

**AUGUST 28, 2012
TOWN OF PIERREPONT
REGULAR MEETING**

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

Residents & Public:

Barbara Daniels	Town Historian
Charles M. Gerrish	86 Elm St., Potsdam, NY
Chuck & Nell Gerrish	Orange, California
Shirley Gardner	101 Brown Rd.
Ike Guyette	Town Assessor/Code Enf. Officer
Bill Mein	Hannawa Falls, NY
Mercy Spellacy	275 CR 29, Canton, NY
Bee Sharpstene	Town of Clare
Pamela Hance	2396 CR 27, Russell, NY
Dawn Amo	750 Howardville Rd., Canton, NY
Scott Sutherland	SLC Legislator
William Enslow	103 Postwood Park Rd.

The Town Board of the Town of Pierrepont held its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 28, 2012. Supervisor Latimer called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by John McIntosh, to accept the minutes of the July 31, 2012 Regular Meeting as submitted, all in favor.

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

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by John McIntosh, to accept the Town Clerk's Report for the month of July 2012 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Neil Thomas, seconded by John McIntosh, to accept the Justice's Report for the month of July 2012 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by John McIntosh, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Report for Permits #55-12 to #61-12 as submitted, all in favor.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter to Philip Royce, from Lawrence Ambeau, Regional Permit Administrator, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, regarding mined land permit.

Letter to Town of Pierrepont, from Bob Santamoor, Deputy County Treasurer, regarding sales tax disbursement for 3rd quarter, 2012.

Letter to Charles Nash, Esq., Town Attorney, from Michael C. Crowe, County Attorney, regarding ATV / snowmobile use on CR 24.

Letter to Supervisor Latimer, from Joseph Gilbert, St. Lawrence County Office of Emergency Services, regarding primary officials conference.

Letter to Supervisor Latimer, from Michael Crowe, County Attorney, regarding 2013 Participant Apportionment for St. Lawrence County Self Insurance Plan.

Letter to ZBA members, from Dale Vaughn, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman, regarding public hearings on August 23, 2012 for Richard Brown and Tamela White.

Letter to Supervisor Latimer, from Dale Vaughn, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman, regarding Royce Topsoil Mine.

Letter to ZBA members, from Dale Vaughn, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman, regarding public hearings on August 23, 2012 for Richard Brown and Tamela White.

Notice of Municipal Leadership Workshop: "ClimAID and Your Community: Part 1," coming up on Tuesday September 25, 2012.

Letter to Town Clerk Melanie Thomas, from Dale Vaughn, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman, regarding variance hearing for Richard Brown (approved) and Tamela White (tabled).

Minutes of ZBA meeting on May 10, 2012.

E-mail from Steven Sherwood, regarding Forest Festival at SUNY ESP Ranger School on September 28th & 29th, 2012.

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E-mail from Office of the State Comptroller, regarding Property Tax Cap Webinar on September 27, 2012.

E-mail from NYS Government Finance Officer's Association, Inc., regarding expanded FDIC insurance webinar on September 27, 2012.

Thank-you note from family of Harley Lincoln.

NEW BUSINESS

We would like to pass a local law to override the 2% property tax cap in case we do need to override it. The hearing will be on September 25, 2012 at 7:15 PM.

Councilman Roger Murray would like a letter of support sent for a veterans hospital in Ogdensburg. He will bring a sample letter before the next meeting.

We received a letter from the St. Lawrence County attorney about opening part of County Route 24 to ATVs. It stated that our legislator, Scott Sutherland should propose it to the Board of Legislators. Mr. Sutherland said that he will do that, but he is waiting for the right timing.

OLD BUSINESS

We are considering building our own dog shelter and sharing the cost with the Town of Clare. We would build it at the highway garage and it would consist of 4 cages. Each cage will be 4' x 5'. We need to contact a vet or vet tech to be on call for us.

Also, since the last meeting, we have advertised the position of dog control officer and 2 people have applied.

Motion by John McIntosh, seconded by Neil Thomas, all in favor, to appoint Jonathon Graham and Bruce McDonald as dog control officers. Contact numbers are as follows:

Jonathon Graham: 386-3973, cell 262-4722

Bruce McDonald: 379-9761

Motion by Neil Thomas, seconded by Dahl McCormick, all in favor, to authorize payment of **General Fund Abstract #8, VO #187-208, Total: \$1,215.26**

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Motion by John McIntosh, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to authorize payment of **Highway Fund Abstract #8, VO # 285-312, Total: \$31,101.16.**

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Charles Gerrish, who owns land on Jenner Hill, stated that Mr. Phil Collins has been clearing trees on the lot next to his and has taken some of his trees. As he reads the zoning code, permission is needed to do anything. Mr. Gerrish says that it looks like Mr. Collins has moved building materials there. He would like the town to issue a stop work order.

Code Enforcement Officer Ike Guyette stated that according to the code, excavation or removing trees is allowed. If he started building something, he would need permission. Mr. Gerrish asked if the town would notify him by mail of their decision.

Resident Bill Mein stated that he had obtained the agenda from the website, but the county website needs updating.

Brad Harte, from the NYS Deferred Compensation Plan was in attendance to explain the plan to the board. He said that the plan is an added supplement to the retirement system, like a 401K. It is actually a 457B Plan and is a pre-tax benefit. If the town opted to participate, it would not cost the town anything. He gave the board a sample resolution.

St. Lawrence County Legislator Scott Sutherland asked if anyone had any questions for him. Code Enforcement Officer/Assessor Ike Guyette stood and asked Mr. Sutherland if it was true that the county is borrowing \$12 million when they hired a deputy fire coordinator and a trail coordinator? Mr. Sutherland stated that they did hire a trail coordinator, but he knew nothing about a fire coordinator. He also stated that yes, the county did vote to borrow \$12 million, but he voted against it. He stated that the county borrowed \$ 8.5 million last year, 100 employees have been cut in the last 2 years, and 94.7% of their budget is mandated by the state.

Mr. Sutherland also stated that the following were approved: a different formula for the 911 surcharge, the county fire training center, snowmobile grant application, buying equipment for solid waste, hiring a trail coordinator, borrowing \$12 million, and a tobacco use policy.

Supervisor Latimer stated that he would rather see an increase in sales tax instead of property taxes. He asked Mr. Sutherland if that had been discussed. Mr. Sutherland said that it had been discussed some and that he will keep asking about it.

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Resident Bill Enslow requested that a resolution be passed asking for a bridge on the Donnerville Rd. in the Town of Russell. Supervisor Latimer stated that if the Town of Russell passes it, we will support it.

Mr. Enslow also asked if the town had ever thought of solar power. Supervisor Latimer stated that we are looking into it.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie J. Thomas
Town Clerk