

**JULY 30, 2013  
TOWN OF PIERREPONT  
REGULAR MEETING**

<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>Highway Superintendent</b>	<b>Shawn Spellacy</b>

**Residents & Public:**

<b>Deb Christy</b>	<b>SLC Trail Coordinator</b>
<b>Dawn Amo</b>	<b>750 Howardville Rd.</b>
<b>Eileen Basham</b>	<b>Hannawa Falls, NY</b>
<b>Art Wilson</b>	<b>South Colton, NY</b>
<b>Mercy Spellacy</b>	<b>275 CR 29</b>
<b>Ike Guyette(left @8:07 PM)</b>	<b>Assessor/Code Enf. Officer</b>
<b>Scott Sutherland</b>	<b>SLC Legislator</b>
<b>Benny Fairchild</b>	<b>Daily Courier-Observer Reporter</b>
<b>Victor Barbosa</b>	<b>Daily Courier-Observer Reporter</b>
<b>Danny Collins</b>	<b>Hannawa Falls, NY</b>
<b>Ray Whalen (8:03 PM)</b>	<b>Garlough Rd. Ext., South Colton, NY</b>

The Town Board of the Town of Pierrepont held its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 30, 2013. Supervisor Latimer called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Councilman Dahl McCormick led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SEALED BID OPENING FOR TOWN HALL ROOFING PROJECT:**

<b>Bid #</b>	<b>Bidding Company</b>	<b>Amount</b>
#1	Mercer General Contracting Plessis, NY	\$68,000
#2	HCS Construction Potsdam, NY	\$19,999
#3	Northern Insulation Carthage, NY	\$21,170
#4	Premier Roof Systems Harrisville, NY	\$37,945

#5	W.J. Farley Roofing Corp. Gouverneur, NY	\$51,000
#6	Bishops General Construction Ogdensburg, NY	\$18,800

Supervisor Latimer suggested that since there is such a wide range of bids, we should call a special meeting to go over them more closely. It was decided to meet for a special work session on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 here at the town hall at 7:00 PM.

**Motion** by Roger Murray, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to accept the minutes of the June 25, 2013 Regular Meeting as submitted, all in favor.

**Motion** by John McIntosh, seconded by Neil Thomas, to accept the Supervisor's Report for the month of June 2013 as submitted, all in favor.

**Motion** by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Neil Thomas, to accept the Town Clerk's Report for the month of June 2013 as submitted, all in favor.

**Motion** by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, to accept the Justice's Report for the month of June 2013 as submitted, all in favor.

**Motion** by Neil Thomas, seconded by John McIntosh, to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Report for Permits #32-13 to #44-13 as submitted, all in favor.

**Motion** by Roger Murray, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to accept the Assessor's Report for the month of June 2013 as submitted, all in favor.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Letter** to Town Board, from Cesar Perales, Secretary of State, regarding Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.

**E-mail** regarding DEC free workshop on Alternative Land Care and Pest Management (August 8 in Watertown).

**Letter** to Town Board from Heidi Ames, St. Lawrence County Planning Office, regarding CFA/Regional Economic Development Council.

**E-mail** from NYSTCA, regarding the untimely death of Jeff Haber, retired Association of Towns director.

**E-mail** to the Town of Pierrepont, from Joseph Gilbert, Office of Emergency Management Director, regarding St. Lawrence County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**Notice** of renewal application for liquor license for Amvets Post 262.

**Letter** to Town Board, from Jeffrey C. Cohen, Acting Secretary of State of NY Public Service Commission, regarding public hearings concerning options for area code relief in the 315 area code region.

**Letter** to Drug & Alcohol Program Participants, from Charity Gregory, BOCES, regarding Six-month Annual Report.

**Letter** to Local Highway Officials, from Prof. Lynne H. Irwin, Cornell Local Roads Program, regarding termination of the Local Technical Assistance Program.

**E-mail** to Town of Pierrepont, from Office of Real Property Services, regarding final 2013 equalization rate of the Town of Pierrepont (90.50).

**Minutes** of Planning Board meeting on July 2, 2013.

**NYMIR newsletter.**

Councilman McIntosh stated that he has gone to some meetings for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. We must participate in order to get help from FEMA if needed. There are some worksheets that need to be filled out by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilman Dahl McCormick stated that the St. Lawrence County trail committee is requesting that we send a letter asking for 1 mile of County Route 24 be opened up to ATVs from the Howardville Rd. to Crary Rd.

The Town of Colton is asking that we send a letter to Brookfield Power requesting that the boundary of the Stone Valley Recreation Management area should be divided by the pipeline as suggested by Dan Parker when he was with Brookfield.

**Motion** by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to send both letters.

**Motion** by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Neil Thomas, all in favor, to make the following **General Fund Transfer:**

\$100.00 from Hospital Insurance A9060.8  
to Cemeteries A8810.4

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Councilman Dahl McCormick stated that he went to a meeting at Wanakena about invasive plant species and it was very informative. They discussed Japanese knotweed and wild parsnip.

**Motion** by Neil Thomas, seconded by John McIntosh, all in favor, to authorize payment of **General Fund Abstract #7, VO #143-169 Total \$4,228.20.**

**Motion** by Roger Murray, seconded by Dahl McCormick, all in favor, to authorize payment of **Highway Fund Abstract #7, VO #273-302 Total \$37,097.58.**

## **COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

St. Lawrence County Legislator Scott Sutherland stated that the county sales tax increase is still unsigned, but is due to start Jan. 1, 2014. It is part of the 5-year plan. The gaming compact has been agreed on, but has not been signed by the governor. This money will go to economic development. The solid waste program is still in the process of being decided. He also stated that it has been great having Deb Christy as trail coordinator and they are close to opening the last end of the trail system.

Ike Guyette addressed Mr. Sutherland and stated that the county tax increase of 14% and all the lay-offs doesn't make sense to him when the county gave \$75,000 for a fishing tournament. Mr. Sutherland stated that the \$75,000 was earmarked for tourism and economic development, so it had to be used for that. The tournament also made a lot of money.

Art Wilson wanted to thank the board for being so supportive to the ATV committee and also wanted to congratulate Supervisor Latimer on his upcoming wedding on Saturday.

Mr. Ray Whalen stood and addressed the board. He said that he was in last month asking why his neighbor was allowed to have his buildings too close to the line. He realized that one of the buildings was grandfathered in because it was already in existence. However, the other one is not. Supervisor Latimer stated that Mr. Guyette, the code enforcement officer, went over and checked it out. Mr Whalen said that the

back of the house should be 30 feet from the line according to code, but it is only 15 feet from the line. Mr. Whalen said that Mr. Guyette said that the side of the house actually faces the road, so the setbacks are OK. Supervisor Latimer stated that this argument has been going on for many years. Mr. Whalen said that Mr. Collins built on his father's property and built a garage without a site plan. Councilman McIntosh stated that there was a lawsuit over the garage issue and it's done with. Mr. Whalen stated that the codes are meant to protect both property owners, but what's going on doesn't make sense to him.

**Motion** by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Neil Thomas, all in favor, to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melanie J. Thomas  
Town Clerk