

MARCH 27, 2012

TOWN OF PIERREPONT

PUBLIC HEARING: Local Law #1-2012: Permitting & Regulating All-Terrain Vehicle Operations on Certain Public Roads of the Town of Pierrepont

PUBLIC HEARING: Local Law #2-2012: Permitting & Regulating the Operation of Snowmobiles on Certain Public Roads within the Town of Pierrepont

REGULAR MEETING

Present:	Supervisor	Thomas Latimer
	Councilman	Roger Murray
		Dahl McCormick
	Town Clerk	Melanie Thomas
	Town Attorney	Charles Nash
	Highway Superintendent	Shawn Spellacy
Absent:	Councilman	John McIntosh
		Neil Thomas

Residents & Public:

Eileen Basham	Hannawa Falls
Charles Schloer	South Colton
Art Wilson	South Colton
Helen Kenny	Hannawa Falls
Mary Long	South Colton
Scott Sutherland	Pierrepont & SLC Legislator
Bill Mein	Hannawa Falls
Peter Hoyt	Pierrepont
Jeffry Clough	Butternut Ridge Rd., Pierrepont
Matthew Fleury	Pierrepont
Chad VanBrocklin	Orebed Rd., Pierrepont
Jamie VanBrocklin	Orebed Rd., Pierrepont
Dawn Amo	Canton
Ernest Walt Paul	Pierrepont
Barb Daniels	Pierrepont
Mercy Spellacy	Pierrepont
Danny Collins	Pierrepont

The Town Board of the Town of Pierrepont held a Public Hearing for Local Laws #1 - 2012 and #2-20 12 /Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at the Pierrepont Town Hall, commencing at 7:00 PM.

Supervisor Latimer called the Public Hearing for Local Law #1-20 12 to order at 7:00 PM. He asked if there were any comments from the public. Art Wilson and Mary Long, both of South Colton, spoke in support of the local law.

Town Attorney Charles Nash read the SEQR short form for Local Law #1-20 12.

All board members were in agreement with the answers. The highway superintendent will put up

the appropriate signage.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to adjourn.
The public hearing was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Supervisor Latimer called the public hearing for Local Law #2-20 12 to order at 7:17 PM.
He asked if there were any comments from the public. St. Lawrence County Legislator
Scott Sutherland and resident Danny Collins spoke in support of the local law.

Town Attorney Charles Nash read the SEQR short form for Local Law #2-20 12. All
board members were in agreement with the answers. The highway superintendent will
put up the appropriate signage.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to adjourn.
The public hearing was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Supervisor Latimer called the regular meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, to accept the minutes of the
February 28, 2012 regular Meeting as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to accept the minutes of the
March 8, 2012 Special Meeting as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, to accept the Supervisor's
Report for the month of February 2012, as submitted, all in favor.

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

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to accept the Justice's Report
For the month of February 2012 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to accept the Code
Enforcement Officer's Report as submitted (permits #04-12 through #08-12), all in
favor.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to accept the Assessor's Report
for the month of February 2012 as submitted, all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter to Mary Jane Smalling, from Charles Nash, Town Attorney, regarding Collins vs. Town of Pierrepont, et al.

Letter to Supervisor Thomas Latimer, from Mary Jane Smalling, regarding Collins vs. Town of Pierrepont, et al.

Letter to Town of Pierrepont, from Mary Jane Smalling, regarding Freedom of Information Request.

Letter to Mary Jane Smalling, from Ike Guyette, Code Enforcement Officer, regarding Freedom of Information Request.

Letter to Town of Pierrepont Supervisor, from Ward H. Remington, Senior Sanitarian, NY State Department of Health, regarding a children's camp workshop in Watertown, NY.

Letter to Senator Patricia A. Ritchie and Senator Joseph A. (info, from Supervisor Thomas Latimer, regarding sales tax increase.

E-mail to Town of Pierrepont, from Tina Post, NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, regarding 15th Annual NYS Cyber Security Conference.

Letter to Town Clerk Melanie Thomas, from St. Lawrence County Board of Elections, regarding consolidation of polling places for the Republican Presidential Primary Election on April 24, 2012.

Letter to Town Clerk Melanie Thomas, from Mary Stepanian, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, regarding Dog Control Officer Inspection Report.

Letter to Program Participant, from Charity Gregory, Health & Safety Trainer, BOCES, regarding reasonable suspicion training.

NYMIR newsletter

Notice of 2012 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days.

Notice of Tree Pruning Basics Workshop, Clarkson University

Letter to Town Clerk Melanie Thomas, from Dale Vaughn, Zoning Board of Appeals, regarding approval of variance for Daniel Valentine.

Minutes of January 19, 2012 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

Letter to Town Supervisor, from Association of Towns, regarding 12th Annual town Finance Schools.

Letter to Supervisor Thomas Latimer, from Patrick Ray, NYS Deferred compensation Plan, regarding the NYS Deferred Compensation Plan.

Letter to Highway Superintendent Shawn Spellacy, from Connie Basham, regarding Riverside Cemetery in Hannawa Falls.

Letter to Supervisor Latimer, from G. Jeffrey Haber, Association of Towns, regarding Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee Assessment Relief Act.

