

**Town of Peru - Municipal Office**  
**Select Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 24, 2023**

PRESENT: Arthur Clifford, Patrick Houghton, Gail Belyea, Jason Dolloff, Katie Lawrence, Jess Carrier, Jim Belyea, Dan Carrier Jr., Jackie Child, Cliff Thurston

1. Minutes:

a. Minutes of the April 17, 2023, Selectboard Meeting:

- ***Arthur made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 17, 2023, Select Board Meeting. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.***

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

- a. Building Committee, Cliff Thurston: Plans for new garage have been sent to engineer for review. If any changes need to be made, new plans will need to be drawn up. General discussion was had regarding putting jobs out to bid versus potential of keeping with local companies, the need for a general contractor, the purchase of materials, etc. Consensus of the Board was to keep the Building Committee as involved as possible through the rebuilding process.

3. Select Board Business:

a. New Business:

- General discussion was had regarding this year's Spirit of America Award.
  - ***Gail made a motion to nominate Dave Gammon & Family for the 2023 Spirit of America Award. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.***
- General discussion was had regarding the vacancy of ACO position.
  - ***Arthur made a motion to post in the newspaper and on the town website for Animal Control Officer position. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.***
- General discussion was had regarding damaged trees on town property. Todd Piper will begin cleanup of town grounds soon. Jason will reach out to Region 9 Forestry program to see if they would be interested in cutting down dead/dying trees; Pat will reach out to Alan Chartier for the same.
- Gail shared with the Board communication she received from Lisa Keim's office with an offer to assist in procuring the purchase of the borrowed state truck. Consensus of the Board was to have Brad continue any negotiation discussions.
- ***Gail made a motion to approve secretary's vacation May 17, 2023, through May 24, 2023. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.***

b. Old Business:

- General discussion was had regarding setting due dates for bids of foreclosure properties.
  - ***Katie made a motion for bids of foreclosure properties to be opened on July 10, 2023, at 5:30 pm. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.***

- Office maintenance
  - General discussion was had regarding the findings of the septic inspection. The Board would like further clarification from the LPI regarding code for risers. Jess will contact Dave for the same, as well as recommendations on who might do the needed repairs.
  - General discussion was had regarding the two estimates received for town office security cameras.
    - a. Jason made a motion to hire River Valley Information Technology to install a visual security system at the town office building. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.**
  - General discussion was had regarding refinishing town office floors versus removing and resurfacing. There has been some difficulty finding companies willing to refinish them; Arthur is still awaiting callback from a couple companies. Jason has spoken with his boss, who will be coming in this week to see about removing the tiles.
    - a. Katie made a motion to table refinishing versus removing floors at the town office to the new year, i.e., January 2024. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.**
- Katie shared that after further conversation with the insurance company, any claims over amounts covered in sub-policies will be covered under the blanket insurance policy. In reference to replacement costs of old garage, the insurance company is currently reviewing the building estimates that have been sent in.
- Katie shared with the Board a draft version of an attendance policy which she wrote up, in hopes of encouraging open communication between active departments/committees and the Board. General discussion was had regarding the same. Katie will make changes as discussed, then re-present to the Board.

4. Public Participation:

- a. Gail made a motion to enter Public Participation at 8:04 pm. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.**
  - Discussions included the construction beginning on Route 108, and Dave Gammon putting trailer at town office to collect bottles for Carl Haines and his family.
- b. Arthur made a motion to come out of Public Participation at 8:09 pm. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.**

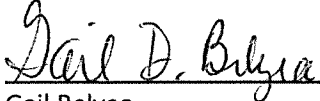
5. Adjournment:

- a. Patrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 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.

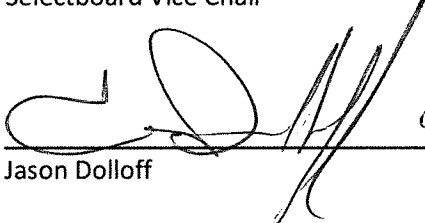
**Select Board Meeting**

**Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6:00 pm**

 5-1-2023  
Gail Belyea Date  
Selectboard Chair

 5-1-23  
Kathryn Lawrence Date  
Selectboard Vice Chair

 5-1-2023  
Arthur Clifford Date

 5-1-23  
Jason Dolloff Date

 5/1/23  
Patrick Houghton Date