

TOWN HALL 3 EAST MAIN ROAD PERU, MA 01235

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES: October 3, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.

Peru Community Center

Verne Leach, Chair Selectman/ACO

Bruce Cullett, Selectman/Police Chief

Doug Haskins, Selectman/Finance Committee

James Welch, Town Administrator

Justin Russell, Highway Superintendent

Public Attendees: Sam Haupt

Item 1: Call to order: 6:00 P.M.

Item 2: Roll Call: Chairman Leach present, Selectman Cullett present, Selectman Haskins present

Item 3: State Recording status: Selectman Leach for personal use and TA Welch

Item 4: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Led by Selectman Leach

Item 5: Review and Approve BOS Meeting Minutes for 09/26/2022

BOS Meeting Minutes for 9/26/22 were put on hold.

Item 6: Updates of Departments

Town Administrator- TA Welch gave an update on the Town Accountant position. TA Welch spoke with FRCOG who has a program that provides assistance to smaller towns to help them with their Accounting Services, unfortunately they are not in a position to take on new towns due to staffing challenges. FRCOG provided the name of Melanson Accounting Services as a possible vendor. TA Welch has contacted them and is awaiting response. TA Welch also reached out to Roselli and Clark and is awaiting a response. TA Welch gave an update on progress between Patriot Properties and Amy Davidson regarding getting acclimated with each other. Patriot Properties has requested preliminary information regarding Building Permits to help start the process of setting the Tax Rate. TA Welch provided an update on a quote from Henshaw Drilling regarding the Well behind the Fire Department. TA Welch also updated regarding the replacement of windows for the Fire Department Pumper vehicle. Sam Haupt asked questions on behalf of the Fire Department regarding the process with MIIA. Selectmen Cullett provide detail about how the process works with MIIA. Discussion ensued about clarifying the Henshaw quote, Selectmen Cullett agreed to contact Henshaw to clarify. TA Welch gave an update on the submission of a Grant Application to the State for \$100,000 to assist with bringing the Town Hall in compliance with ADA requirements.

Highway Department: Superintendent Russell gave an update regarding the State's scheduled walkthrough of Curtain Road property regarding Foresting of State owned property. He stated that the Department will start grading some of the gravel roads. He also stated that Cornell Lane is not in plowable condition. Garnett Mtn. Lane is in decent shape up to Paul Farmer's property, but past that area is not maintained and damages town equipment when plowing. He suggested sending a letter to residents of Cornell Lane advising them of the condition of the road. Supt. Russell inquired about the Fire/Water Proof safe that was delivered and where it should be placed? It was determined that due to the size and weight of the safe that it should be placed in the basement. Supt. Russell explained that due to the excessive weight, it would be difficult to put it on main floor. Supt. Russell will inquire about using a pallet jack to assist with moving it safely. Supt. Russell explained that the permits he received from Chief Pelkey for dumpsters and liquid in Highway Garage were inaccurate. TA Welch will follow up with Chief Pelkey about getting the proper information.

Item 7 : Discussion regarding purchase of Pay Loader for Highway Department:

Selectmen Leach began the discussion by pointing out that the quotes have been received Supt. Russell provided the following explanation of quotes through SourceWell as the following:

United Construction-John Deere- \$240,600 (Full Warranty -No Trade in)

Tyler Equipment -2017 VOLVO- \$109,100 (included \$28,000 trade in) no warranty

Tyler Equipment- 2022 VOLVO small- \$159,037 (\$28,000 trade in) full warranty

Tyler Equipment – 2022 VOLVO larger- \$183,837 (includes \$28,000 trade in) full warranty

C.N. Wood – 2022 Komatsu WA 270-8- \$190,236.77 (includes \$5,000 trade in) full warranty

Selectmen Leach, Selectmen Haskins and Selectmen Cullett inquired about specific charges for each quote.

Superintendent Russell stated that much of the detail on the quotes were standard equipment and that the dealers provide the information as a breakdown. Selectmen Cullett stated that he feels the quote for the VOLVO larger machine seems fair and Selectmen Haskins agreed. Selectmen Leach made a motion to purchase the VOLVO larger machine at the quoted price of \$159,037 through Tyler Equipment with Chapter 90 funds. Selectmen Cullett seconded. Vote was 3-0 in favor. Selectmen Haskins raised concern about renting a Pay Loader for 6 months. Supt. Russell stated that it would only be for 4 months, but re-iterated that it was necessary to have a Pay Loader for the winter months. He stated that the rental fee would be \$3,900/month to rent.

Item 8: Discussion and Possible vote to approve renewal of Used Car Dealer Permit for Ed Munch:

Selectmen Leach updated the Board that renewal could be Pro-rated for full year of '23 and the rest of '22 which would be a cost of \$62.50. Selectmen Cullett made a motion to approve the permit, at the pro-rated rate. Seconded by Selectmen Leach. Vote was 3-0 in favor.

Item 9: Discussion and Possible vote to appoint Sam Haupt as Peru's Representative to the Mohawk Trail Woodland Partnership: Selectmen Leach made a motion to approve the appointment of Sam Haupt to the MTWP. Seconded by Selectmen Cullett. Vote was 3-0 in favor.

Item 10: Discussion and Possible Vote to extend operations dates for the Transfer Station:

Selectmen Leach recused. Selectmen Cullett stated that he asked this to be placed on the agenda to have Wednesday's operation days to be extended through October. Selectmen Cullett made a motion, seconded by Selectmen Haskins. Vote was 2-0 in favor (Leach recused).

Item 11: Update and Discussion on Procurement Cards and Vendor Accounts:

TA Welch explained that there was no update at this time.

Item 12: Public Input:

N/A

Item 13: Approve Accounts Payable, Treasury Warrants, Payroll Warrants: All Warrants were reviewed and approved by Selectmen Leach, Cullett and Haskins.

Item 14: Adjourn:

Selectmen Leach made a motion to adjourn at 7:35pm, seconded by Selectmen Cullett. Vote was 3-0 in favor.

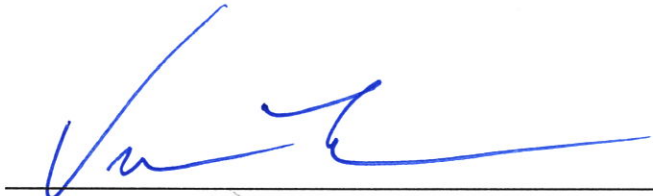
Articles used: Quotes for Pay Loader Purchase provided by United Construction, Tyler Equipment, and C.N. Wood. Appointment Paper, Sam Haupt MTWP, Dealer Permit Class II Ed Munch, Treasury, Payroll, Accts. Payable Warrants (V08-23).

Respectfully Submitted,

James Welch

Town Administrator

Verne Leach, Chairman



Doug Haskins, Selectman



Bruce Cullett, Selectman



Date Approved: 11-14-22