

Town of Peru
Municipal Office
Select Board Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2023

PRESENT: Jess Carrier, Jason Dolloff, Katie Lawrence, Arthur Clifford, Gail Belyea, Patrick Houghton, Angel Clifford, Dan Carrier Jr, Jackie Child, Jim Belyea, Norman DeRoche Jr, Mark Thompson, Derrick Vaughn, Cliff Thurston, Bill Hussey, Kathy Hussey

1. Minutes:

a. Minutes of the April 24, 2023, Selectboard Meeting:

- Gail made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 24, 2023, Select Board Meeting. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

a. Fire Chief, Dan Carrier

- Fire Department was busy today with flooding issues; road commissioner is aware.
- Dan did not have a chance today to call for an update on the new firetruck. Deb has been in communication with the bank, is waiting on a response.

b. Building Committee

- Members of the Building Committee were present to discuss with the Board the best approach for hiring contractors to build new garage. Without hiring an engineer to create detailed drawings for septic, plumbing, etc., there would not be a level playing field for bids. Building Committee members would like to approach specific licensed and insured contractors with whom they are familiar, have these contractors sit down with the Building Committee to discuss plans, and then ask the contractors what their cost for the work discussed would be. General discussion was had regarding the same, and also that a building contractor is the biggest struggle at this point.
 - Katie made a motion to allow the Building Committee to directly contact contractors without the bidding process, and come back to the Board with their first choices. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.
 - Arthur made a motion for Jess to fill out the building permit for the new garage, and for Gail to sign it on behalf of the Selectboard. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.

3. Action Items:

- a. Gail made a motion to accept and sign the County Commissioners assessor's return. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.
- b. Arthur made a motion to approve and sign a letter of support for Community Concepts. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.
- c. Arthur made a motion to hold the informational meeting for June ballot on May 10, 2023, at 6:00 pm at Dirigo Elementary School. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.
- d. Patrick made a motion to accept the updated attendance policy. Katie seconded the motion. After discussion, vote was 2-3 with Gail, Patrick, and Arthur opposed.

4. Select Board Business:

a. New Business:

- General discussion was had regarding 457 retirement plan for employees. PERS representative will be contacted about coming in to discuss the details with the Board.
 - Arthur made a motion to table further discussion of 457 retirement plan to next week. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.

b. Old Business:

- Gail shared that she was unable to reach Dave Gammon directly, but she was able to speak with Brenda regarding Dave and the family being selected for the Spirit of America award. Consensus of the Board is to wait another week to hear response before considering a different citizen.
- Office maintenance:
 - No estimates have been received yet for septic repairs.
 - Pro-Flooring quote, and what their process for refinishing the floors would be, was discussed. Jason shared that his boss had come in on Friday and we should be receiving an estimate from him for removing the tiles and asbestos. General discussion was had. Consensus of the Board is to pursue having the floors re-polished.
 - a. Arthur made a motion to accept the quote provided by Pro-Flooring and move forward with having the floors repolished. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.
 - Pat shared that he had spoken with Alan Chartier regarding tree removal along ballfield. Alan gave a verbal quote of \$1,500; Pat will ask for a written quote, for discussion next week.
 - General discussion was had regarding the playground and practices starting. Orr's will be contacted about a porta potty, with funds to be taken from the Rec account.
- Insurance updates:
 - Katie shared that Dan at insurance company has all the final numbers to submit to his higher ups, including for historical building siding and reimbursement for fire department response. Pat shared that Jim Cole's labor & materials estimate for the historical society siding is \$3,500.
 - After general discussion, consensus of the Board is to have the secretary work with insurance company for annual renewals and submitting inventories.

5. Warrant #22, 05/01/2023

a. Payroll Warrant #22 in the amount of \$9,079.60.

- Arthur made a motion to approve Payroll Warrant #22 in the amount of \$9,079.60. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.

b. Accounts Payable Warrant #22 in the amount of \$12,899.27.

- Arthur made a motion to approve Accounts Payable Warrant #22 in the amount of \$12,899.27. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.

6. Public Participation:

a. Gail made a motion to go into Public Participation at 8:11 p.m. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.

- Kathy read a letter regarding her concerns about the upcoming fire and road department budgets, the current fire chief's management of the fire department, and the grants which Bill has gotten approved for the town over the years. General discussion was had regarding the meeting room needing to be cleaned.

b. Arthur made a motion to come out of Public Participation at 8:29 p.m. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.

7. Adjournment

a. Gail made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. 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 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Gail D. Belyea 5-8-2023
Gail Belyea Date
Chair

[Signature] 5-8-23
Kathryn Lawrence Date
Vice Chair

Arthur Clifford Date

[Signature] 5-8-23
Jason Dolloff Date

[Signature] 5/8/23
Patrick Houghton Date