Brad mentioned the poor condition of the roof at the historical society building. Arthur stated he will go look at it.

b. Fire Chief, Dan Carrier Jr.

- Will obtain copy of signed Select Board Minutes from December 5, 2022, to send on to and finalize process with Cost Recovery Program.
- Dan invited Select Board members to tour the fire stations. The consensus of the Board is to plan doing so as a workshop.

c. Committee Reports

- Rec: Katie shared communication received from Nicole Bambrick regarding Winterfest and plan for skating rink. General discussion ensued.
  - ***Gail made a motion to table further discussion of Winterfest and skating rink until the Board has received input from Tina Courtway. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.***

3. Action Items:

- a. ***Arthur made a motion to appoint Stephen Papierz as Animal Control Officer. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.***
- b. ***Katie made a motion to approve homestead exemption for Andrew & Cathleen Arsenault. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.***

4. Incoming Correspondence:

- a. ***Arthur made a motion to approve worker's comp renewal with MEMIC. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.***

5. Select Board Business:
  - a. Old Business:
    - McKennel letter:
      - **Jason made a motion to send letter as written, with signatures of all Select board members, to McKennel's Animal Adoption Agency and await response. Katie seconded the motion. General discussion ensued. Vote 2-2, Arthur abstained.**
      - **Gail made a motion to pay McKennel's Animal Adoption Agency the full \$160 bill, and to send Robert Briggs a letter terminating the business relationship between him and the Town of Peru effective October 15, 2022. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.**
    - Personnel policy:
      - **Arthur made a motion to table further discussion of personnel policy until next meeting, after Board members have had time to review changes. Patrick seconded the motion. All in favor.**
    - Revaluation contract:
      - **Katie made a motion to ask Earle Wingate to review current draft of revaluation contract. Patrick seconded the motion. All in favor.**
6. Warrant #12, 12/12/2022
  - a. Payroll Warrant #12 in the amount of \$10,365.40.
    - **Arthur made a motion to approve Payroll Warrant #12 in the amount of \$10,365.40. Jason seconded the motion. Vote 4-1, Gail opposed.**
  - b. Accounts Payable Warrant #12 in the amount of \$187,591.09.
    - **Arthur made a motion to approve Accounts Payable Warrant #12 in the amount of \$187,591.09. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.**
7. Public Participation
  - a. **Patrick made a motion to go into Public Participation at 7:35 p.m. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.**
    - Warren read a letter to the Board seeking support in restoring Lufkin Road to pre-ATV conditions, by ending ATV access to tarred roads. General discussion ensued. Warren will measure Lufkin Road with an inclinometer to see if it may fall under the protection of the Natural Resources Ordinance.
  - b. **Patrick made a motion to come out of Public Participation at 7:59 p.m. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.**
8. Adjournment
  - a. **Gail made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.**

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 from the Secretary.

**Select Board Meeting**

**Monday, December 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.**

Gail D. Belyea 12-19-22  
Date  
Gail Belyea  
Selectboard Chair

Kathryn Lawrence 12-19-22  
Date  
Kathryn Lawrence  
Selectboard Vice Chair

Arthur Clifford 12-19-22  
Date  
Arthur Clifford

Jason Dolloff 12-19-22  
Date  
Jason Dolloff

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Patrick Houghton                      Date