

Regular Monthly Town of Pierrepont Board Meeting, May 30, 2023
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
Absent: Laurie Hance, Assist. to Supervisor
Chad VanBrocklin

Councilpersons: Roger Murray
John Glasgow
Daniel Huntley

Meeting attendees/Public: Darren Richards – Code Enforcement; Pierre Pomainville - Planning Board.
Rick Perkins – SLC Legislator; Mercy Spellacy; Neil Thomas; Fred Green; Bob Moulton.
Brian & Amanda Deckert

Regular Meeting: 7:00PM Called to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes Approved:

- Minutes of Last Board Meeting April 25, 2023. **Motion** to approve by Dan Huntley, second by John Glasgow. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Supervisor, Jane Powers:

- Supervisor stated: We have two informal reports from the Town Clerk on the presentations that were made by Corey Mousaw to the Public at the fire halls in Hannawa and Pierrepont. These were informal presentations to share the plans for a future construction project at the highway garage.
- Jane Powers reviewed the current standing of accounts and indicated that some accounts may need to be adjusted as needed in the future.
- **Motion** to approve Supervisor's report for the month of April 2023, made by Dan Huntley, second by Roger Murray. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried.

Town Clerk, Olla Filiatrault:

- Written report submitted. Available for review.
- The amount remitted to the Supervisor was \$251.21, to NYS Agriculture and Markets: \$14.00, and to NYS Environmental Conservation: \$37.79. State Health Department of Marriage: \$45.00. Total Tax collected in April: \$29,645.57 and total penalties in April: \$635.83.
- Tax Collection Report: Total tax collection in April 2023 was \$ 29,645.57 with the total penalties for the month of April 2023 was \$635.83.
- Town Clerk, Olla Filiatrault submitted a written report of her activities during the Annual Town Clerk Conference she attended.
- **Motion** to approve report for the month of April 2023, made by John Glasgow, second by Roger Murray. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried.

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Code Enforcement, Darren Richards reported:

- 9 Building permits issued with the **total** \$ 175.00 collected.
- Darren Richards reported: Things are going smoothly. No other comments.
- **Motion** to approve Code Enforcement Officer's report for the month of May 2023, made by John Glasgow, seconded by Roger Murray. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried.

Assessor, Amy Hunt:

- No written report for the month of May 2023
- Jane Powers stated that she heard the Grievance Day was held and went well.

Planning Board Report,

Pierre Pomainville updated:

- Meeting was held first Wednesday of the month. We had two public meetings. The first was Pierrepont Cider and the planning board denied a permit. So, that now goes to the zoning board of appeals. The second was Northeast Drainage and that permit was approved.
- The agenda was very full for the Planning Board and it was not possible to answer the required General Code questions in the meeting time as is. We would like the Board to approve a second planning board meeting each month for the next three months to address the General Code.
- **Motion** to approve Planning Board to have an additional meeting for the next three months, made by Dan Huntley seconded by John Glasgow. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried.
- Also, the need to chair the planning board meetings by zoom may be required in the future and the requirements for that process was discussed. Roger Murray will investigate. However, no problem is anticipated.
Our next meeting is June 7th.

County Legislator, Rick Perkins:

- Written report submitted. Available for review.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A memo to Shawn Spellacy was received stating the amount of money we are receiving from CHIPS. Monies from the State. Shawn Spellacy stated road construction will be starting soon.
- An invitation: Annual SUNY Potsdam Local Government Conference, October 10, 2023
- An email: 2023 Consolidated Funding Application
- An email from Mary Ann Ashley, Supervisor Town of Canton; with a response to sanctuary village status. She says no.
- A report from NYS Department of Taxation and Finance; equalization rates reported.
- Donation report; in memory of Ann Richards, Darren Richards Mother. Darren thanked the Board.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Museum parking lot request: a request has been made for parking spaces to be assigned for the Museum. Jane Powers stated that with construction ongoing at the present time, that is not possible, and that the topic will be tabled at this time.
- Primary Elections will be taking place June 27th, 2023, in the Town Hall. Therefore, it necessary to move the normal Board meeting date.

Motion to approve **the change in the date for June Board Meeting from Tuesday June 27 to Wednesday June 28** due to Primary Election, made by Dan Huntley, seconded John Glasgow. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried.

- Town Clerk's summer hours: Monday to Friday from 9:00AM to 12:00PM. From June 1, 2023, to September 4, 2023

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

- IT policy for off-site use will be dealt with at next meeting.
- Land Purchase update by Deputy Supervisor Roger Murray. We are very close to closing on the Saunders property. The second property purchase is also nearly completed.
- USDA update by Supervisor Jane Powers. No additional requests have been made from USDA at this time.

GENERAL FUND VOUCHERS:

- General Fund; Abstract #5, Vouchers #147-188, **Total of \$ 13,450.36.** **Motion** to approve made by Roger Murray, second by John Glasgow. No discussion. All approved. None opposed. Motion Carried.

HIGHWAY FUND VOUCHERS:

- Highway Fund; Abstract #5, Vouchers #145-178, **Total of \$ 60,978.50.** **Motion** to approve made by John Glasgow, second by Dan Huntley. No discussion. All approved. None opposed. Motion carried.

Courtesy of The Floor:

Brian & Amanda Deckert from 14 Underhill Drive Hannawa Falls stated concerns they have regarding flooding at their residence. Brian stated that drainage from the roadway is going on to their property and flooding their basement. This has happened recently and in the past. Unfortunately, this is an ongoing issue with the drainage ditch. After discussing this with the Highway department it seems that no one really knows what to do with this problem. We have major expenses related to this flooding. As taxpayers, we are asking for something more to be done. We have contacted Tisdale Associates and it is costly to develop a plan.

Amanda stated the reasons why they can't even get flood insurance. We are stuck at the mercy of the Town because we can't tear up the road to fix it. We are at the end of our rope with how to fix this and we are asking for you to help us with this.

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Much discussion was held as to who is responsible for the culvert and flooding.

Roger Murray stated that possibly the State has responsibility with the culvert that goes under the road. The Deckerts reinforced that they believe the Town needs to take action to help investigate and help resolve the problem sooner rather than later and not wait until the season has passed and they are flooded again. The Deckerts are requesting that the Town pay for the engineering study. The Deckerts indicated that they reviewed last month's meeting minutes, and they think there is money available for the Town to pay for the study. Roger Murray and Jane Powers stated that the budget monies are earmarked for ongoing projects, and it would need to be a budget item for next fiscal year. Much further discussion was held regarding the water flow and Shawn Spellacy provided information regarding the potential problems with redirecting water and the Town only has a 25 foot right away from the center of the road.

Much of the old work done at that site was done prior to zoning. Darren Richards addressed the issues with storm water management.

The Deckerts stated they understand this is an inherited problem by all.

Roger Murray stated that the Board will need time to investigate and if an engineering firm is required, that the Town would choose the firm, if necessary, only if the Town has responsibility for the project. In addressing the request from the Deckerts for a timeline, Roger Murray stated that the Board would need to discuss, investigate, and address at the next June Board meeting if not before.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:07PM pm. **Motion** made by Dan Huntley, second by John Glasgow. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Carried.

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