

**January 30, 2018
TOWN OF PIERREPONT
REGULAR MEETING**

The Town Board of the Town of Pierrepont held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at the Pierrepont Town Hall, commencing at 7:00 PM.

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

Residents & Public:

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| Mercy Spellacy | Pierrepont, NY |
| Kevin LaBrake | Pierrepont, NY |
| Clay Streit | Pierrepont, NY |
| Deb Christy | Canton, NY |
| Zac Cole | Pierrepont, NY |
| Bob Moulton | Pierrepont, NY |
| Tania Cambridge | Pierrepont, NY |
| Nick Knowles | Pierrepont, NY |
| Peter Wyckoff | Pierrepont, NY |
| Milo Pritty, Jr. | Pierrepont, NY |

Supervisor Powers 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 December 28, 2017 Regular Meeting, all in favor.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by John Glasgow, to accept the minutes of the January 15, 2018 Organizational Meeting, all in favor.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dan Huntley, to accept the Supervisors' Report for December 2017 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by John Glasgow, seconded by Roger Murray, to accept the Town Clerk's Report

for the month of December 2017 as submitted, all in favor.

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

Motion by Dan Huntley, seconded by John Glasgow, to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Report as submitted, all in favor.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Newspaper listing Notice of Delinquent Taxes for the Town of Pierrepont.

E-mail to Town of Pierrepont, from Paul Baxter, Risk Manager, St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan, regarding follow-up of inspection done on August 31, 2017.

Letter to Town Supervisor & Town Tax Collectors, from Bruce Green, St. Lawrence County Real Property Director, regarding Town and City Chargebacks.

Letter to Town Supervisor, from Donna Brown, St. Lawrence County Real Property, regarding Tax Rate Worksheets for 2018 Town/County Taxes.

Letter to Jane Powers, Supervisor, from Alex Shubert, Manager, ISO, regarding Public Protection Classification Survey (result: 8B/10).

Letter to Drug & Alcohol Program Participants, from Charity Gregory, School Transportation Safety Officer, BOCES, regarding DOT Drug & Alcohol Testing Regulation Updates.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Powers stated that she would like to discuss the Cold War Veterans Exemption. The exemption had a 10 year limit, but now towns can adopt it to be permanent. We do not have the exemption, but we can adopt it. We have until December 1st to do it. At this time, we have 8 cold war veterans that are getting the exemption for county purposes. We will have to investigate to see how it will affect our taxpayers.

Highway Superintendent Shawn Spellacy stated that the highway department needs a

loader. He would like to trade the 2006 loader towards a new one. He said they would allow us \$52,500 for the old one and with the \$16,500 discount, it would cost us \$108,788. Supervisor Powers stated that she will think about it and then we will discuss it.

At our organizational meeting, we discussed that we need a new ZBA member to replace Phil Wagner. Peter Wyckoff is our alternate member. She said that she asked if he would be interested in being a regular member. He says that yes, he is interested in that.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dan Huntley, all in favor, to appoint Peter Wyckoff as a regular member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to replace Phil Wagner, term expiring on 12/31/18.

We now need to advertise for an alternate ZBA member and also another Board of Assessment Review member.

OLD BUSINESS

We have Deb Christy, St. Lawrence County Trails Coordinator, here to discuss the trail system. In 2006, they opened a 50-mile pilot trail in Parishville. They continued opening another 66 miles, with a total of 116 miles open. It has all been operating well with no issues so far. Only 8 tickets were given last year, none for speeding or trespassing. This year, their goal is to connect from Pierrepont to Pitcairn and Harrisville, helping the towns through businesses and possibly the sale of property. She has brought a list of the roads in the town of Pierrepont that they would like to open, 11.3 miles, if we would agree to work with them. It would start at Brown's Bridge Road, go through private property of 6 owners, to State Highway 56 to Butternut Ridge Road, to Hadley Road, to the ATV Riding Area, to Church Road, to Post Road, to Streeter Road, to Howardville Road, to Coon Road, to Plains Road, to Allen Road, into Russell from there.

She is hoping we will pass a local law next month opening these trails. She has e-mailed us a draft of the local law that we can use.

She said this would be a multi-use trail for ATVs and horses mainly, no snowmobiles. ATVs are considered a motor vehicle so they can ride in the road just like a car.

Councilman Murray asked who is responsible for putting up signs? Ms. Christy stated that the county would be responsible for putting up signs.

Supervisor Powers stated that we should send this local law draft to our attorney, Eric Gustafson, so he can draw up the law for us and then we will have a public hearing.

Councilman Murray stated that he had spoken to St. Lawrence County Legislator Rick Perkins. Mr. Perkins could not make it here tonight because he had surgery yesterday. But he told him that the county is working on the pistol permit issue, the wind tower issue, and a by-pass around Canton and Potsdam.

MOTION by John Glasgow, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to authorize payment of **General Fund Abstract #1, VO# 1-43, Total \$107,589.86.**

MOTION by Dan Huntley, seconded by John Glasgow, all in favor, to authorize payment of **Highway Fund Abstract #1, VO# 1-24, Total \$31,407.39.**

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Councilman Murray asked Town Tax Collector Melanie Thomas how many people took advantage of paying their Town/County taxes early (before Jan. 1st) this year. She said that about 60 people paid their taxes early (30 in person and 30 by mail).

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie J. Thomas
Town Clerk

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