

Regular Monthly Town of Pierrepont Board Meeting, January 25, 2022
County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, 864 State Highway 68, Canton, NY 13617

Present:

Jane Powers, Supervisor
Julian "Olla" Filiatrault, Town Clerk
Shawn Spellacy, Highway Superintendent
Colin Loomis, Town Attorney

Councilpersons: Roger Murray
John Glasgow
Dan Huntley
Chad VanBrocklin

Meeting attendees/Public: Pierre Pomainville, Planning Board; Darren Richards – Code Enforcement; Mercy Spellacy; Fred Green; Jamie VanBrocklin; Brad Filiatrault; Anna Green

Regular Meeting: 7:00PM Called to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes Approved:

- Minutes of Last Board Meeting held December 28, 2021. Motion to approve by Roger Murray, second by John Glasgow. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried.
- Minutes of Organizational Meeting held January 5th, 2022. Motion to approve by John Glasgow, seconded by Dan Huntley. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Supervisor, Jane Powers:

- The report looks good. Laurie Hance completed the report and discussed it today with me and Roger (Murray). All accounts balance and everything looks good. Money is available for emergency needs, etc. This report is for the end of the year 2021.
- Motion to approve report made by Dan Huntley, second by Roger Murray. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried.

Town Clerk, Olla Filiatrault:

- Included in the handout is the January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 summary report for the Town Clerk.
- Accounts all balance.
- Tax Collection has started.
- Motion to approve made by Chad VanBrocklin, second by Roger Murray. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried.

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Assessor, Amy Hunt:

- Amy Hunt provided a written report stating: The phone is ringing with questions related to tax bills and requesting divided assessments. I have been working on the filing system and am almost done with the folders. There are many missing folders and I have been searching for them.
- Exemption renewals are coming in. The Governor has made the renewal requirement optional for seniors with the Senior and Disability & Limited Income exemptions. If the Town board is interested in passing a resolution so that renewals are optional again this year, I am providing you with an example from another town.
- Motion to approve made by Chad VanBrocklin, second by Roger Murray. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement, Darren Richards:

Darren Richards reported:

- One building permit issued so far in January and a sub-division approval. Everything is going quite smoothly. A 1204 report is being submitted to the state.
- Motion to approve made by John Glasgow, seconded by Dan Huntley. All voted to approve. None Opposed. Motion carried.

Highway Dept., Shawn Spellacy:

Nothing to report at this time.

Planning Board Report, Pierre Pomainville:

- Pierre Pomainville reported that the Planning Board had a meeting the first week of January. The local Wind law was turned into the County for their review, and they have submitted back about two pages that need some changes they would like to see, and our Planning Board will be discussing that at our next meeting. If everything goes well it will then be submitted to Mr. Loomis for his review.
- At our next meeting the cannabis issue will be discussed as related to the town planning issues. The date to opt out has passed and the Town has automatically opted in and the issue will need to be dealt with by the Boards.
- Battery storage Law for Solar was finished up last meeting and has been sent to the County for review.
- Also, there has been discussion to have the Local Code book brought up to date and digitized to be made available online. Olla sent the General Code company a copy of our Code book and then they are going to give a quote of the cost to enter that into their program and the company rep would like to come see us on April 6th at 7:00pm. The zoning board will attend and hopefully the Town Board and he will review everything and tell what they require and what they would do for us. This is all tentative at this time but will keep everyone updated.
- There will not be a March meeting due to planned vacations.

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County Legislators Report:

Legislator Rick Perkins provided the following written report to the meeting.

At the January 3rd, 2022 Full Board meeting:

Bill Sheridan was voted as Chairman and Larry Denesha as Vice Chairman for a second term.

We had 30 resolutions, some of which are related to the organizational meeting and annual updates.

We had 5 modifications to the budget.

We had 5 Agreements/Contracts to be signed.

We had a resolution authorizing the filling of 9 vacancy positions.

