

**MAY 29, 2012
TOWN OF PIERREPONT
REGULAR MEETING**

The Town Board of the Town of Pierrepont held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at the Pierrepont Town Hall, commencing at 7:30 PM.

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

Residents & Public:

Bill Mein	Hannawa Falls
Mary Jane Smalling	Hannawa Falls
Brenda Bonno	Pierrepont
Louise Jones	Pierrepont
Eileen Basham	Hannawa Falls
Jamie VanBrocklin	Pierrepont
Chad VanBrocklin	Pierrepont
Mercy Spellacy	Pierrepont
Ike Guyette	Assessor/Code Enf. Officer
Peter Hoyt	Pierrepont
Dawn Amo	Pierrepont
Barb Daniels	Historian
Scott Sutherland	SLC Legislator

Supervisor Latimer called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Motion by John McIntosh, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2012 Regular Meeting as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Neil Thomas, seconded by Roger Murray, to accept the Supervisor's Report for the month of April 2012 as submitted, all in favor.

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

Motion by Neil Thomas, seconded by John McIntosh, to accept the Justice's Report for the month of April 2012 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by John McIntosh, to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Report as submitted (permits #14-12 through #35-12), all in favor.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Neil Thomas, to accept the Assessor's Report for the month of April 2012 as submitted, all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter to Town Supervisors and Village Mayors, from Jim Dawson, Supervisor Town of Brasher, regarding sales tax increase.

Letter to Town of Pierrepont, from Department of State, regarding filing of Local Law 1-2012 and 2-2012.

Letter to Supervisor Thomas Latimer, from Town Attorney Charles Nash, regarding check list for building permit applications.

Check List for building permit applications.

Letter to Highway Superintendent Shawn Spellacy, from Diane L. Kenneally, Local Programs Bureau, State of New York Department of Transportation, regarding CHIPS funding.

Letter to Melanie Thomas, Town Clerk, from Dale C. Vaughn, Zoning Board of Appeals, regarding variance hearing for Jon Montan Jr. (approved).

Letter to Town of Pierrepont, from Michael Cox, Sanitary Construction Inspector, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, regarding spill at Pierrepont Town Hall.

Letter to Town of Pierrepont Supervisor, from Ronald Feldstein, MEGA (Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance), regarding minimizing the cost of energy.

Letter to Town of Pierrepont Supervisor, from Scott A. Docteur, State of New York Department of Transportation, regarding Safe Routes to School Program.

Letter to Melanie Thomas, Town Clerk, from Dale C. Vaughn, regarding variance hearings for Carl LaBrake (approved), Scott Hazen (approved) and Pierrepont Volunteer Fire Department (approved).

Letter to Supervisor Thomas Latimer, from Congressman Bill Owens, regarding United States Postal Service (possible reduction of hours).

Minutes of Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting on April 26, 2012.

Minutes of Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting on March 1, 2012.

Thank-you note from the family of Edna Thomas.

Thank-you note from the family of Ruth Hance.

Map of sand pit to be purchased by the Town of Pierrepont.

Letter to Supervisor Thomas Latimer, from State of New York Office of Real Property Tax Services, regarding tentative equalization rate (97.00 %).

Certificates of New York State Department of Labor Mine Safety Training Program (for Gary Gollinger, Jon Graham, Brian McIntosh, & Arnold VanBrocklin)

List of Proposed Roads to be opened to ATVs.

Petitions from landowners on roads in the town of Pierrepont petitioning the Town to open their roads to recreational vehicles (Church Rd., Butternut Ridge Rd., Howardville Rd., Orebed Rd., Buck Pond Rd., Crary Rd., Wilson Rd., Vebber Rd., Glenmeal Rd., Selleck Rd., Hanson Rd.).

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by John McIntosh, seconded by Dahl McCormick to pass Resolution #IV-2012: Waiving 30 day Notice Requirement for The Canoe Place Inn of Liquor License Application, all in favor (see attached).

Motion by Neil Thomas, seconded by John McIntosh, all in favor, to make the following **General Fund Transfers:**
\$8,000.00 from Contingency A1990.4 to Attorney CE A1420.4
\$1,800.00 from Contingency A1990.4 to Zoning Board of Appeals A8010.2

OLD BUSINESS

The sand pit which the town is buying has been surveyed and the deed is being worked on.

We have received petitions from residents of roads in Pierrepont asking that we open their roads to ATVs. There are 169 signatures.

Motion by Neil Thomas, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to draft local laws to open the following roads to ATVs and snowmobiles: Selleck, Wilson, Glenmeal, Orebed, Crary, Buck Pond, Howardville, Streeter, Church, Butternut Ridge (from Cloe to Church), and County Route 24 from Howardville to Crary.

The public hearings will be held the night of the next meeting, June 26th at 7:00 and 7:15 PM. (After the meeting, it was determined that the meeting will need to be changed to June 25th because of a primary election).

Attorney Nash will check with the county about opening a county road and see what needs to be done. Then he will draw up the necessary local laws and advertise in the paper.

Motion by John McIntosh, seconded by Neil Thomas, all in favor, to authorize payment of **General Fund Abstract #5, Vo #86-130, Total \$12,086.23.**

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to authorize payment of **Highway Fund Abstract #5, Vo #176-217, Total \$31,714.36.**

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Resident Peter Hoyt spoke for the residents in favor of opening roads to ATVs. He said that they appreciate the board addressing this issue.

Resident Mary Jane Smalling stated that last March, she received a letter from Town Attorney Charles Nash stating that the town would be coming up with a punch list for building permits and she was wondering how that was coming. Supervisor Latimer stated that the punch list was done and that she could get a copy of it after the meeting.

Resident Bill Mein asked why the board was not sticking to the agenda and why all board members didn't have a justice report. Supervisor Latimer stated that the agenda had been changed at the last minute. As for the justice report, there is only one copy for confidentiality. That is why the board members look at it during the meeting.

St. Lawrence County Legislator Scott Sutherland said that there was discussion about redistricting, which would mean no change for our district (he would still be our legislator). They are seeking a trail system coordinator. The sheriff's department is getting a new CAD system. A veteran's hospital was discussed for St. Lawrence County. There was discussion about home rule for sales tax and how it would be divided. He said that he believes that the towns should be included in sharing the sales tax. We can help by letting our representatives in Albany know what we want. He also said that there was discussion about some of the small Post Offices scaling back their hours to try to save money.

Councilman McIntosh stated that he would like to thank Historian Barb Daniels for getting the new roof donated for the museum.

Motion by John McIntosh, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie J. Thomas
Town Clerk