

**AUGUST 31, 2021
TOWN OF PIERREPONT
REGULAR MEETING**

The Town Board of the Town of Pierrepont held their Regular Meeting on August 31, 2021 at the Pierrepont Town Hall, commencing at 7:00 PM.

Present:	Supervisor	Jane Powers
	Councilmen	Roger Murray
		Dahl McCormick
		John Glasgow
		Dan Huntley
	Town Clerk	Melanie Thomas
	Highway Superintendent	Shawn Spellacy
	Town Attorney	Colin Loomis
Public:	Fred Green	Pierrepont, NY
	Pete Pomainville	Planning Board Chairman
	Buddy Rouleau	Pierrepont, NY
	Rick Perkins	SLC Legislator
	Darren Richards	Code Enforcement Officer
	Olla Filiatrault	Deputy Town Clerk

Supervisor Powers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and Councilman Dahl McCormick led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by John Glasgow, to accept the minutes of the July 27, 2021 Regular Meeting as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, to accept the Supervisor's Report for the month of July 2021 as submitted, all in favor. (Along with the Supervisor's Report are the Annual Update Document for 2020 that we submitted to New York State and the mileage report from the highway department).

Motion by John Glasgow, seconded by Dan Huntley, to accept the Town Clerk's Report for July 2021 as submitted, all in favor. (Total local shares remitted: \$583.28, \$27.00 to NYS Ag & Markets, \$4.72 to NYS Environmental Conservation).

Motion by John Glasgow, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to accept the Code Enforcement Report for Permits #27-21 through #31-21 as submitted, Total \$135.00, all in favor. Code Enforcement Officer Darren Richards stated that the printer in his office

does not work. He would like to request a printer/scanner to share with the assessor.

Also, he would like to request magnetic signs for his vehicle while he is visiting sites and doing inspections. He reports that we have 3 new homes going up in the town.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dan Huntley, all in favor, to allow Code Enforcement Officer Darren Richards to choose a printer/scanner for his office and to allow Supervisor Powers to authorize the purchase.

St. Lawrence County Legislator's Report:

St. Lawrence County Legislator Rick Perkins reported that County Full Board meeting was held on August 2nd at the Gouverneur Fair. They had 38 resolutions, including 9 modifications to the budget, 21 agreements/contracts, 9 vacancies filled, reversing the default of the Norwood Bakery, Proclaiming August as National Immunization Awareness Month. They also adopted a policy for the appropriate use of the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail System, authorizing the use of the county work force and equipment and the creation of a reserve for the maintenance of the trails, etc. There was discussion about the investigation of shipwrecks near the Robert Moses dam (tabled). There was also discussion about invasive species on Black Lake. The census report is out and the county is down 3.17% from 2010. The Town of Pierrepont is down 63 people from 2010, with 2,523 people now. The County Tax Auction is online this year from September 11th to September 25th.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank-you letter from the Beech Plains Cemetery Association, thanking us for the dirt and stone.

Letter regarding an Article 7 from SLIC Network Solutions.

Letter to Supervisor Jane Powers, from Stephen Button, Esq., St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan Administrator, regarding the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan (Our cost will decrease slightly). This becomes part of the tax bill.

Letter regarding the 2020 Census (We have 2,523, down 2.55% from 2010).

Press Release from the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department, recommending all persons wear a mask while indoors in accordance with recent CDC guidance.

Report from Charity Gregory, BOCES Health and Safety Services, to Drug and Alcohol Program Participants, regarding six-month annual report.

NEW BUSINESS

We have an Article 7 petition from Erie Boulevard Hydropower. She spoke to the Town of Colton supervisor and they have retained Lewis & Greer to handle it for them. So she has contacted them and they have agreed to represent us, pending approval of the retainer agreement. Our attorney, Colin Loomis, has reviewed and recommends approving it. They will charge \$195 per hour, (plus costs and disbursements).

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dan Huntley, all in favor, to approve the retainer agreement with Lewis & Greer, P.C., Attorneys and Counselors-at-Law.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to adopt **Resolution #VII-2021: Regarding a Financial Matter Undertaken by the Governing Board in Regards to the Pierrepont Town Justice Account. (see attached).**

The computer that is being used for accounting needs to be updated.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to approve the purchase of a new computer and/or printer for administrative assistant Laurie Hance.

