

**FEBRUARY 26, 2013
TOWN OF PIERREPONT
REGULAR MEETING**

The Town Board of the Town of Pierrepont held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at the Pierrepont Town Hall, commencing at 7:30 PM.

Present:	Supervisor	Thomas Latimer
	Councilman	John McIntosh
		Roger Murray
		Dahl McCormick
	Town Clerk	Melanie Thomas
	Highway Superintendent	Shawn Spellacy

Absent:	Councilman	Neil Thomas (ill)
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Residents & Public:

Mercy Spellacy	275 CR 29, Canton, NY
Art Wilson	South Colton, NY
Charles Schloer	South Colton, NY
Peter Hoyt	Pierrepont, NY
Buddy Rouleau	Hannawa Falls, NY
Chris Rovers	Hannawa Falls, NY
Ike Guyette	Town Assessor/Code Enf. Officer
Danny Collins (7:45)	Hannawa Falls, NY

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 December 18, 2012 Regular Meeting as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2013 Organizational Meeting as submitted, all in favor.

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

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by John McIntosh, to accept the Supervisor's Report for the month of January 2013 as submitted, all in favor.

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

Motion by John McIntosh, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to accept the Town Clerk's Report for the month of January 2013 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Thomas Latimer, to accept the Justice's Report for the month of December 2012 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by John McIntosh, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to accept the Justice's Report for the month of January 2013 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Thomas Latimer, to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Report for the month of December 2012 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by John McIntosh, to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Report for the month of January 2013 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by John McIntosh, seconded by Roger Murray, to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Report for the month of February 2013 as submitted, all in favor.

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

Motion by John McIntosh, seconded by Roger Murray, to accept the Assessor's Report for the month of January 2013 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by John McIntosh, to accept the Assessor's Report for the month of February 2013 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by John McIntosh, to accept the Historian's Report for the Year 2012 as submitted, all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Work Report, St. Lawrence County Trail Coordinator, Deb Christy.

Budget Proposal, New York State Department of Transportation, Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program.

Letter to Supervisor Thomas Latimer, from Assemblyman Marc Butler, 118 District, regarding meeting schedule.

Draft Minutes, St. Lawrence County Recreational Trails Advisory Board Meeting, January 15, 2013.

Committee Member List, SLC Recreational Trails Advisory Board.

Letter to Assemblyman Marc Butler, from Supervisor Thomas Latimer, regarding the possibility of a meeting.

Letter to Drug and Alcohol Program Participants, from Charity Gregory, Health & Safety Inspector, BOCES, regarding annual reports.

Letter to Supervisor Thomas Latimer, from Jonathan Putney, Chair, St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, regarding Home Rule Legislation to raise sales tax.

Hand-out, landowner information for the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail System.

Letter to Chief Fiscal Officer, from Kevin Felt, St. Lawrence County Treasurer, regarding Workers' Compensation Claims Liability, as of December 31, 2012.

E-mail to Supervisor Thomas Latimer, from Robert Best, regarding meeting on sales tax for towns and villages.

E-mail to all members of the St. Lawrence County Legislature, from Jim Dawson, President, St. Lawrence County Supervisor's Assoc., regarding home rule legislation.

Thank-you note to Tractor Supply Company (for 10 bags of dog food for our dog kennel).

Letter to Supervisor, from Michael Cox, NYSDEC, regarding petroleum bulk storage program site inspection.

Agenda of St. Lawrence County Recreational Trails Advisory Board meeting of Feb. 19, 2013.

Letter to Town Board members, from Town Clerk Melanie Thomas, regarding attendance at Town Clerk conference in Buffalo, NY.

Handbook, NYMIR, Dec. 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by John McIntosh, all in favor, to hold a public hearing for a local law on March 26, 2013 to open more roads to ATVs (Vebber Rd., Green Rd., Cold Brook Drive, Morrill Rd., & Eells Rd.). The Town Clerk will advertise the public hearing for 7:15 PM on March 26, 2013.

Motion by John McIntosh, seconded by Thomas Latimer, all in favor, to adopt **Resolution #III-2013: Equitable Distribution of Cell 911 Surcharge Monies** (see attached).

