

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Town Meeting Room 3 EAST MAIN RD
Monday, January 10 2022 @ 6:00 PM

Call to order

1. Roll Call
2. State recording status
3. Pledge Alliance to the Flag
4. Review and Approve BOS Meeting Minutes for 12-27-21
5. Update of Departments.
6. Discussion and Possible vote to approve Utility Appraisal contract with George E. Sansoucy, P.E., LLC
7. Discussion and possible vote on contract with RRG.
8. Discussion and Possible vote to temporary appoint Kathie Boucher to School District Member Town Agreement ADHOC Advisory Committee.
9. Discussion and review Town Administrator applicants
10. Discussion and review public records request received 12-30-21.
11. Public Input
12. Review and Approve accounts payable, Treasury Warrant and Payroll Warrant.
11. Adjourn

The list of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Board which may be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Official posting: Peru Town website: www.townofperuma.com ; Additional Postings at Town Hall Bulletin Board, & Town Hall office.

Posted by Kim Leach, Peru Town Clerk on 1-6-22 @ 5:30 PM

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SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES: January 10, 2022 6:00 P.M.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Verne Leach, Chair Selectman/ACO
Doug Haskins, Selectman/Finance Committee
Bruce Cullett, Selectman/Chief of Police
Terry Walker, Administrative Assistant
Jesse Pelkey-Fire Chief
Justin Russell-Highway Superintendent

Call to order: 6:00 P.M.

Item 1: Roll Call: Chairman Leach present, Selectman Cullett present, Selectman Haskins present

Item 2: State Recording status:

Item 3: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Led by Selectman Leach

Item 4: Review and Approve BOS Meeting Minutes for 12/27/2021 Leach motion to approve minutes pending changes Cullett second, unanimous vote 3-0

Item 5: Updates of Departments: Jesse Pelkey mentioned that DCR grant for \$6,000 needs to be notarized and will be submitted on Friday. Chief Pelkey has sufficient funds in his budget for the 50% match which is \$3,000. Berkshire Country Fire Chiefs Association/Mutual Aid Agreement documents were presented to the BOS. Pelkey wants to add Dumpster fee regarding house construction debris to next week's agenda also fire department permits with a \$40.00 flat fee. Leach agreed that the \$40.00 flat fee will be brought up at next week's meeting. Pelkey gave an update and the missing Generator was located at the Hinsdale Police Station. Chief Pelkey mentioned that he attended Narcan training with the police department and it was very successful. An invoice from Dufour for an \$80.00 truck inspection was mailed to the Fire Department and Pelkey said he believed it was for the Highway Dept. Pelkey also had information on a quote for permitting done online for the building, electrical, plumbing and fire dept. The fee for the module is \$4,000 with a \$2,000 per year upkeep. All tracking, drawings and permits are on file in this system and readily available. Pelkey forwarded email to Selectman Cullett.

Jesse Pelkey, Finance Committee member, questioned when budgets will be distributed to departments. Cullett questioned whether the town has a contract with RRG.

Highway Superintendent Russell, submitted invoices, payroll and title for the 350. One of the Highway Department employees is out with COVID and will be back soon. Maxymillian is working on the bridge on Skyline Trail. MassWorks contract has been submitted and has gone out to bid. Dog Complaint: ACO, Leach will stop over tomorrow and discuss why dogs are in the road. These dogs are constantly running in the road in front of town loader and trucks. ACO, Leach was asked how many times these dogs were cited. Leach believes this is the second time. Russell mentioned there is a problem with big International they have changed solenoid and the truck needs to be fixed. Russell mentioned that a lot of material is being used and he is low on salt and sand because of the icy conditions. Justin questioned if Treasurer had the loan for truck, since they had 1 month to pay for the truck. Leach mentioned that the Treasurer has COVID and will be back tomorrow.

Transfer Station: Leach-recused himself from the transfer station issue. The valves are getting stuck because of extreme cold temperatures. Russell mentioned that block heaters doesn't help with heating up 40 gallons of oil. The valves will be fixed.

Selectman Cullett-BOH Berkshire Health Alliance. 15,000 COVID tests kits will delivered in February. 500 boxes for Peru \$11.00 per box. Possibility that \$5,500.00 will be paid by the American Rescue Plan. One question is whether the state will be giving free tests.

Police Chief, Cullett mentioned that all officers are certified in Narcan.

Chief Cullett's Training: after Monday class the classes were cancelled for Tuesday and Wednesday because of COVID exposure. He will notify BOS when the classes will be rescheduled.

Paul Mark will be meeting on January 20th with Selectmen Cullett regarding broad band. Lauren Gaherty will be contacted regarding invoicing for Hazard Mitigation Grant and in-kind services need to be calculated.

Item 6: Discussion and Possible Vote to approve Utility Appraisal contract with George E. Sansoucy, P.E., LLC. Same contract as last year Cullett questioned if the BOS are signing for the Assessors. Leach motion to approve contract for Gerge E. Sansoucy, Cullett second, unanimous vote 3-0. BOS signed contract with Terry Walker, Administrative Assistant as a witness.

Item 7: Discussion and possible Vote on contract with RRG. Leach has invoice but not the contract

Item 8: Discussion and possible Vote to temporarily appoint Kathie Boucher to Regional Agreement ADHOC Advisory Committee. Leach motion to appoint Kathie Boucher to Regional ADHOC Advisory Committee, Cullett second unanimous 3-0

Item 9: Discussion and review Town Administrator applicants: Leach mentioned names will not be used. The candidates will be numbered.

Cullett stated after reviewing the advertisement in MMA candidate #2 and candidate #6 meet the basic requirements. Cullett would like to meet with #2 and #6 first then groups of 2. We will meet next Tuesday to interview two applicants. Cullett will set up interviews for applicant #2 and applicant #6.

Item 10: Discussion and review public records request received 12-30-21: Selectman Cullett will draft response to Mr. Coburn as follows:

I am writing on behalf of the Peru Board of Selectmen to respond to your public records request dated December 29, 2021. Please note that we must deny your request pursuant to Exemption C of the Massachusetts Public Records Law. The disclosure of personnel information you requested regarding a specifically named individual may constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and therefore is statutorily exempted. We trust the foregoing is sufficient for your purposes.

Item 11: Public Input: none

Item 12: Review and Approve accounts payable, Treasury Warrant, Payroll Warrant:

Town Clerk was asked if a birthday party could be held downstairs at the Community Center. BOS agreed downstairs can be used for a party, but the individuals must use masks and they cannot use gym.

Agenda for Tuesday, January 18th

RRG contract

Resumes #2 and #6 for TA Position

Berkshire County Fire Chiefs /Mutual Aid Agreement

BOS will vote on Fire Department permit fees

Minutes for 1/10/2022

Item 13: Adjourn: Leach made motion to adjourn the 1/10/2022 BOS Meeting, Cullett seconds. All agree Vote 3-0. The 01/10/2022 BOS Meeting adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

Articles used:

Warrant

Minutes from 12/27/2021

Contract for George E. Sansoucy, PE LLC

Town Administrator applications

Respectfully Submitted,
Terry Walker
Administrative Assistant

Verne Leach, Chairman



Doug Haskins, Selectman



Bruce Cullett, Selectman



Date Approved: 1-18-22

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JAN 18 2022
Kim Leach
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