

**JULY 28, 2015  
TOWN OF PIERREPONT  
REGULAR MEETING**

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| <b>Present:</b> | <b>Supervisor</b>             | <b>Thomas Latimer</b> |
|                 | <b>Councilmen</b>             | <b>John McIntosh</b>  |
|                 |                               | <b>Neil Thomas</b>    |
|                 |                               | <b>Roger Murray</b>   |
|                 |                               | <b>Dahl McCormick</b> |
|                 | <b>Town Clerk</b>             | <b>Melanie Thomas</b> |
|                 | <b>Town Attorney</b>          | <b>Eric Gustafson</b> |
|                 | <b>Town Bookkeeper</b>        | <b>Dale Vaughn</b>    |
|                 | <b>Highway Superintendent</b> | <b>Shawn Spellacy</b> |
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**Residents & Public:**

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| <b>Joe Briggs</b>     | <b>29 Hadley Rd.</b>             |
| <b>Ike Guyette</b>    | <b>Assessor/Code Enf Officer</b> |
| <b>John Glasgow</b>   | <b>5840 CR 24</b>                |
| <b>Jane Powers</b>    | <b>50 Powers Rd.</b>             |
| <b>Mercy Spellacy</b> | <b>Pierrepont</b>                |
| <b>Bob Camp</b>       | <b>Town Justice</b>              |
| <b>Mike Hann</b>      | <b>Massena, NY</b>               |

The Town Board of the Town of Pierrepont held its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2015. Supervisor Latimer called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Councilman Dahl McCormick led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion** by Roger Murray, seconded by John McIntosh, to accept the minutes of the June 30, 2015 Regular Meeting as submitted, all in favor.

**Motion** by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Neil Thomas, to accept the Supervisor's Report for the month of June 2015 as submitted, all in favor.

**Motion** by John McIntosh, seconded by Roger Murray, to accept the Town Clerk's Report for the month of June 2015

**Motion** by Dahl McCormick, seconded by John McIntosh, to accept the Justice's Report for the month of June 2015 as submitted, all in favor.

**Motion** by Neil Thomas, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Report for Permits #24-15 to #30-15 as submitted, all in favor.

**Motion** by Neil Thomas, seconded by Thomas Latimer, to accept the Assessor's Report for the month of June 2015 as submitted, all in favor.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Notice** of Public Assistance Workshop, Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Canton, NY on September 24, 2015.

**Letter** to Town Clerk/Tax Collector, from Darren Colton, St. Lawrence County Real Property Tax Service Agency, regarding retirements/appointments.

**E-mail** to Town of Pierrepont, from Jules Rigaud, MorphoTrust, regarding fingerprinting.

**Registration form** for 2015 Local Government Conference.

**NYMIR**, 2014 Annual Report

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Bookkeeper Dale Vaughn submitted a 2015 Mid-Year Financial Review as well as 2016 Preliminary Budget Projections. Overall, so far this year, the General Fund has a \$2,812 decrease in revenues from 2014 and a \$65,987 decrease in expenditures from 2014. The Highway Fund has a \$57,247 decrease in revenues and a \$45,785 decrease in expenditures.

The Town of Pierrepont has served as a custodian of monetary donations collected by the Town of Pierrepont Veterans' Memorial Fund from December 31, 2014 through July 8, 2015. The "Fund" opened its own bank account on July 9, 2015. The Town, on that date, transferred all monies held in trust for the Fund, totaling \$5,645.00 to the Fund's bank account.

**Motion** by Roger Murray, seconded by John McIntosh, all in favor, to affirm that the Town of Pierrepont has acted solely in a fiduciary manner with the Town of Pierrepont Veterans' Memorial Fund ("Fund"), serving as a custodian of monies received by the Fund from December 31, 2014 through July 8, 2015, and that, on July 9, 2015, it returned to the Fund all monies received from the Fund during that period, totaling \$5,645.00. It is also requesting, by this motion, that the Fund acknowledge the return of said monies by formal motion at their next scheduled meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

A discussion was held about the Town's land on the Hadley Rd. Councilman McCormick stated that maybe we should put it up for bid. Attorney Gustafson stated that we would need a description of it and would have to declare it as surplus. Councilman McIntosh asked if we should have it appraised. Supervisor Latimer stated that he would like to see any profit from the sale of the land be put towards solar power and/or the historical architects. Bookkeeper Vaughn stated that we could put it in capital reserve. Councilman Murray asked if we would include the dump area. Supervisor Latimer stated that the county is responsible for the old dump now and we should wait until we get it appraised to do anything.

A discussion was held about the proposals we have gotten from the 3 historical architects. The Board members agreed that they would like them to come and speak at the next meeting if possible. The Town Clerk stated that she would try to set it up.

A discussion was held about the Rogers property on County Route 59. The Code Enforcement Officer spoke with Mr. Rogers and he is trying to sell it. He believes he has someone interested. He stated that it would be mowed. Councilman McCormick stated that he would let Dan & Gayle Hayes know about it.

Also, the property on State Highway 56, owned by Rouselles was discussed. Supervisor Latimer stated that it is up for taxes this fall, so hopefully someone will buy it and take care of it. Councilman Murray asked if there were safety issues with it. Attorney Gustafson stated that it is not a liability to the town, unless maybe it is a public health issue. He said that we could take the owner to court to clean it up, but it would be very expensive.

**Motion** by Neil Thomas, seconded by Dahl McCormick, all in favor, to authorize payment of **General Fund Abstract #7, VO #162-176, Total \$5,429.72.**

**Motion** by John McIntosh, seconded by Thomas Latimer, all in favor, to authorize payment of **Highway Fund Abstract #7, VO #139-159, Total \$39,131.63.**

\*Councilman McCormick asked what was done about the locksmith bill that was not approved last month. Bookkeeper Vaughn stated that it was not paid because it was not approved.

## COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

No public comments.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melanie J. Thomas  
Town Clerk

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