

Regular Monthly Town of Pierrepont Board Meeting, May 31, 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
Laurie Hance, Asst. to Supervisor
Colin Loomis, Town Attorney

Councilpersons: Roger Murray

John Glasgow
Chad VanBrocklin
Daniel Huntley

Meeting attendees/Public: Darren Richards – Code Enforcement; Pierre Pomainville, Planning Board; Jamie VanBrocklin

PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW No.1 for 2022: Wind Energy Facilities Law: 6:45PM

The Local Wind Law was presented for questions/open discussion. It is basically a copy of Colton's Wind Law. It has been reviewed and approved by the County as well.

Also, Colin Loomis pointed out the need to affirm that everyone has read it, understands it, and that enacting the Law will not have any negative environmental impact within the Town. (SEQR)

A motion to adopt the SEQR of the law was made by Chad VanBrocklin, seconded by Roger Murray. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried.

The floor was opened to the public for discussion on the proposed Wind Law until 7:00PM. No public discussion.

Regular Meeting: 7:00PM Called to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes Approved:

- Minutes of Last Board Meeting held April 26, 2022. Motion to approve by John Glasgow, second by Dan Huntley. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Supervisor, Jane Powers:

- The state CHIPS funding has been added into account.
- Also, some funds have been transferred into different accounts where they should be classified as capital improvements.
- Sales tax came in and was over the expected amount.
- Regarding COVID related funds; Laurie Hance has reported that she is completely certified under the system with US Treasury, etc.
- Motion to approve report made by Roger Murray, second by Dan Huntley. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried.

Regular Monthly Town of Pierrepont Board Meeting, May 31, 2022
County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, 864 State Highway 68, Canton, NY 13617

Town Clerk, Olla Filiatrault:

- A few property taxes are still being collected with the postmarked deadline of May 31, 2022. All unpaid taxes after that date need to be paid at the County by taxpayer.
- Written report submitted. Available for review.
- Motion to approve report made by John Glasgow, second by Chad VanBrocklin. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement, Darren Richards:

Darren Richards reported:

- 6 building permits issued.
- An Energy Communities grant is available for \$5,000. Benchmarks need to be met and are in progress. A resolution will be required to approve the permit process.
- A motion to approve of Darren Richards working to acquire the grant was made by Roger Murray, seconded by John Glasgow. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried.

Assessor, Amy Hunt:

- Grievance day was held on May 27th. No results to report at this time.
- A document was also provided demonstrating the equalization rate for the town.
- Motion to approve made by Roger Murray, second by Chad VanBrocklin. All voted to approve. None Opposed. Motion carried.

Planning Board Report, Pierre Pomainville:

- St. Law. County is having a joint land use planning training on Thursday, June 2nd. Our meeting will be moved to that date for June only.
- General Code is asking for local laws enacted since the last code book was published. Olla will search for those enacted since 1999.
- The Solar Batteries storage is being addressed. It was received back from the County and revisions will be made as needed.
- Cannabis rules and local considerations regarding zoning are being looked at.

County Legislators Report:

Rick Perkins:

Legislator Perkins submitted a written report of recent Legislature activities. The report is available upon request.

Regular Monthly Town of Pierrepont Board Meeting, May 31, 2022
County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, 864 State Highway 68, Canton, NY 13617

CORRESPONDENCE:

Jane Powers reported:

- Correspondence from State Comptroller regarding Retirement system online.
- Annual OSHA training from Rensselaer Falls fire dept. for anyone that needs to take that.
- A letter was received from a Hannawa Falls resident wanting to know if ARPA funds could be used for home repairs. Answer is no.
- A letter was received regarding testing for and the use of cannabis while on the job.
- A letter was received regarding CHIPS funding and pothole program.
- A letter from Treasury confirming Laurie Hance certification related to ARPA funds program.
- A letter from the County regarding using poll sites. Therefore, necessary to move the Board Meeting date.

Roger Murray moved that Town Board Meeting date be moved to Wednesday, June 29th at 7:00PM, seconded by Dan Huntley. All approved. None opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Phone system issues; NCC systems has fixed the systems and phones now work. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of a new phone system. A quote will be requested.
- Hannawa Falls Lighting district: Discussion was held regarding the development of the lighting district and budgeting for such. The costs upfront would most likely be the responsibility of the town and billed to the lighting district after. Further discussion will be held soon.
- BTI program was discussed for mosquito and black fly reduction. Expensive, but possibly worth it. Much discussion was held about the BTI process. Colton has the program and it's very popular. Andrea Malik would be the person to contact for information. Darren Richards will contact her about coming to a board meeting. Discussion to held next month also.
- Road paving was discussed. A motion to spend Town Highway funds for road paving projects was made by Dan Huntley, seconded by John Glasgow. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried.
- A motion to adopt Local Law #1 2022- Wind Energy Facilities Law was made by Chad VanBrocklin, seconded by Dan Huntley. All voted to approve the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- Roger Murray relayed that he had discussions with architect Corey Mousaw regarding building improvements. Prices were requested on Town Hall work, Highway garage work, or all new facilities. Still in research phase for projects.
- John Glasgow reported on ATV/UTV issues regarding the trail system. The adjacent towns may be able to meet to connect trails. The revenue from the trails is important. Jane Powers will call others to see if they want to meet about the issue.
- Jane Powers made a motion for the Board to enter into Executive Session, seconded by John Glasgow. All voted to approve. None opposed. The Board went into Executive Session. The Board returned to regular session. No actions taken.

Regular Monthly Town of Pierrepont Board Meeting, May 31, 2022
County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, 864 State Highway 68, Canton, NY 13617

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: None

GENERAL FUND Abstract:Transfers and/or Vouchers:

- General Fund Voucher; Abstract #5, Vouchers #134-162 for **total of \$10,245.78**. Motion to approve by John Glasgow, second by Dan Huntley. All approved. None opposed.

HIGHWAY FUND VOUCHERS:

- Highway Dept. Abstract #5; Vouchers # 105-137, **total \$48,505.45**. Motion to approve by Chad VanBrocklin, second by Roger Murray. All voted to approve. None opposed.

Courtesy of The Floor:

- Colin Loomis mentioned that the County Planning Board commended the Planning Board and Town Board for all their recent renewable energy local laws passing and being enacted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:43 pm. Motion made by Dan Huntley, second by John Glasgow. All voted to approve. None opposed.

Meeting minutes prepared by Town Clerk, Olla Filiatrault.

NOTE: Next Board meeting will be on WEDNESDAY, 06/29/2022 at 7:00 PM.