

Regular Monthly Town of Pierrepont Board Meeting, October 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
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, SLC Legislator Rick Perkins. Bob Moulton, Fred Green.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE BUDGET 2023 6:50pm

The floor was opened for the public. No public discussion.

Supervisor Jane Powers set the next Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget for 2023 and override tax cap to be held at 6:45 pm, on November 17th, 2022 and followed by a meeting at 7:00 pm on November 17th, 2022 to adopt the Final Budget 2023 and Local Law No.3 for year 2022. A full copy of the text of the law and copy of the Preliminary Budget 2023 are available at the Town Clerk's Office for inspection during regular business hours.

Regular Meeting: 7:02pm Called to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes Approved:

- Minutes of Last Board Meeting held September 27, 2022. **Motion** to approve by Roger Murray, second by Dan Huntley. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Supervisor, Jane Powers:

- Laurie Hance reported on budget items resulting in the following motions by the board. Much discussion was held by the board and Shawn Spellacy regarding needed future highway dept. equipment purchases and the best way to allocate funds for those purchases. Leasing equipment is a viable option.
- **Motion** to approve to move \$100,000.00 from Highway savings account to Highway Capital Reserve account made by Dan Huntley, second by Chad VanBrocklin. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried.
- **Motion** to approve Supervisor's report made by Roger Murray, second by John Glasgow. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried.
- **Motion** to approve to purchase or lease Volvo equipment for highway dept. when it becomes available, motion made by Chad VanBrocklin, second by John Glasgow. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried.
- Also, the Vermiculite study report for the highway garage is available in the Town Board member's packets to be reviewed and discussed later as needed.
- For information, mileage report for departments is available to review.

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Town Clerk, Olla Filiatrault:

- Written report submitted. Available for review.
- The amount remitted to the Supervisor was \$444.94, to NYS Agriculture and Markets: \$24.00, and to NYS Environmental Conservation: \$529.06.
- **Motion** to approve report for the month of September 2022 made by Roger Murray, second by Dan Huntley. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement, Darren Richards reported:

- 2 building permits issued with the **total** \$75.00 collected.
- Darren Richards reported: 6 subdivision approvals were handled as well as certificates of occupancy, etc. NYSEDA grant for energy savings was discussed and should be completed soon.
- **Motion** to approve report made by John Glasgow, seconded by Roger Murray. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried.

Assessor, Amy Hunt reported:

- Amy Hunt submitted a written report of recent Assessor's activities.
- The Assessor provided the Senior Income Level Report. Based on state report, Pierrepont could possibly have 158 new age exemptions if Pierrepont raises the exemption income level to \$58,400 which includes a sliding scale. Chad VanBrocklin requested that the Assessor be present at the next Board meeting to provide further information. Roger Murray concurred. Next month we will have a discussion on the senior citizen exemption.
- Jane Powers stated: Also, in the Board members handout, is an explanation of the 2023 exemption level ceiling changes. To be discussed at next meeting.
- Jane Powers stated: Also, we have an adoption of the county equalization for the spread of the county taxes is 79.5%. So, the assessments for the assessment roll are about 80% of the market value.
- **Motion** to approve report made by Chad VanBrocklin, second by Dan Huntley. All voted to approve. None Opposed. Motion carried.

Planning Board Report:

Pierre Pomainville reported:

The planning board had a meeting October 5th, 2022 with 3 members present. Darren Richards also attended. We reviewed and discussed the solar permit, approved it, and it was sent on to the Town Board for approval.

- The Cannabis Law was also discussed and sent to Colin Loomis and he made some revisions as needed and he asked me to send it on to the County and I have. I have not heard back from them yet, but will call them, so we can move it along.
- Right now, we are looking at campers or recreational vehicles on lots.
- Darren Richards stated: There is an issue that has arisen with a resident placing a board and batten structure on a trailer and its use in a neighborhood is causing an issue with residents in that area. It is an issue that needs to be addressed to avoid similar problems in the future.

Pierre Pomainville stated they hope to come up with something that will work for all residents. Also, continuing to meet training requirements and determine that all requirements are met.

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County Legislator:

Rick Perkins reported: from the last Legislator Board meeting:

We had 54 resolutions

We had 17 modifications to the budget

We had 17 Agreements/ Contracts to be signed

We had a resolution authorizing the filling of 15 vacancies positions.

We had a resolution proclaiming October 23-29th as national lead poisoning awareness week an October as Domestic Violence awareness month and also Cybersecurity month.

We had a resolution accepting a donation of five IPADS from the Diocese of Ogdensburg for the Community Services Dept

We had a resolution authorizing the Seaway Valley Prevention Council to offer Peer services for the State Mandated medication for addiction treatment program at the correctional facility

We had a resolution authorizing the Sheriff's office to enter into an agreement with Community services for the MAT program.