Letter to Supervisor Latimer, from Rory Whelan, Time Warner Cable, regarding internal restructuring.

Letter to Town of Pierrepont, from Teamsters #687, regarding rate amendment to existing participation agreement.

Thank-you note from Colton Hepburn Library Board (& 2011 annual report).
Thank-you note from North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc.

NEW BUSINESS

We have a chance to buy a sand pit in Pierrepont

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to pursue the purchase of the sand pit.

Highway Superintendent Shawn Spellacy will get more information about the pit and make a purchase offer.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger: Murray, all in favor, to sign the Agreement to Spend Highway Funds. The supervisor and councilmen signed the agreement. The Town Clerk will send the agreement to the county highway department.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to send a letter to Senator Patricia Ritchie and Senator Joseph Griffo in support of raising the sales tax. The supervisor and councilmen signed the letter. The Town Clerk will send the letter.

Teamsters wants to raise our insurance rates of contribution The board agrees that we will not pay the rates, but will stay with the original contract.

The new security system that the court got with a grant has been installed. Everyone will be getting a code.

We do have a landfill on the Hadley Road for biodegradable trash (leaves, branches less than 4" diameter). Our attendant is Joe Briggs and his phone number is 854-3925. You must make an appointment with him since the gate to the landfill is kept locked.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dahl McCormick, all in favor, to set the salary for our budget officer at \$225 per year.

Councilman Dahl McCormick stated that he spoke to Zoning Board Chairman Dale Vaughn. He said that Code Enforcement Officer Ike Guyette had been checking with him on matters and they have been working well together.

Supervisor Latimer stated that he has appointed Dahl McCormick to the ATV Committee.

Motion by Thomas Latimer, seconded by Dahl McCormick, all in favor, to state a negative declaration of environmental impact for Local Law #1-2012.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to adopt Local Law #1-2012: Permitting and Regulating All-Terrain Vehicles Operations on Certain Public Roads of the Town of Pierrepont.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to state a negative declaration of environmental impact for Local Law #2-2012.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dahl McCormick, all in favor, to adopt Local Law #2-2012: Permitting and Regulating the Operation of Snowmobiles on Certain Public Roads within the Town of Pierrepont.

Councilman Dahl McCormick stated that he had a message from Dale Vaughn, Zoning Board Chairman, that when people are doing their income taxes, they can take either the exemption for volunteer firemen or the percentage off their property tax assessment, but not both.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dahl McCormick, all in favor, to approve the agreement that has been drawn up by Attorney Nash for the lawsuit with Phillip Collins. The supervisor and councilmen signed the agreement.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to authorize payment of General Fund Abstract #3, vouchers #42-65, Total \$2,450.82.

Motion by Thomas Latimer, seconded by Dahl McCormick, all in favor, to authorize payment of Highway Fund Abstract #3, vouchers #100-144, Total \$26,905.51.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Resident Helen Kenny, of Hannawa Falls, said that concerning the leaf pick-up, she was told that the town would not be doing it anymore. She feels that this is unfair, as a lot of

people have already raked them into piles. She said that she thinks that they should pick them up this year and wait until next year to stop.

Highway Superintendent Shawn Spellacy stated that it is unfair to the rest of the town residents that they pick up leaves for the people in Hannawa Falls and not for the rest of the residents. When we acquire the sand pit, people can bring their leaves there and drop them off.

Ms. Kenny also asked if the town has done away with the planning board because they have not been contacted for a lot of issues that she believes they should have been contacted for. Supervisor Latimer stated that no, the planning board has not been done away with.

Art Wilson thanked the board for passing the 2 local laws.

Resident Jeff Clough presented a petition to the board signed by residents of the Butternut Ridge Road asking for a speed limit of 45 mph on their road. Highway Superintendent Spellacy said that it has to go to the county and they will do an investigation that will take quite a while. The Town Clerk will send a copy of the petition to the county highway department.

Resident Bill Mein asked if the agreement on the lawsuit is public knowledge. Town Attorney Charles Nash said yes, after the lawsuit is settled, it will be public knowledge.

Resident Walt Paul asked Supervisor Latimer if he would say where the sand pit is that the town is looking at. Supervisor Latimer said he can't until after we make a purchase offer.

Bill Mein said that he agrees with Helen Kenny, that the town should wait until next year to make changes with the leaf pick-up. Supervisor Latimer said that it would tie up too much of the highway crew's time.

St. Lawrence County Legislator Scott Sutherland stated that the county passed a resolution on Lowe's Lake, a resolution for the DEC to keep camps on the former Champion land, a resolution for wind power (asking the state to rethink Article X). Also, they passed a resolution on redistricting. He said it would mean a weaker voice for St. Lawrence County. Also, the dispatch committee has been looking at vendors to upgrade software. The solid waste study is being looked at. They have decided to keep the home healthcare for now. They are close to hiring a trail coordinator for the multi-purpose trails. CHIPS funding should be the same as last year, but we won't know for sure until the budget passes.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 due to the primary election being on April 24th• Bills will be audited on April 24th•

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dahl McCormick, all in favor, to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie J. Thomas
Town Clerk