We need to begin work on the 2022 budget. We will be scheduling a special work session soon to start the process.

Supervisor Powers stated that we have received a letter from the Daughters of the American Revolution regarding Constitution Week, which is September 17th through September 23rd. This year marks the 234th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States of America. The Town of Pierrepont Town Board wishes to recognize the importance of our constitution with the adoption of the following resolution:

Motion by John Glasgow, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to adopt **Resolution #VIII-2021: Proclaiming September 17th - 23rd Constitution Week (see attached).**

OLD BUSINESS

Planning Board Update: Planning Board Chairman Pete Pomainville stated that the town board members have copies of the final draft of the solar law that the planning board has submitted. He said that the county has approved it and he wonders where we go from here.

Town attorney Colin Loomis stated that he needs time to read through it and then we will begin the process of enacting the local law and doing the long form SEQR.

Supervisor Powers stated that hopefully, we will have the public hearing for the local law at our October regular meeting.

Councilman Murray stated that he would like to thank our planning board for all the hard work they have done on this law.

We also need to decide if we need to extend the wind moratorium for 6 months. It was decided that we do need to. Our attorney will work on this.

We received a letter from New York State Division of the Budget regarding the ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund . We will be receiving another \$1,035.93 because of some municipalities who were non-responsive.

Painting of Historical Markers: Town Clerk Melanie Thomas stated that she contacted Phil Jones and he responded that he would not be able to do it because of other obligations. We also tried Alexander Kovacs, who painted our stairwell and he is also not available. Councilman Murray said that he saw some historical signs in Potsdam that were freshly painted and maybe we could contact them to see who painted them.

We have a proposal from Northern Tier Contracting for \$5,484.00 to inspect and repair a 10 foot by 12 foot area on one wall of the town hall.

Motion by John Glasgow, seconded by Dan Huntley, all in favor to approve the proposal from Northern Tier Contracting.

We have some General Fund Transfers to be made.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to make the following **General Fund Transfers:**

From A1355.4 Board of Assessment Review

Into A1355.4 Assessors' CE \$100.00

From A7140.4 Playground & Rec

Into A4220.4 Narcotics Control CE.....\$150.00

From A7140.4 Playground & Rec

Into A8810.4 Cemeteries CE100.00

Authorization to Pay Abstracts:

Motion by John Glasgow, seconded by Dahl McCormick, all in favor, to authorize payment of **General Fund Abstract #8, Vouchers #181-202, \$8,032.35.**

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dan Huntley, all in favor, to authorize payment of **Highway Fund Abstract #8, Vouchers #199-231, Total \$323,219.77.**

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR (no comments)

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by John Glasgow, all in favor, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie J. Thomas
Town Clerk

MJT

TOWN OF PIERREPONT
RESOLUTION For Year of 2021: #VII-2021

The Town of Pierrepont establishes the following resolution for the year of 2021 regarding a financial matter undertaken by the governing board..

NBT Bank maintains one checking account for the Pierrepont Town Justice bank account. The Town Justice bank account allows only the signature authority of the Town Justice, Bradley J. Filiatrault.

Town Justice, Bradley J. Filiatrault is the only authorized person for usage of online banking in regards to Pierrepont Town Justice account.

Audits of the Town Justice account are audited by assigned Council members of the Town of Pierrepont. Council members are assigned this task by the Town Supervisor.

Audits of said Town Justice accounts are done on a monthly basis by use of cash receipts registers, Town Justice reports and records, etc. Total cash receipts and statements are verified by Council members.

For calendar year of 2020, records of the Town Justice accounts have been audited for the period of January 2020 - December 31, 2020.

Resolution of Town Justice audit adopted this 31st day of August 2021,

Jane B. Powers, Pierrepont Town Supervisor



Approved by Roger Murray, Pierrepont Town Councilman X

John Glasgow, Pierrepont Town Councilman X

Dahl McCormick, Pierrepont Town Councilman X

Daniel Huntley, Pierrepont Town Councilman X



Resolution #VIII-2021
Proclamation

WHEREAS: September 17, 2021, marks the two hundred and thirty-fourth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary; and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS: Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Jane B. Owens by virtue of the authority vested in me as Supervisor of the Town of Pierrepont do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as

Constitution Week

AND ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Pierrepont to be affixed this 31st day of August of the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one.

Signed Melanie J. Thomas, Town Clerk Seal