

Regular Monthly Town of Pierrepont Board Meeting, October 29, 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.
Mercy Spellacy; Buddy Rouleau; Terry Reilley; Brad Filiatrault

Regular Meeting: 6:25PM Called to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by Chad VanBrocklin, seconded by Roger Murray, with all in favor to go into **Executive Session for the purpose of the discussion of Article 7, Erie Boulevard.**

The Board adjourned the regular meeting to move to executive session at 6:26p.m.

Invited to executive session: Laurie Hance; Bob Moulton – Highway Superintendent; Olla Filiatrault – Town Clerk; Darren Richard – Code Enforcement Officer; Rick Perkins -Legislator.

The Board returned from executive session at 7:25 p.m. The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

NO Action taken in executive session.

Motion made by John Glasgow, seconded by Chad VanBrocklin, all in favor to go back into the regular meeting.
Action taken in executive session.

**Buddy Rouleau left the meeting @7:23pm*

Minutes Approved:

- Minutes of Last Board Meeting September 24, 2024. **Motion** to approve by Shawn Spellacy, second by Roger Murray. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

County Legislators,

Legislator, Rick Perkins, submitted report of October 7, 2024, County Legislature Board Meeting. It is available upon request.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Supervisor, Jane Powers:

- Jane Powers stated everything looks good.
- Laurie Hance, Admin Asst., added that on the Highway budget we are still carrying bills from storm damage and waiting for FEMA monies. Overall, it does not affect the budget at this point.
- **Motion** to approve Supervisor’s report made by John Glasgow, second by Shawn Spellacy. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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Highway, Bob Moulton:

- Bob Moulton submitted a written report of recent Highway Dept. activities. The report is available on request. We are continuing with road repairs, cutting back road shoulders and getting ready for winter.

Town Clerk, Olla Filiatrault:

- Written report submitted. Available for review.
TOTAL REVENUE Collected: \$1,235.00.
- **Motion** to approve report for the month September 2024 made by Roger Murray, second by John Glasgow. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Code Enforcement, Darren Richards reported:

- 10 Building permit issued with the **total** \$285.00 collected.
- Darren Richards provided the Board with a Building Code Enforcement Department report. He stated that Code enforcement was audited this summer by ISO. The last time the town was audited was 2012. The rating is 1 to 10. 10 being the worst. We were previously rated poorly. We are now brought back up to the state standard on par with the average of all Towns. It is difficult to get better without stronger land use codes.
- **Motion** to approve Code Enforcement Officer's report made by Roger Murray, seconded by Chad VanBrocklin. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Assessor, Amy Hunt:

- No report.
- Supervisor Powers stated that she has the adoption of the equalization rate for 2025 taxes for Town of Pierrepont and it is 68%.
- Councilman VanBrocklin questioned why the Assessor is not here at the meeting as requested by the Board.
Supervisor Powers said she would speak with her about issues brought forth by the Board.

Planning Board Report:

- No report.
- Supervisor Powers stated that the Planning Board is going to have Public Hearing on November 6, 2024, at 7:00pm followed by Planning Board regular meeting.

Courtesy of The Floor:

- Terry Reilley, spoke regarding Veteran's memorial. She is now secretary of the memorial.
- Brad Filiatrault, resident, indicated he could help put the memorial information on the town website if they provided pictures, etc. Also, he addressed the Veterans Wall Board currently in the Town hall and asked for some ideas on approving the appearance and upkeep of the wall board. Possibly, a school group could take it on as a project.
- Councilman Murray suggested to have a discussion regarding Building Planning items on November 13, 2024, at 6:30pm.
- Discussion of NYMIR insurance requirements was held regarding the need for technology oversight and protection against threats to technology systems (computers, internet, etc.).

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NEW BUSINESS:

- **Motion** to approve Town Clerk Filiatrault to attend the Regional Meeting in Ithaca, December 9, 2024, made by John Glasgow, second by Shawn Spellacy. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Motion** to approve \$300.00 to sponsor 3 benches with the township's name on the back of the benches to Gouverneur and St. Lawrence County Fair made by John Glasgow, second by Shawn Spellacy. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Motion** to approve to sign attachment of (decorations) to poles agreement between the Town of Pierrepont and National Grid Company made by Roger Murray, second by John Glasgow. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

- Town Hall Driveway signs. Superintendent Moulton stated that he is ordering signs showing entrance only and exit only for the Town Hall driveways. They will also give directions to the justice court and town clerk. They will be in place by election day.
- Highway garage project update. Laure Hance stated she got a call from USDA that they want to keep us on task; with bond Counsel, etc... Laurie explained several matters to be addressed by the architect, the contractor bids, etc...

GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS:

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Chad VanBrocklin. No discussion. All approved. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously, to make the following General Fund Transfers:

- \$1,000.00 from Zoning CE A8010.4 to Assessor CE A1355.4
- \$1,000.00 from Contingency A1190.4 to Central Printing A1670.4
- \$2,500.00 from Retirement A9010.8 to Health & Hospital A9060.8
- \$1,500.00 from Municipal Association Dues A1920.4 to Central Data Processing A1650.4

GENERAL FUND VOUCHERS:

- **Motion** by John Glasgow, seconded by Roger Murray. No discussion. None opposed. All in favor of authorizing payment of the General Fund Abstract #10, Vouchers #284-314, Total of \$12,372.64.

HIGHWAY FUND VOUCHERS:

- **Motion** by Shawn Spellacy, seconded by Chad VanBrocklin. No discussion. None opposed. All in favor of authorizing payment of the Highway Fund Abstract #10, Vouchers #239-264, Total of \$87,098.36.

ADJOURNMENT:

- **Motion** to adjourn meeting at 8:27 pm. Motion made by Roger Murray, 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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