

**Town of Peru
Municipal Office
Select Board Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2023**

PRESENT: Katie Lawrence, Arthur Clifford, Jason Dolloff, Patrick Houghton, Gail Belyea, Jess Carrier, Brad Hutchings, Dan Carrier Jr, Joe Kerr, Don Roach, Tammi Lyons, Jackie Child

NOTE: There was no Select Board meeting February 20, 2023.

1. Minutes:

a. Minutes of the February 13, 2023, Selectboard Meeting:

- Gail made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 13, 2023, Select Board Meeting. Arthur seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, Katie abstained.

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

a. Road Commissioner, Brad Hutchings

- The two new trucks from Vermont have not been paid for yet. The second truck purchased was supposed to come with plow lights and wing plow setup, and has neither; it is not being used currently. Brad states he has had discussion with company regarding fulfillment of agreement and payment will be made when trucks are complete as purchased.
- Cleanup has been fully completed and \$12,800 bill has been received. Clay gave the check from metal back to the town, is not looking for payment of services provided until insurance money is received.
- Town crew is not using a garage currently. Any work needing to be done on vehicles is being done at the garage site/salt shed.
- General discussion was had regarding tools that have been and need to be purchased. Basic tools that are used every day were purchased almost immediately; those were paid for out of voted surplus monies. Brad purchased an air compressor today as it was last day of sale, paid \$3,180 versus \$7,381; states if there is not enough money left in voted surplus monies to cover cost, he would have to take it out of LRAP or spring budget, though he does not want to have to take money out of his normal budget for expenses related to fire. Possible purchase of a Conex box for tool storage was discussed.

3. Action Items:

a. Tax Supplemental – Brooks Investment & Development, LLC

- Arthur made a motion to approve the tax supplement in the amount of \$331.74 for Brooks Investment & Development, LLC. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.

4. Select Board Business:

a. New Business:

- Budget Discussions: Gail proposed to the Board meeting weekly and including budget talks during warrant weeks. Consensus of other Board members was to wait and see how the workshop following current meeting went and to discuss potential change at next week's meeting.

- Winterfest 2024: General discussion was had regarding Rec involvement in the next Winterfest, as well as proposed skating rink. Jess will send a letter to OFCU regarding their specific donation for ice skating rink.
- Town Garage:
 - Insurance Update: Katie shared that she has personally spoken with the insurance company and been told that payout for the vehicles should be this week, with building and then content checks to follow.
 - Next special meeting for spending funds: Katie proposed to hold town meeting on March 27, 2023. General discussion was had regarding if meeting is needed, what for specifically and when by.
 - i. Arthur made a motion to table further discussion regarding town meeting. Patrick seconded the motion. All in favor.*

b. Old Business:

- Building Committee:
 - General discussion was had regarding citizens who have expressed interested in being part of the building committee and the selection process for same. MMA cautions the Board to be careful who is on the committee without vetting them first, to avoid conflict of interest.
 - i. Jason made a motion to have letters sent to those interested, request them to come to the next meeting for discussion with the Select Board. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.*
 - General discussion was had regarding the expected role of the building committee and what guidelines should maybe be put in place.
 - i. Gail made a motion to not have a policy for the building committee. Arthur seconded the motion. Vote 4-1, Katie opposed.*
 - Katie shared information regarding potential grants which may be available for the new garage, depending on its functionality/use.
 - i. Arthur made a motion to table further discussion of grants available until building committee is established. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.*

5. Warrant #17, 02/20/2023:

- a. Payroll Warrant #17 in the amount of \$11,330.23.
 - *Arthur made a motion to approve Payroll Warrant #17 in the amount of \$11,330.23. Katie seconded the motion. Vote 3-0, Patrick and Jason abstained.*
- b. Accounts Payable Warrant #17 in the amount of \$59,759.67.
 - *Arthur made a motion to approve Payroll Warrant #17 in the amount of \$59,759.67. Katie seconded the motion. Vote 3-0, Patrick and Jason abstained.*

6. Public Participation:

- a. Gail made a motion to enter public participation at 7:35 pm. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.*
- b. Gail made a motion to come out of public participation at 7:36 pm. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.*

7. Adjournment:

- a. Gail made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm. Arthur 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, March 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Gail D. Belyea 3-6-23
Gail Belyea Date

Kathryn Lawrence 3-6-23
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Arthur Clifford 3-6-23
Arthur Clifford Date

Jason Dolloff 3-6-23
Jason Dolloff Date

Patrick Houghton Date