

Regular Monthly Town of Pierrepont Board Meeting, March 26, 2024
County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, 864 State Highway 68, Canton, NY 13617

Present:

Jane Powers, Supervisor
Julian “Olla” Filiatrault, Town Clerk
Robert Moulton, Highway Superintendent
Laurie Hance, Assist. to Supervisor

Councilpersons: Roger Murray

John Glasgow
Chad VanBrocklin
Shawn Spellacy

Meeting attendees/Public: Darren Richards – Code Enforcement; Rick Perkins – Legislator; Fred Green; Fred Hanss; Diane Pickering; Cheryl Ellis; Rose Martin; Mayra & Alan Zuchman; LaRonda Ashlaw; Barbara Maresca; James & Sondra Hamilton; Simona Liquori.

Regular Meeting: 7:00PM Called to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes Approved:

- Minutes of Last Board Meeting February 27, 2024. **Motion** to approve by Roger Murray, second by Shawn Spellacy. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

County Legislators,

Legislator, Rick Perkins submitted a report of September March 4, 2024, County Legislature Board Meeting. It is available upon request.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Supervisor and Highway, Jane Powers:

- Supervisor, Jane Powers stated: We have a summary of the budget for February 1st through February 28th, and everything looks good. Laurie Hance reported the capital reserve fund accounts are in good order for future projects.
- **Motion** to approve Supervisor’s report made by John Glasgow, second by Chad VanBrocklin. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- Highway Superintendent, Robert Moulton submitted a written report. An overview of the work being done at the Highway Department. Mr. Moulton stated they are a bit ahead of the normal schedule at this time due to the mild winter and have been doing some road cleanup and work at the garage. Jane Powers stated she also had mileage (fuel usage) report up to date.
- **Motion** to approve Highway’s report made by Shawn Spellacy, second by John Glasgow. No discussion. All voted to approve. None Opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- It was also discussed that due to the outside construction there will need to be some signs made to make clear the entrance and exit from the Town Hall.

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Town Clerk, Olla Filiatrault:

- Written report submitted. Available for review.
- The amount remitted to the Supervisor was \$84.50, to NYS Agriculture and Markets: \$8.00, and to State Health Department for Marriage License: \$22.50.
- **Motion** to approve report for the month of February 2024 made by Roger Murray, second by Shawn Spellacy. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Assessor, Amy Hunt:

- Amy Hunt submitted a written report of recent Assessor's activities. The report is available on request. She is preparing the tentative assessment roll for next fall's taxes. The new level of assessment for 2024 is 68% of full value.
- **Motion** to approve Assessor's report made by John Glasgow, second by Roger Murray. No discussion. All voted to approve. None Opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Code Enforcement, Darren Richards reported:

- 3 Building permit issued with the **total** \$75.00 collected.
- Darren Richards reported and made some recommendations for people planning to be on the water to take certain steps to make sure they don't build in a flood zone. Also, he just returned from training and is all certified again.
- **Motion** to approve Code Enforcement Officer's report made by Chad VanBrocklin, seconded by Shan Spellacy. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Board Report:

Pierre Pomainville not present. Updated by Darren Richards. He stated the planning board and town board met last week and were updating on the general code work. He gave details as to that process.

Courtesy of The Floor:

Several Hannawa Falls (Pierrepont) residents attended the meeting. Gail Hayes spoke as to concerns about the vacant building across the road from her. The building is an eyesore and has been sitting there 20 years with nothing done. Darren Richards addressed the questions and concerns from residents. He indicated to the residents the process that they can follow to possibly address the issue of the building not being maintained.

The issue of Dollar General coming to Hannawa Falls was addressed. Richards indicated that anything we know as the Town, we are going to pass on to you. Dollar General has not purchased any property yet, but they are interested in Hannawa Falls.

Richards reported that the Town has active Planning and Zoning Boards to address such concerns, which is good news. Land use code determines what a property can possibly be used for.

Richards handed out copies of a site map showing a proposed site for the Dollar General store and fielded questions and provided information to resident's questions as much as possible.

Other residents addressed the Dollar General stores being understaffed, dirty in their opinion and possible fire hazards.

Richards indicated that everyone will be informed and able to attend all meetings regarding the issue.