A discussion was held on buying a waste oil furnace for the highway garage. Highway Superintendent Shawn Spellacy said that he has gotten 3 bids. We would be able to save money by using used fuel.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Thomas Latimer, all in favor, to authorize Highway Superintendent Shawn Spellacy to buy a waste oil furnace for the highway garage.

Residents Peter Hoyt and Brett Grandaw were asked by Supervisor Latimer to investigate the possibility of the town applying for grants for repairing the town hall. Peter Hoyt stated that the town hall is on the National Register of Historic buildings. Because of this, there are certain restrictions. He said that they contacted Robert Best because he has gotten grants for the Town of Russell. They also contacted Heidi Ames, grant writer for St. Lawrence County and Linda Casserly of the St. Lawrence County Historical Association. After investigating the idea of applying for a grant, it was summarized that it is a long and involved process that may or may not lead to a successful awarding of a grant. Funding for grants is limited and competitive; therefore a positive grant outcome is not assured for any project. To pursue this form of funding it is suggested to contract with a grant writer to give it better chance of success. Also note that up front funding of a grant writer and a historical preservation architect would be needed.

Supervisor Latimer thanked Mr. Hoyt for his work and said that he may call on him again to look in to it further.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Thomas Latimer, all in favor, to authorize the town clerk to attend the town clerk conference in Buffalo April 28-May 1.

Motion by John McIntosh, seconded by Dahl McCormick, all in favor, to authorize the highway superintendent to spend highway funds for general repairs upon 77.4 miles of town highways.

On March 6, 2013, at 12:30 PM, Janet Collier, from Ag & Markets, will be at the dog kennel to check on paperwork for the kennel. Any of the board members who would like to attend are encouraged to do so.

We have advertised for the position of assistant code enforcement officer. We have 2 applicants. The board will go into executive session to discuss.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussion of hiring an assistant code enforcement officer. Time: 7:58 PM, invited to executive session: Town board and code enforcement officer Ike Guyette.

Returned from executive session: 8:03 PM.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by John McIntosh, all in favor, to appoint Clay Streit

as assistant code enforcement officer.

OLD BUSINESS

We had considered leasing a bus from Colton-Pierrepoint School to transport children to the summer swim program at Postwood Park. The Town Clerk sent a notice to be posted to each of the four school districts and only received one response. So for now, since there doesn't seem to be any interest, we will not be doing it.

Councilman Dahl McCormick requested that we use the Hannawa Falls Post Office for town business as much as possible, due to the possibility of post offices closing.

We have gotten a grant to cover a portion of new lighting in the town hall and the highway garage. S&L Electric will be doing the work and will be starting at 7:00 AM tomorrow morning.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, to authorize payment of **General Fund Abstract #2, Vouchers #22-45, Total \$2,604.92**, all in favor.

Motion by John McIntosh, seconded by Thomas Latimer, to authorize payment of **Highway Fund Abstract #2, Vouchers #62-105, Total \$37,660.15**, all in favor.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Art Wilson of the St. Lawrence County Recreational Trails Advisory Board stood and addressed the board about ATV trails. He said that he knows the Town has a verbal request to open part of County Route 24 and has agreed to have an unloading area at the highway garage. He is requesting that we open County Route 24 from County Route 29 to the Selleck Road (appx. 3.9 miles). If the board agrees, he would like to bring it to the ATV oversight committee meeting.

The board agreed to opening County Route 24 from County Route 29 to the Selleck Road.

Resident Raymond Rouleau stated that for the last 15 years, he has been sharing a road to his property with Mr. Bronson. He would like to give the board notice that he is going to build his own road on his own land, leaving 1 foot of space to his property line. Highway Superintendent Shawn Spellacy stated that it needs to be 50 feet wide and meet specifications before the town will take it over.

Resident Christian Rovers stated that at the 1997 tax auction, he bought a piece of property that was land locked. He said that there was a road to it, but the town had abandoned it in 1949. He would like something to be done so he can get to his land.

Supervisor Latimer stated that Mr. Rovers has spoken to him 3 times, that the Town Clerk has looked up the records, and there is nothing that we can do. He recommends speaking to the adjacent landowners or getting a lawyer.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by John McIntosh, all in favor, to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie J. Thomas
Town Clerk