

**AUGUST 27, 2013  
TOWN OF PIERREPONT  
REGULAR MEETING**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Thomas Latimer</b>
	<b>Councilmen</b>	<b>John McIntosh</b>
		<b>Neil Thomas</b>
		<b>Roger Murray</b>
		<b>Dahl McCormick</b>
	<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>Melanie Thomas</b>
	<b>Highway Superintendent</b>	<b>Shawn Spellacy</b>

**Residents & Public:**

<b>Bill Mein</b>	<b>Hannawa Falls</b>
<b>Eileen Basham</b>	<b>Hannawa Falls</b>
<b>Tom Chappell</b>	<b>Hannawa Falls (Helping Hands)</b>
<b>Barry Scholz</b>	<b>Hannawa Falls (Helping Hands)</b>
<b>Dawn Latimer</b>	<b>Pierrepont</b>
<b>Art Wilson</b>	<b>South Colton</b>
<b>Mercy Spellacy</b>	<b>Pierrepont</b>
<b>Robert Baderman</b>	<b>Pierrepont</b>
<b>Ike Guyette</b>	<b>Assessor/Code Enforcement Officer)</b>
<b>Scott Sutherland</b>	<b>SLC Legislator</b>
<b>Victor Barbosa (8:50 PM)</b>	<b>Daily Courier-Observer Reporter</b>

The Town Board of the Town of Pierrepont held its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2013. Supervisor Latimer called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Councilman Dahl McCormick led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion** by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Neil Thomas, to accept the minutes of the July 30, 2013 Regular Meeting as submitted, all in favor.

**Motion** by John McIntosh, seconded by Roger Murray, to accept the minutes of the August 6, 2013 Special Meeting as submitted, all in favor.

**Motion** by Roger Murray, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to accept the Supervisor's Report for the month of July 2013 as submitted, all in favor.

**Motion** by Neil Thomas, seconded by John McIntosh, to accept the Town Clerk's Report for the month of July 2013 as submitted, all in favor.

**Motion** by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, to accept the Justice's Report for the month of July 2013 as submitted, all in favor.

**Motion** by John McIntosh, seconded by Neil Thomas, to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Report as submitted (permits #45-13 to #51-13), all in favor.

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

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Letter** to Supervisor Thomas Latimer, from Brian Moon, Real Property Analyst 2, NYS Department of Taxation & Finance, regarding the final state equalization rate for the Town of Pierrepont (90.50).

**Letter** to Supervisor Thomas Latimer, from Congressman Bill Owens, regarding the closure of the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center.

**Letter** to Supervisor Thomas Latimer, from Assemblyman Marc Butler, regarding the closure of the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center.

**Letter** to Supervisor Thomas Latimer, from Joseph Gilbert, Director, St. Lawrence County Office of Emergency Services, regarding an informational meeting about setting up and operating pet shelters.

**Letter** to St. Lawrence County Recreational Trails Advisory Board, from Supervisor Tom Latimer, regarding opening of a 1 mile section of County Route 24.

**Letter** to Supervisor Thomas Latimer, from Ben Todd & Karen Bage, SLC Tobacco Free Community Partnership regarding a new law prohibiting smoking on playgrounds.

**Letter** to Brookfield Renewable Power, from Supervisor Tom Latimer, regarding the division of the boundary of the Stone Valley Recreation Management Area.

**Letter** to Town Board, from Ronald R. Smith, North Country Regional EMS Council, regarding application by Canton Rescue Squad, Inc. To expand their operation territory.

**E-mail** to the Town of Pierrepont, from Joseph Gilbert, Office of Emergency Services, regarding a Public Assistance Workshop to be held on September 26, 2013.

**Letter** to Supervisor Thomas Latimer, from Michael C. Crowe, St. Lawrence County Attorney, regarding 2014 participant apportionment for the St. Lawrence County Self Insurance Plan.

**E-mail** to Town of Pierrepont, from Donald Hassig, Canton Action NY, regarding a public forum at Massena Community Center on August 31, 2013.

**E-mail** to Councilman Dahl McCormick and the Town of Pierrepont, from John

Omohundro, regarding Stone Valley Documents.

**E-mail** to Town of Pierrepont, from Rich Lagos, Fourth Coast, Inc., regarding solar street lighting.

**Minutes** of Board of Assessment Review meeting on July 29, 2013.

**Letter** to Town of Pierrepont, from Tom Chappell, Director, Helping Hands of Potsdam, Inc., regarding possible acquisition of a parcel of land.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

We need to pass a resolution and then a local law to exceed the 2% property tax cap.

**Motion** by John McIntosh, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to pass **Resolution #X-2013, Exceed the 2% Property Tax Cap by passing a local law, public hearing to be on September 24, 2013 at 7:15 PM.**

**Motion** by John McIntosh, seconded by Thomas Latimer, all in favor, to re-appoint Alton Guyette as Assessor for another 6-year term, October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2019.

We have an opening on the Planning Board. Supervisor Latimer recommends Mr. Robert Baderman.

**Motion** by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to appoint Robert Baderman to the Planning Board for the unfinished 5-year term ending on December 31, 2014.

**Building Committee Report:** Town Clerk Melanie Thomas reported that the building committee consists of herself, John McIntosh, and Roger Murray, along with 2 community members, John Glasgow and Anna Thomas. They met twice, August 13<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. After doing an inspection of the town hall building, they came up with the following: 3 phases of work to be done:

1. Roof & roof insulation
2. Siding, wiring and insulation of walls
3. Interior floors, walls, and the addition of storage space

She also stated that they want to look in to applying for a grant.

Councilman Roger Murray added that John Glasgow has much experience with construction and Anna Thomas is an architectural engineer. We have been in contact with the representative of the National Historic Register to see what can and cannot be done. We are going to take pictures of the areas that need work and will meet again and come up with a recommendation soon.

Tom Chappell and Barry Scholz of Helping Hands addressed the board. They are doing renovations to the building in Hannawa Falls, which used to be the Methodist Church. In order to comply with NYS Department of Health regulations, they need to move their septic system further from their well. In order to do this, they need more land and are proposing to buy the parcel of land behind their property from the Town of Pierrepont. Bringing their kitchen up to code would allow them to have programs for feeding children and teaching cooking classes.

Councilman Dahl McCormick asked if they have checked the deed for restrictions. A copy of the deed was supplied for Councilman McCormick to review. Supervisor Latimer stated that the board would consider the request after consulting with our attorney.

### **NO OLD BUSINESS**

**Motion** by Roger Murray, seconded by Dahl McCormick, all in favor, to authorize payment of **General Fund Abstract #8, VO #170-192, Total \$5,263.09.**

**Motion** by John McIntosh, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to authorize payment of **Highway Fund Abstract #8, VO #303-331, Total \$230,064.13.**

### **COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

Resident Bill Mein stated that regarding the Helping Hands request, if it means meals for children, then it is a good thing.

Art Wilson of the Recreational Trails Advisory Board stated that the eastern third of the trail system is doing well. They are waiting for signs to be put up and the trails should be open the third week of September. The western third of the system should be coming soon. The center portion (Colton and South Colton) will probably open next summer.

Supervisor Latimer thanked Mr. Wilson for all his hard work.

St. Lawrence County Legislator Scott Sutherland stated that the solid waste issue still has not been decided. They are 5 or 6 options they are considering. As for the county finances, they have had to borrow for the last 2 years, but have paid it back within 1 year. This year, they are expecting to have to borrow \$10 million.

**Motion** by Neil Thomas, seconded by John McIntosh, all in favor, to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melanie J. Thomas  
Town Clerk