We had a resolution revising the Medicare Part B Premium Reimbursement Policy

We had a resolution establishing the St Lawrence County secondary job policy

We had a resolution approving a change order with Lawman heating for heating and cooling of the fuel island stations in Lisbon, Russell and Potsdam highway outpost facilities

We had a resolution authorizing collection of omitted taxes

We had a resolution adopting the Equalization rates for 2023 County taxes

We had a resolution transferring funds from the 2019 tax foreclosure sale to the environmental remediation reserve account

We had a resolution amending the bank depositories and investments for the county

We had a resolution calling on the dept of defense to initiate salary increases for active-duty military personnel

We had a resolution celebrating October as ST Lawrence County History month and commemorating the 220th anniversary of the County with recognition of the contributions of its founding officials

We had a resolution adopting proposed local law authorizing the use of video or similar service for remote attendance of meetings of public bodies acting in the name of St Lawrence County

We had a resolution authorizing the creation of a Sheriffs marked vehicle reserve for the purpose of ensuring that St Lawrence County patrol vehicles are replaced on a schedule that ensures public safety

We had a resolution authorizing the County attorney to act" Of Counsel" to the plaintiffs in challenging the recently enacted "Concealed Carry Improvement act" as a violation of the US Constitution

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Rick

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CORRESPONDENCE:

Jane Powers reported:

- Annual OSHA training notice, Laurie stated that the Highway Department already had the training.
- An e-mail 2022 Holiday Lighting Attachment Agreements from Courtney Maxon, National Grid. A form to sign if municipality will not be installing holiday attachment on National Grid poles.

Laurie Hance stated it only needs to be signed if not doing it. Roger Murray stated that the Town should be able to have something for the town residents and put some Christmas decorations up like the other towns do.

Darren Richards stated that in Colton they have done outlets per the two areas of the town. He explained the process that Colton follows.

Supervisor Jane Powers will research and proceed with the lights.

- A report from Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS). It lists the many thousands of calls across the county for emergency services. High demand.
- Municipal Shelter Inspection Report from NYS Agriculture and Markets. Report indicates, dog shelter services were rated "Satisfactory".
- An update from State Comptroller, Thomas DiNapoli
- Town Board and Supervisor made donations in memory of Francois Pomainville (Pierre Pomainville's mother and Clifford Streit (Clay Streit's father)
- A correspondence on Pierrepont Veterans Memorial Fund, a letter to Thomas Latimar from Peter J Fadden.

And a notice from Attorney Colin Loomis, that he received an e-mail from SLC District Attorney office that they believe this is a civil matter and they are not going to bring criminal charges.

- A notice from Attorney Colin Loomis about the Colton-Pierrepont Raqueteers group; the town should not sign the contract since it does not show there is benefit to Pierrepont residents.
- A thank you card from Nancy Rutledge to Pierrepont Highway crew for the crushed stone on the Pierrepont Hill Cemetery road in the muddy spots.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A resignation letter from Clay Streit from his current position on the Town Planning Board.
- Resolution #6 ;Local Law to Override the 2023 Tax Cap Limit hearing to be held November 17th, 6:45pm, Pierrepont Town Hall. Will be posted legal notice.
- Resolution No. VII-2022 Establishing Energy Benchmarking Requirements For Certain Municipal Buildings. Explanation of the benefits and process was explained by Darren Richards. Discussion was held.

Roll Call Vote: Jane Powers: yes

Roger Murray: yes

John Glasgow: yes

Dan Huntley: yes

Chad VanBrocklin: yes

5 yes, 0 voted no; carried.

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UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

- Model Local Law Establishing A Local Law Government Code Enforcement Program

Darren Richards stated: NY State changed some of their Dept. of State laws, so we need to change some of our laws; for example, some sub-division laws. Colin Loomis asked questions about the issue and he and Darren Richards will get together to discuss and go through what the Town needs to do. The fines for violations and fee amounts will need to be discussed and set. Going forward the Town would need to adopt the changes after proper process(public hearing required). The board needs to set a date for hearing. Colin Loomis needs to prepare before hearing. Jane Powers indicated she thinks a public hearing should be done in December. This has to be done by December 31st, 2022.

- **Motion** made by Roger Murray, second by John Glasgow to approve **Resolution No VIII-2022 to authorize Town Supervisor to settle Charpentier Lawsuit.** No discussion. All voted to approve. None Opposed. Motion carried.
- **Motion** to approve **New York State Unified Solar Permit**, made by Chad VanBrocklin, second by Roger Murray. No discussion. All voted to approve. None Opposed. Motion carried. We have to do a resolution for the adoption of this permit for the grant at the November Board meeting.
- Erie Boulevard Litigation / NY. It is a normal process yearly. Contract approval requested.
- Motion to approve Contract For Appraisal/Consulting Services done Brian Fogg, LLC; motion made by Roger Murray, seconded by John Glasgow. Discussion was held as to why this is required. All voted to approve. None Opposed. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND Transfers:

- Transfer from A3510.1 Control of Dogs \$150.00 into A3510.4 Control of Dogs C.E. \$150.00.
- Transfer from A1990.4 Contingency \$200.00 into A4220.4 Narcotics Control C.E. \$200.00

Motion to approve both transfers by Dan Huntley, second by John Glasgow. No discussion. All approved. None opposed.

GENERAL FUND Vouchers:

- General Fund; Abstract #10, Vouchers #274-294, **Total of \$.10,333.44** **Motion** to approve by John Glasgow, second by Dan Huntley. No discussion. All approved. None opposed.

HIGHWAY FUND Vouchers:

- Highway Dept. Abstract #10; Vouchers #241-269, **Total \$ 49,831.99** Motion to approve by Chad VanBrocklin, second by Dan Huntley. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed.

Courtesy of The Floor:

- None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:32p.m. **Motion** made by John Glasgow, seconded by Chad VanBrocklin. All voted to approve. None opposed.

Meeting minutes prepared by Town Clerk, Olla Filiatrault.

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