

**APRIL 17, 2012
TOWN OF PIERREPONT
REGULAR MEETING**

The Town Board of the Town of Pierrepont held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at the Pierrepont Town Hall, commencing at 7:30 PM.

Present:	Supervisor	Thomas Latimer
	Councilman	John McIntosh
		Neil Thomas
		Roger Murray
		Dahl McCormick
	Town Clerk	Melanie Thomas
	Town Attorney	Charles Nash
	Highway Superintendent	Shawn Spellacy
	Assessor/Code Enf. Officer	Ike Guyette
	Historian	Barbara Daniels

Residents & Public:

Bill Mein	Hannawa Falls
Eileen Basham	Hannawa Falls
Mercy Spellacy	Pierrepont
Shirley Spellacy	Pierrepont

Supervisor Thomas Latimer called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by John McIntosh, to accept the minutes of the March 27, 2012 Regular Meeting, all in favor.

Motion by Neil Thomas, seconded by Roger Murray, to accept the Supervisor's Report for the month of March 2012 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Neil Thomas, to accept the Town Clerk's Report for the month of March 2012 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to accept the Justice's Report for the month of March 2012 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by John McIntosh, seconded by Roger Murray, to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Report as submitted (permits #9-12 through 13-12), all in favor.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, to accept the Assessor's Report for the month of March 2012 as submitted, all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter to Supervisor Latimer, from Karen Mousaw, Potsdam Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc., regarding renewal of agreement for ambulance service.

Letter to Local Leaders, from Laura Perry, Chair, St. Lawrence County Information Technology Advisory Board, regarding North Country Technology Symposium & IT Expo on May 23, 2012 at Clarkson University.

Letter to Supervisor Thomas Latimer, from Marlene Hallada, Community Mitigation Field Representative, Insurance Services Office, Inc., regarding building code effectiveness grading schedule.

Letter to elected representatives, from Laurie Demers, Board of Legislators, regarding Resolution #67-2012: Reinforcing Support for the Construction of the Interstate 98 Multi-Modal Corridor and Supporting Improvements to US Route 11 and to Give Priority to the Canton, Potsdam, & Gouverneur areas.

Letter to Community Leaders, from Lois New, NYS DEC Office of Climate Change, regarding survey to identify local government interest in acquiring renewable power systems.

Letter to Town Clerk Melanie Thomas, from Connie Fountain, St. Lawrence County Department of Highways, regarding speed limit request on Butternut Ridge Rd.

Letter to Municipal Officials, from Time Warner Cable, regarding agreements with programmers.

Letter to Supervisor Latimer, Town Clerk Melanie Thomas, and Code Enforcement Officer Ike Guyette, from Town Attorney Charles Nash, regarding Collins vs. Town of Pierrepont, et al. Settlement agreement.

Letter to Laurie Hance, from Brian Custer, President, NYMIR Division of Wright Risk, regarding an appraisal for our municipality.

Letter to Supervisor Latimer, from Town Attorney Charles Nash, regarding 2013 Mack Snowplow Truck.

Letter to Code Enforcement Officer Ike Guyette, from Town Attorney Charles Nash, regarding Collins vs. Town of Pierrepont.

Letter to Timothy Boldt, Esq., Ernstrom & Drete LLP, from Town Attorney Charles Nash, regarding Collins vs. Town of Pierrepont, et al.

Letter to Municipal Officials, from William Magnarelli, Committee on Local

Governments, and Andrew Hevesi, Committee on Oversight, Analysis and Investigation, regarding reporting requirements for local governments.

E-mail to Municipal Officials, from Denise Russell, St. Lawrence County Planning Office, regarding submission of comments on the Draft Regulations to Implement Provisions of Article 10.

NYMIR Handbook, March 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

We have received a request from the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators asking us to pass a resolution entitled “**Reinforcing Support for the Construction of the Interstate 98 Multi-Modal Corridor and Supporting Improvements to US Route 11 and to Give Priority to the Canton, Potsdam, and Gouverneur areas**”. After discussing, it was decided that the board would like to support improving US Route 11 only and not the construction of Interstate 98. The board believes that the economy is just too bad to support such a project.

Motion by John McIntosh, seconded by Dahl McCormick, all in favor, to adopt Resolution #II-2012: Supporting improvements to US Route 11, but not Interstate 98. (see attached).

We have received a petition from the residents of Buck Pond Rd. asking us to open their road up to ATVs. Also, the residents of Wilson Rd. and the Eells Rd. Have requested that their roads be opened up.

Councilman Dahl McCormick asked if we would be covered by insurance if we opened up all these roads. Supervisor Latimer stated that yes, he has spoken to our insurance agent and we would be covered. Councilman McCormick also asked if both ends of a road had to be connected to a trail system. Supervisor Latimer stated that it is true of the county trail system, but towns can do what they want.

Town Attorney Charles Nash recommended that if we plan on opening up some of our roads, then we should do them all at the same time and not a few at a time. The reason would be that it is expensive to publish the notices and the state may question why we are only doing a few at a time. It was decided to hold off a month to open any more roads so we can decide which ones to open.

OLD BUSINESS

The Teamsters contract issue has been settled. Supervisor Latimer has spoken with

Brian Hammond and the contract will remain the same as what was signed last fall.

We have heard that SLIC internet services will be ready by May 1st (but not TV or telephone services).

The lawsuit with Collins has been settled. There was no monetary settlement.

Regarding the request for a speed limit on Butternut Ridge Road, the county highway department needs a formal request if we want it. There was discussion. Dahl McCormick made a motion to pass the resolution, however, there was no second of the motion, therefore the discussion was tabled.

We need to pass an amendment to Resolution #XI:2011: Purchase of a 2012 Mack GU-713 Truck. We have learned that the truck is actually a 2013 truck and our board members have changed, therefore, we will pass Resolution #III-2012.

Motion to adopt Resolution #III-2012: Authorizing the Borrowing of \$160,000.00 for a 2013 Mack Snowplow Truck by way of statutory installment payment bonds & designating Supervisor Thomas Latimer as the officer to execute all the necessary documents, seconded by John McIntosh.

Roll call vote:

Supervisor Thomas Latimer	yes
Councilman John McIntosh	yes
Councilman Neil Thomas	yes
Councilman Roger Murray	yes
Councilman Dahl McCormick	yes

The resolution was duly passed.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Our historian, Barb Daniels was interviewed by John Friot for the Channel 7 news about the museum.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Neil Thomas, all in favor, to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie J. Thomas
Town Clerk

