

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Tuesday September 6, 2022 @ 6PM

Peru Community Center

Verne Leach, Chair Selectman/ACO
Doug Haskins, Selectmen
James Welch, Town Administrator
Justin Russell, Highway Superintendent
Assistant Chief Dan Cawthron
Captain Logan Brooks

Public Attendees:

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

Item 2: Roll Call: Chairman Leach present, Doug Haskins present, Selectmen Cullett absent.

Item 3: State Recording status: James Welch Town Administrator, Verne Leach Selectmen

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

Item 5: Review and Approve BOS Meeting Minutes 08/29/2022: TA Welch updated the BOS that the 8/29/22 minutes were not available at this time.

Item 6: Updates of Departments: Highway Superintendent Russell updated the BOS regarding the progress on E. Windsor Road project. He stated that the project was moving along well and is hopeful paving would begin soon. He also gave an update regarding the Rte. 143 project that will be completed by MassDOT, he stated that he would be meeting with MassDOT officials this week and will have more information regarding the scope and timeline soon. He also updated the BOS about two quotes he received from vendors regarding the purchase of a new PayLoader for the Highway Department. Quote 1 from Tyler Equipment for 2017 VOLVO L70H including trade in of \$28,000 for our current PayLoader would be \$109,000. Quote 2 from Sourcwell via Tyler Equipment for a 2022 VOLVO L70H would be \$159,037 after the \$28,000 trade in. Supt. Russell has not seen the 2017 as of yet in person and stated the 2017 would not carry any of the warranties that a new machine would. He stated that Tyler Equipment would work with the Town to find a suitable rental machine to fill the gap between purchase time and delivery time should the Town decide to purchase a brand new PayLoader. Selectmen Leach asked if it was necessary to purchase that large of a machine. Superintendent Russell explained that the cost savings of purchasing a smaller machine would be negligible. Supt. Russell also informed the BOS that Kamatsu has only offered \$5,000 for a trade in value of our current machine and the price range would be similar to the cost of a new VOLVO. Kamatsu does not have any used machines in inventory at the time. Selectmen Haskins inquired about response from Camerota regarding the cost estimate for the fixing the current Kamatsu machine. Supt. Russell stated that Camerota would require the town to transport the machine to their yard which would cost \$2000-\$3000. Selectmen Leach suggested that this discussion be continued until all 3 BOS members are present before any decisions are made.

Captain Logan Brooks gave an update for the Fire Department. He stated that they are waiting for an update regarding the Well situation and that they expect to hear back this week regarding estimates. He also stated the Health Agent Fahey has been updated. Logan asked the BOS when the Fire Department fee structure would be updated on the town website. Chair Leach stated that the website would be updated soon. Logan provided an update to the BOS regarding the outstanding invoice from ESO regarding software upgrades for the Fire Department. He provided an email from ESO

that stated the Town of Peru was "on the hook" for the cost since Chief Pelkey had entered into a contract with ESO. TA Welch will inquire with ESO regarding the contract and explain that Chief Pelkey did not have the authority to enter into a contract without BOS approval. Chair Leach inquired about the automobile behind the Fire Station and if it was being used for training. He suggested that the training be done elsewhere since its current location is too close to the town playground. Logan agreed.

Town Administrator Welch updated the BOS regarding status open positions of Town Accountant and Primary Assessor. TA Welch informed the BOS that a second application was received today for the Town Accountant position. TA Welch gave an update on conversations he plans to have with accounting professionals to get suggestions on how to attract applicants.

Item 7 : Update and discussion on Town Issued Procurement Cards and Vendor Accounts.

TA Welch updated the BOS that he spoke with Treasurer Caryn Wendling and that she informed him that Adams Cooperative Bank plans to personally pick up the credit card application this week and would begin processing soon. TA Welch updated the BOS about the potential for setting up an Amazon Account for the Town of Peru. He stated that Treasurer Wendling plans to speak with Town Accountant Osborn to get background about setting up the account.

Item 8: Public Input: None

Item 9: Review and Approve Accounts Payable, Treasury Warrants and Payroll Warrant: Chair Leach and Selectmen Haskins proceeded to review and approve the Warrants.

Item 12: Adjourn: Selectman Leach made motion to adjourn the 09/06/2022 BOS Meeting, Selectman Haskins second, Vote 2-0. The 09/6/2022 BOS Meeting adjourned at 6:51 P.M.

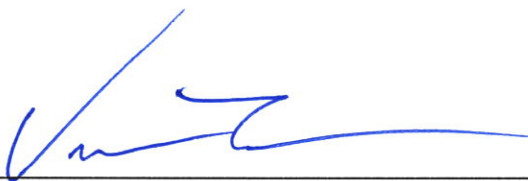
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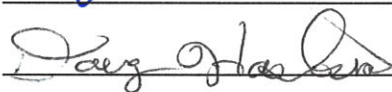
Respectfully Submitted,

James Welch
Town Administrator

Verne Leach, Chairman



Doug Haskins, Selectman



Bruce Cullett, Selectman

Date Approved: _____