We had a resolution accepting a grant for the Sheriff's dept.

We had a resolution supporting the Expansion of Broadband Infrastructure in St. Lawrence County

We had a resolution adopting a revised FMLA act policy.

We had a resolution opposing the NYS wage board recommendation decreasing the overtime threshold for farm workers.

We had a resolution encouraging the Dept of Health to not issue fines for violations of the mask mandate.

We had two resolutions tabled regarding the newspaper designation/rotation schedule.

We had a resolution urging the State to complete and settle the Enhanced Federal Medicaid Assistance program(eFMAP) Reconciliation from last year and to compensate The County according to Federal requirements - \$4,018,842

We left on the table a resolution authorizing the exemption of sales tax on home heating fuel until we obtain more information.

We had a resolution authorizing the Chair to sign an agreement with the towns of Brasher, Norfolk, and Massena related to a public service law article 10 proceeding recommending the issuance of a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to construct and industrial scale solar generating facility to be sited on approx. 1,200-1,400 acres of land.

- A presentation of the new Town website was made to the meeting by Brad Filiatrault. The site can be found at www.townofpierrepont.com

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Jane Powers reported on Tax rate worksheets for 2022. The county tax rate \$ 9.11 for this year. They did not provide a sheet where they compared them to last year. Our town rate is at or below last year.
- Letter from Matthew Denner regarding the regional and statewide difficulties in getting ambulance service on calls. John Glasgow will be attending a meeting where the plan regarding the issue will be explained/discussed. Jane Powers stated that at the local level we would like to know what part we play in that plan.
- A press release was issued that St. Lawrence County Public Health updates COVID19 contract tracing process. Contact tracing is being limited in some regards.
- New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal report on application in process for the Highway dept. was received.
- Handout related to the Highway Dept. and that last years related funding from the State of New York will remain the same or not reduced for this year.
- Zachary Risk Management reported that the annual safety inspection for the Highway Dept. went very well and that they have no safety violations or concerns.
- Hazard Mitigation Plan for the town. Nothing has changed at this point.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Resolution #II-2022: to allow seniors to forgo renewal application for senior citizens and STAR exemption. Motion to approve by Dan Huntley, seconded by Chad VanBrocklin. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- Resolution #III-2022: to hold harmless for highway projects involving the county or other towns. Motion to approve by Roger Murray, seconded by John Glasgow. All voted in favor. None Opposed. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

- Appointment of Clay Streit to the Town Planning Board. Motion to appoint by Roger Murray, seconded by Dan Huntley. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- Town Historian Barb Daniels provided a written report to the Board. There was some discussion as to the donation records and corrections were made. Motion to approve report by John Glasgow, second by Dan Huntley. All voted to approve. None opposed. Approved.
- Roger Murray reported that there will be a meeting with Anna Thomas to discuss plans for the Town Hall regarding necessary improvements. With spring just around the corner, there will be a meeting to discuss plans for work in the spring.
- Board of Assessment review information: reported by Jane Powers. Common concern that not enough members are available for BAR at the local level. Information indicates that the County Legislature may now appoint members to a BAR. Important that we find local members.

General Fund Voucher—Abstract #1, Vouchers # 1-39 Total \$ 126,431.93. Motion to approve by R. Murray, second by J. Glasgow. All approved. None opposed.

Highway Dept. Fund Voucher-- Abstract #1; Vouchers # 1-21 Total \$37,421.58 Motion to approve by D. Huntley, second by C. VanBrocklin. All voted to approve. None opposed.

Courtesy of The Floor:

No comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:52 pm. Motion made by D. Huntley, second by R. Murray. All voted to approve. None opposed.

Meeting minutes prepared by Town Clerk, Olla Filiatrault.

NOTE: Next Regular Town Board meeting is February 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

There will be an open Meeting February 8th, 2022 @ 6:30pm to discuss general town issues, planning.