**TOWN OF PERU**

Selectboard Meeting

April 5, 2023

**Present:** Jon Mowry, Chuck Black, Will Goodwin, Wayne Blanchard, Jim Henderson, Lisa Cronin, Mike Gayda, Barbara Petra

**Meeting Called to Order:** Jon called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Review/Approve Minutes:** John made a motion to approve last meeting; Chuck 2ND; all in favor; motion passed.

Jon made a motion to approve Town Meeting Minutes; Chuck 2nd; all in favor; motion passed.

**Request to Change Agenda:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Road Foreman Report:** Doing well with mud season. Trucks have had some issues which were handled by road crew. No major grading problems. Gravel for next year has been delivered by Chaves. Culvert was ordered for Little Michigan, delivery in 2 weeks. Ditching and stone placed over as a temporary fix. Town to replace culvert but will not be able to rebuild stone wall as it was. Wayne needs direction from Deb Hodis as to where the “blind signs” need to be placed. Jon will be contacting Pinnacle roofing again on schedule for Town Garage work.

**New Business**

**BCRC/Town Highways:** Jim Henderson presented Road Erosion Inventory Progress Report, Town Highway Ordinance, Environmental Program & Municipal Roads Permits (Clean Water Act) to the selectboard. He updated them on new regulations and guidelines to be followed. Jim and Wayne will be working on taking inventory of the status on all Town roads. Jim spoke about grant money that is available through the Grant and Aid Program. The Town will need to send a letter of intent to participate. Chuck will become the new contact/point person in taking advantage of any available funds and learn of new programs.

**Road Commissioner:** Chuck volunteered to become Road Commissioner. Jon made a motion to appoint Chuck Black as road commissioner; Chuck 2nd; all in favor; motion passed.

**Short Term Rental Ordinance:** Discussion ensured regarding the next steps for registration, enforcement, procedures for short-term rentals. Mike and Barbara will finalize forms, accounting procedures, mailings, and logistics for property owners to register with the Town. Jon made a motion to appoint Mike Gayda as Short-Term Rental Officer; Chuck 2nd; all in favor; motion passed.

**Proposed Work Town Center:** After reading the proposal from Keith Dewey, architect, the Selectboard decided that the scope for the project was much more than they wanted to do at this time. Barbara will contact Keith and have him scale down the project to just the downstair work to for storage space, humidity control (including lower vault) and reorganize closet space.

**New Computer for Lister/Assist. Clerk:** After review of quote from Silloway Networks, Jon made a motion to accept this quote; Chuck 2nd; all in favor; motion passed.

**Old Business**

**Advisory Committee Member:** At the present time, no one has come forward to act as the committee member for Peru on the Mountain Towns Regional Board. Being a member representing West River Sport, Jennie Freeman volunteered to report back to the Town of Peru until a permanent member can be found.

**Other Business:**

Excess weight permits for Cota & Cota, Hunter Excavating, Casella, Precast Concrete, and National Energy Control Services were reviewed. Jon made a motion to approve the excess weight permits; Chuck 2nd; all in favor; motion passed.

Liquor Licenses for LisaB, LLC and DenPros were reviewed. Jon made a motion to approve the licenses; Chuck 2nd; all in favor; motion passed.

**Review Bills/Approve Payments:** Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Petra

Assistant Clerk

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