

TOWN OF PERU SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 5, 2024

PRESENT: Gail Belyea (scribe), Dan Carrier, Arthur Clifford, Jason Dolloff, Patrick Houghton, Brad Hutchings, Joe Kerr, Kathryn Lawrence, Rick Vaughn.

Board approved January 22, 2024, meeting minutes, 4-0. Pat abstained (absence).

ELECTED OFFICIALS/BOARD. COMMITTEE REPORTS: **Road commissioner** Brad reported that the red six-wheeler's oil leak is not fixed yet.

FEMA application for the May storm is almost finished; now he is processing paperwork for the December rain/windstorm, estimating those damages at about \$60,000.

He has not heard from ATG regarding inspection stickers.

Fire chief Dan touched on topics such as disability insurance; dollar requirements for retirement plan; Bureau of Labor Statistics audit upcoming; 12-hour forest fire training. He urged selectmen to attend elected officials' NIMS virtual training on either 2/14 or 2/28.

The board asked informal questions about the fire department 24-25 budget.

Engines 11 and 13 need pump repairs. He bought 2.5-inch speed bumps in 6-foot sections.

Jason motioned, Gail seconded, to allow Dan to purchase a Kyocera printer for \$1200, with two payments to be paid from the fire department's 23-24 budget (\$212.00 each), and the remainder to be paid in full in July from the 24-25 budget. Vote 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Arthur motioned, Gail seconded, to pay O'Connor Chevrolet \$485.00 from the summer roads account, for alterations to the new 3500 truck. Vote 5-0.

L-2 temporary structure updates: Mike from L-2 spent eight hours in the lift last weekend, repairing four seams on the ridge cap, and installing weather stripping over the truck door (though it seems there is still a three-inch opening left).

Katie motioned, Arthur seconded, to accept the LPI contract, second draft. Vote 5-0. Gail will contact LPI Dave Errington regarding signing it.

Jason has no information on proposed tree trimming behind the central fire station.

Town garage building committee met earlier this evening; they have not finished the RFP.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board will meet with Brad and Debbie on February 12 to discuss the garage-fire ledger, and with Brad for roads 24-25 budget. The board will meet with Dan for his 24-25 budget on February 19.

Board took no action on "no parking" signs on Dolloff Street

ROUNDTABLE:

Katie is waiting to hear from the insurance company regarding the second half of the temp shelter: Electrical Contractor; heater; and January's and February's rent.

Arthur motioned, Katie seconded, to extend the solar ordinance moratorium for another 180 days (to August 14, 2024). Vote was 5-0.

Tabled the December 4, 2023, board meeting minutes.

Debbie's memo "Reply to 3-month Operating question of January 22, 2024" will be forwarded to the finance committee.

Arthur motioned, Pat seconded, to accept payroll warrant #16 in the amount of \$13,533.21. The vote was 3-2, Gail and Jason opposed.

Katie motioned, Arthur seconded, to accept accounts payable warrant #16 in the amount of \$214,119.01, excepting G-1-1060-55 (general fire account). The vote was 3-2, Arthur and Pat opposed.

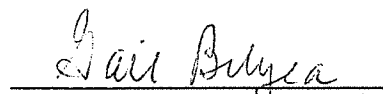
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Arthur motioned at 9:33 p.m. to enter public participation, Jason seconded. Vote 5-0. No public participation. Arthur motioned at 9:34 p.m. to exit public participation, Jason seconded. Vote was 5-0.

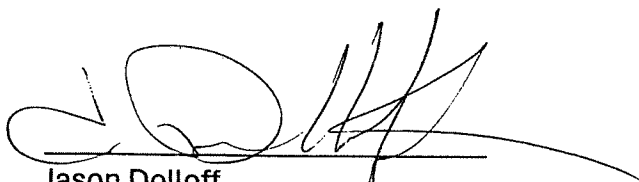
ADJOURN: Pat motioned at 9:34 p.m., Jason seconded, to adjourn. Vote was 5-0.



Arthur Clifford, Chair




Gail Belyea, Vice Chair



Jason Dolloff



Patrick Houghton



Kathryn Lawrence