Hannawa Falls residents left the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

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Additional:

Supervisor Jane Powers brought back up Dog Control Officer, Donna Gilbert and preparing for when she is possibly gone for any period of time. She will need a substitute. We could possibly appoint the Town of Colton Dog Control Officer. Roger Murray suggested that issue be handled in executive session as it deals with personnel.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- BOCES sent a Post-Accident Check List. Laurie Hance stated that is a new policy for CDL drivers and it is mandatory.
- Water pollution and Covid-19 report for St. Lawrence County.
- A copy of Letter of Intent to Town of Colton, signed by Town Supervisor, Jane Powers, regarding the archive grant.
- An email from Greg D. Blick (Department of Transportation) requesting the Town of Pierrepont to submit a template and a resolution officially accepting the extension of Whippoorwill Lane. Robert Moulton, Highway Superintendent commented that he is making sure that is all correct.
- A chart from SLC Treasurer's Office: 2023 Workman's Compensation Liability.
- A letter from State of New York Unified Court System required the Town Justices annually provide their court records and dockets to the auditing board of the town, and that such records then be examined, and that fact be entered into the minutes of board's proceedings.
Laurie Hance, Court Clerk stated: This exact same letter was submitted by the Judge in January, the same as every other year.
- Et-cetera bulletin regarding possible property tax exemptions. May affect the neighboring church property which needs to be discussed further in the near future.
- An invitation: The 2024 SUNY Potsdam Local Government Conference, October 15, 2024, at Kellas Hall for elected and appointed officials.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Presidential Primary Election: Tuesday, April 2, 2024
- Intermunicipal Agreement: Stockholm, Parishville, Hopkinton, Lisbon, Colton, Potsdam. Jane Powers will sign them.
- Tax Cap Form shows the information we had to file with the state for the tax cap override.
- Receipt Court Grant. The Court has received the grant it applied for and will be making purchases as needed.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

- Update on Underhill Drive: Jane Powers outlined a report from Tom Pahler regarding the drainage issues in that area.

Simona Liquori explained the water problem in her backyard and what her concerns are and that she would like it permanently fixed.

Shawn Spellacy, Councilperson explained what Pahler had possibly recommended in that area.

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Robert Moulton, Highway Superintendent stated: Possibly widening the ditch and putting stone in might help divert the water. There are certain things that are of the Town's control, possibly.

Much discussion, back and forth, was held as to what could possibly be the real problem and what the Town can do on its part. Moulton stated that the developer did all that work previously, not the Town.

Simona Liquori invited the Town officials to her property to further investigate as needed the drainage problem. Roger Murray. Councilperson Stated: We walked the area, one day, with Tom Pahler, and discussed the pipes and what might be needed for pipe sizes. That has to be determined yet.

Roger Murray added that Jane Powers needs to send a letter to National Grid that they are waiting for from her and that needs to be done right away regarding lighting. That was supposed to be done awhile ago.

GENERAL FUND VOUCHERS:

- **Motion** by Chad VanBrocklin, seconded by Roger Murray. No discussion. None opposed. All in favor of authorizing payment of the **General Fund Abstract #3, Vouchers #70-96, Total of \$48,042.39.**

HIGHWAY FUND VOUCHERS:

- **Motion** by Shawn Spellacy, seconded by John Glasgow No discussion. None opposed. All in favor to authorize payment of the **Highway Fund Abstract #3, Vouchers #56-70, Total of \$79,550.60**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by Roger Murray, seconded by John Glasgow, with all in favor to go into **Executive Session for the purpose of the discussion of insurance and personnel matter.**

The Board adjourned the regular meeting to move to executive session at 8:35p.m.

Invited to executive session: Laurie Hance.

John Glasgow moved for the Town Board members to close the Executive Meeting Session and move back into regular meeting session at 9:22 p.m. seconded by Chad VanBrocklin. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously. **NO action taken in Executive Session as reported by Jane Powers, Supervisor, who was the record keeper for the executive session.**

Motion made by Shawn Spellacy, seconded by Chad VanBrocklin, all in favor to go back into the regular meeting. No Action taken in executive session.

Additional:

Motion to approve to advertise seeking for Clerk of Work during the Highway Garage Project made by Roger Murray, seconded by Chad VanBrocklin. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

- **Motion** to adjourn meeting at 9:26 pm. Motion made by Shawn Spellacy second by Chad VanBrocklin. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting minutes prepared by Town Clerk, Julian "Olla" Filiatrault.
Respectfully Submitted, Julian "Olla" Filiatrault, Town Clerk

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