

**February 28,2017  
TOWN OF PIERREPONT  
REGULAR MEETING**

**The Town Board of the Town of Pierrepont held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at the Pierrepont Town Hall, commencing at 7:00 PM.**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Deputy Supervisor</b>	<b>Roger Murray</b>
	<b>Councilmen</b>	<b>John Glasgow</b>
		<b>Dan Huntley</b>
	<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>Melanie Thomas</b>
	<b>Highway Superintendent</b>	<b>Shawn Spellacy</b>
<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Jane Powers</b>
	<b>Councilman</b>	<b>Dahl McCormick</b>

**Residents & Public:**

<b>Mercy Spellacy</b>	<b>Pierrepont, NY</b>
<b>Daniel Snyder</b>	<b>Hannawa Falls, NY (Dog Control Officer)</b>
<b>Barb Daniels</b>	<b>Pierrepont, NY (Historian)</b>
<b>Bob Moulton</b>	<b>Hannawa Falls, NY</b>
<b>Fred Green</b>	<b>Pierrepont, NY</b>
<b>Clay Streit</b>	<b>Pierrepont, NY (Dep. Code Enf. Officer)</b>
<b>Christian Rovers</b>	<b>Hannawa Falls, NY</b>
<b>Rick Perkins</b>	<b>SLC Legislator</b>
<b>Tom Chapell</b>	<b>Helping Hands, Hannawa Falls, NY</b>

Deputy Supervisor Roger Murray called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Councilman John Glasgow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion** by Dan Huntley seconded by John Glasgow, to accept the minutes of the January 31, 2017 Regular Meeting, all in favor.

**Motion** by John Glasgow, seconded by Dan Huntley, to accept the Supervisors' Report for the month of January 2017 as submitted, all in favor.

**Motion** by Roger Murray, seconded by Dan Huntley, to accept the Town Clerk's Report for the month of January 2017 as submitted, all in favor.

**Motion** by Dan Huntley, seconded by John Glasgow, to accept the Justice's Report for the month of January 2017 as submitted, all in favor.

**Motion** by Roger Murray, seconded by John Glasgow, to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Report as submitted (Permit #2-17), all in favor.

**Motion** by John Glasgow, seconded by Roger Murray, to accept the Assessor's Report for the month of February 2017 as submitted, all in favor.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Map** of proposed parking lot for Helping Hands in Hannawa Falls, NY.

**Letter** to Municipal Clerk, from Matilda Larson, St. Lawrence County Planning Office, regarding annual review of agricultural districts 1 and 2.

**Information sheet** from NYS Department of Health regarding Free Lead Testing Pilot Program

**Letter** to Supervisor Jane Powers, from Janet Collier, Animal Health Inspector, NYS Agriculture and Markets, regarding Dog Control Inspection Report.

**Annual Report**, Report from Pierrepont Fire Department regarding number of different kinds of calls for 2016.

**Bulletin**, from NYS Assessors Association, regarding NYS Comptroller Audits of Assessor's Offices.

**Letter** To Town Clerk, from State Records and Law Bureau, regarding filing of Town of Pierrepont Local Law 1-2017.

**Map** of land around town hall owned by Ron Dumoulin.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Report from St. Lawrence County Legislator Rick Perkins:** Mr. Perkins reported that the county is saving about \$50,000 per month by changing pharmacy services and saving 2 to 4 million dollars per year by changing to Excellus BlueCross/BlueShield for insurance. He reported that the county highway department will be working on the bridge on County Route 24 in Russell and on County Route 20 in Hermon. The County Clerk's Office will soon be taking credit cards. He reminded everyone to renew licenses and registrations in Canton at the Department of Motor Vehicles or by mail instead of online because the county will get the money instead of the state. There is a windmill committee that has been set up. The towns of Parishville and Hopkinton are in the middle of a

controversy about windmills. His main concern is the safety of them and the setbacks.

Mr. Tom Chapell from Helping Hands in Hannawa Falls addressed the board. They are building a storage building on their property, but they are asking if they can use the Town of Pierrepont's land next to them for parking. They are proposing to cut about 2 dozen trees. Their leach field is already on the town's property. They are feeding between 20 and 30 people per day for lunch and they are short on parking spaces. They would maintain the parking area. It could also be used for parking for the town park area.

There was discussion about the proposal. The town board members agreed that Helping Hands is providing a great service to the community and they would have no problem allowing them to park on the town's property. Deputy Supervisor Murray said that we possibly should put something there as a barrier between the parking lot and the park.

**Motion** by Dan Huntley, seconded by John Glasgow, all in favor, to accept Helping Hands' proposal to be allowed to use the Town of Pierrepont's property for parking.

Dog Control Officer Daniel Snyder addressed the board. He said that he and Supervisor Powers had spent about 2 ½ hours with the Ag & Markets representative. He said that we did not have an account with Town and Country Veterinarian Services, but we do now and he can take dogs to the Potsdam clinic instead of the one in Ogdensburg. He also said that the Watertown SPCA has agreed to take any dogs that we can't adopt out. He said that the town would save money if they could find someone on this side of town to take care of dogs that we have in the kennel. He also said that we now have someone for a backup in case he can't be reached--Jim McConkey, who is Colton's dog warden also. He said there is also a rabies pole missing that the town owns.

**Highway Capital Purchase Proposal:** Highway Superintendent Shawn Spellacy stated that we will be taking bids for a new tandem axle plow truck. It will be advertised in the newspaper for 5 days and the sealed bids will be opened at the next board meeting, March 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM. He also said we have 2 trucks that we are trying to auction off on Auctions International.

Fred Green gave a report from the Pierrepont Fire Department for the calls in 2016.

The NYS Comptroller may be auditing all of the assessor's offices in the state, so hopefully, we have good records kept.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Historian Barb Daniels showed a sample of the bricks that will go on the Veteran's

Monument. They will be ordering more April 1<sup>st</sup>, so she needs people's information if they want a brick ordered.

We have an offer from Ron Dumoulin to possibly buy some of the land that he owns around the town hall. We will table that subject for now.

**MOTION** by Dan Huntley, seconded by John Glasgow, all in favor, to authorize payment of **General Fund Abstract #2, VO# 37-63, Total \$8,626.47.**

**MOTION** by John Glasgow, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor to authorize payment of **Highway Fund Abstract #2, VO# 40-66, Total \$20,825.69**

#### **COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

Daniel Snyder asked when the Hannawa Falls Fire Department is going to give a report. Deputy Supervisor Murray said that he has asked them and hopes to get one soon.

**MOTION** by John Glasgow, seconded by Dan Huntley, all in favor to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melanie J. Thomas  
Town Clerk

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