

**DECEMBER 30, 2014
TOWN OF PIERREPONT
REGULAR MEETING & YEAR END**

The Town Board of the Town of Pierrepont held their Regular Meeting on Monday, December 30, 2014 at the Pierrepont Town Hall, commencing at 7:30 PM.

Present:	Supervisor	Tom Latimer
		John McIntosh
		Dahl McCormick
		Roger Murray
		Neil Thomas
	Highway Super.	Shawn Spellacy
	Deputy Town Clerk	Dale Burns
Town Bookkeeper	Dale Vaughn	

Public:	Bob Camp	Pierrepont
	Clay Streit	Pierrepont
	Victor Barbosa	Daily Courier Observer
	Mercy Spellacy	Pierrepont
	Scott Sutherland	Pierrepont
	Rick Perkins	Legislator
	John Glasgow	Pierrepont

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

Motion by Dahl McCormick , seconded by John McIntosh, to accept the minutes of the November 25, 2014 Regular Meeting, all in favor.

Motion by John McIntosh , seconded by Neil Thomas to accept the Supervisor's Report for the month of November 2014, all in favor.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Neil Thomas , to accept the Town Clerk's Report for the month of November 2014, all in favor.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, to accept the Justice's Report for the month of November 2014, all in favor.

Motion by John McIntosh, seconded by Neil Thomas, to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Report for November , 2014 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Neil Thomas, seconded by Roger Murray, to accept the Assessor's Report for the month of November 2014, all on favor.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by John McIntosh , to accept the Historian's Annual Report as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Neil Thomas, to accept the Zoning Board of Appeals reports as submitted, all in favor.

Correspondence

Letter from NYSERDA on solar opportunities.

New Business

Doug Dailey from Champlain Valley Financial Services sent a letter asking to be our Health Insurance Broker. The Board decided unanimously to keep NBT Bank as the broker.

A **discussion** was held on a veterans' memorial with possibly an account being set up, with the town as custodian. A motion was made by Roger Murray, seconded by John McIntosh, all in favor to table the discussion until the board had time to consider the matter. It was also suggested that an article in the paper would let them know how much interest in the project there may be. Dale Vaughn said he would hold the \$20.00 donation already made until a decision had been made.

Appointments were made, as the Comptroller's Office suggested, for auditing books yearly. Roger Murray and John McIntosh will audit the Town Justice's books. Dahl McCormick and Neil Thomas will audit the Town Clerks books. Neil Thomas and Roger Murray and Neil Thomas will audit the Supervisor's books.

A **decision** was unanimously made to decide at the next meeting what to do about the Comptroller's suggestion to have a more defined Code of Ethics.

It was brought up that the NYS Retirement System wants a standard work day of 6 hours adopted for all appointed officials. The Board decided to wait until they understood more about this.

Dahl McCormick wanted to know what had been done with the funds the town had put into the Alliance for Power, since that entity had been dissolved. Supervisor Tom Latimer asked him if he would call Bob Best and see what he could find out.

Dale Vaughn reported:

- he was switching from Sage to Quickbooks.
- the bond for the new roof for the Town Hall was for \$50,000.00, payable over 5 years at 3.25% interest. The actual bill was 51,570.55. What was not covered by the bond will come out of the Contingent Account.
- a resolution should be passed to allow the three employees that are now paying 10% of their town health insurance to be able to pay it as pre-tax Section 125 "POP" plan, This will be voted on at the next meeting.
- A Revenue Anticipation Note was received on December 15, 2014 (payable in 60-75 days) from NBT Bank. 104,000.00 was deposited in the General Fund and 46,000 was deposited in the Highway Fund to off-set shortages on the November Abstract and Payroll and to prepay NYS Retirement, which will result in considerable savings.
- The Assessor should talk to Real Property about having the Verizon tower on the Parmenter Rd put on previous tax rolls as it has been completed for a couple of years.
- The Power Authority hasn't paid for plowing of the tower on Glenmeal Rd since 1998. Contracts had expired but there is an implied contract if both parties act as if there is one. The town has continued to plow

the tower access and the Power Authority has expected it to be plowed .Tom Latimer made a motion,

-Audit recommendations will be made available to the board members at the next meeting. Dale would like some input from the board members on how best to raise the Fund Balance.

-Some of the Highway bills need to be held until January 2015 in order to cover other immediate expenses. Neil made a motion, seconded by Roger Murray to transfer the needed funds.

-Dale wanted to acknowledge that Shawn Spellacy, Highway Superintendent, had kept the Highway Funds under budget .

-Year end fund transfers were reviewed. John McIntosh made a motion to make the following intra -fund transfers. Neil Thomas seconded. All in favor.

See following transfer sheet.

At 8:45 PM Roger Murray made a motion, seconded by John McIntosh to adjourn to executive session to discuss a personnel issue, all in favor.

At 8:59 PM Tom Latimer made a motion to close Executive Session , seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor.

Motion by Neil Thomas, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to a approve the General Fund Abstract #12, Vo #261-298 Total \$9,537.75, all in favor.

Motion by John McIntosh, seconded by Tom Latimer, to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #12, VO#344-368 Total \$49,141.40, all in favor.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Neil Thomas, to close the books for 2014, all in favor.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Robert Camp presented information from The Office of Court Administration to the Board concerning their proposal to cut his salary. He wanted a notice of their decision by the end of the month.

Scott Sutherland, County Legislature, relayed to the Board how the County Legislature handles situations like the proposed Veteran's Memorial. They have a committee of 5-9 people, who come up with a mission statement and guidelines for handling funds. They then present it to the Board for approval, modification or objection.

Scott Sutherland also stated that the county had a Board of Ethics that the town could look into using, if the occasion arose, instead of forming their own board.

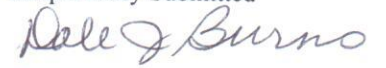
Scott thanked the Board and officials for working with him as County Legislator and introduced Rick Perkins, the new Legislator replacing him in 2015.

Rick Perkins thanked Scott for his service and told the Board to contact him if they needed anything.

Dahl McCormick made a motion, seconded by Roger Murray, to adjourn the meeting, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Burns". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned directly below the phrase "Respectfully Submitted".

Dale Burns

Deputy Town Clerk