

**JANUARY 26, 2021
TOWN OF PIERREPONT
REGULAR MEETING**

The Town Board of the Town of Pierrepont held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at the Pierrepont Town Hall, commencing at 7:00 PM.

Present:	Supervisor	Jane Powers
	Councilmen	Roger Murray
		John Glasgow
		Dan Huntley
	Town Clerk	Melanie Thomas
Absent:	Councilman	Dahl McCormick
	Highway Superintendent	Shawn Spellacy
	Town Attorney	Colin Loomis

Residents & Public:

Clay Streit

Code Enforcement Officer

Supervisor Powers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Councilman John Glasgow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by John Glasgow, seconded by Roger Murray, to accept the minutes of the December 29, 2020 Regular Meeting, all in favor.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by John Glasgow, to accept the minutes of the January 5, 2021 Organizational Meeting, all in favor.

Motion by Dan Huntley, seconded by John Glasgow, to accept the Supervisors' Report for December 2020 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dan Huntley, to accept the Town Clerk's Report for the month of December 2020 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Dan Huntley, seconded by Roger Murray, to accept the Justice's Report for the month of December 2020 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Dan Huntley, seconded by John Glasgow, to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Report for January 2021 as submitted, all in favor. (Clay reported that he

attended a zoom meeting with the Planning Board regarding solar regulations.)

No Assessor's Report

CORRESPONDENCE

Notice to Town of Pierrepont, New York State's Paid Sick Leave Legislation (in response to the corona virus).

Letter to Thomas Latimer, Pierrepont Veteran's Monument Project, from Town Resident Anne Carberry, regarding the roof over the monument (The board is not opposed to a roof, but the first plan for the roof was considered too big and in the wrong direction. They would be open to a revised plan).

Tax rate worksheets for 2021 taxes.

Letter to Supervisor Jane Powers, from Dan Bronson, regarding his subdivision. (Councilman Huntley said that we gave him until March 1, 2021 to make the decision whether to keep his subdivision or not. He needs to make a decision. Jane will contact Jim Race at Real Property). Councilman Murray said that we should put it on the agenda for next month. Supervisor Powers said that we need to have our attorney involved also.

Inspection Report for Dog Control Officer, completed on Dec. 21, 2020. The report was satisfactory.

NEW BUSINESS

We have someone who is interested in being on the planning board, William Peter Whalen.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by John Glasgow, all in favor, to appoint William Peter Whalen to the planning board, term expiring on December 31, 2021.

Motion by John Glasgow, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, adopting **Resolution #II-2021: Auditing of the Town Justice Records for 2020.**

The following resolution was asked for by our assessor.

Motion by John Glasgow, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, adopting **Resolution #III-2021: Adoption of Provisions of Executive Order 202.83 Suspending the Requirements of Renewal Applications as a Condition to Granting Exemptions Under Sections 459-C and 467 of the Real Property Law.**

OLD BUSINESS

Solar Farm Moratorium: Our attorney, Colin Loomis recommended that we pass a moratorium for solar and wind farms. It can be done for up to 12 months, but he recommends 6 months. Supervisor Powers brought up the fact that we wonder what effect this will have on the individual homeowner who would like to put up a solar panel. Colin stated that the moratorium would cover individuals as well as commercial companies. It would require a local law and a public hearing.

Councilman Huntley asked why couldn't we have the moratorium for 3 months instead of 6 months? That way we could have it over with before this year's building season.

Supervisor Powers stated that 6 months would give the planning board more time to get the regulations in place. We could extend it another 6 months if we needed to.

Councilman Murray stated that he believes most moratoriums are 6 months. This would give our planning board more time to get their ducks in a row. Also, he would like to see the planning board members attend our next board meeting if possible.

Authorization to Pay Bills:

Motion by Dan Huntley, seconded by John Glasgow, all in favor, to authorize payment of **General Fund Abstract #1, VO# 1-32, Total \$136,241.49.**

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dan Huntley, all in favor, to authorize payment of **Highway Fund Abstract #1, VO# 1-25, Total \$50,122.17.**

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

No comments from the public.

Motion by Dan Huntley, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie J. Thomas
Town Clerk

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**TOWN OF PIERREPONT
RESOLUTION For Year of 2020**

RESOLUTION #II-2021

AUDITING OF TOWN JUSTICE RECORDS

The Town of Pierrepont establishes the following resolution for the year of 2020 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 current 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 26th day of January 2021.

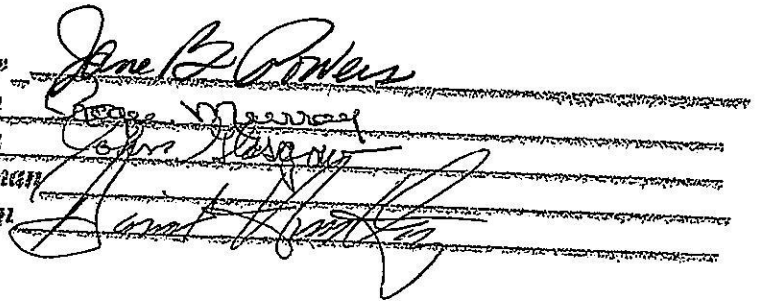
Jane B. Powers, Pierrepont Town Supervisor

Roger Murray, Pierrepont Town Councilman

John Glasgow, Pierrepont Town Councilman

Dahl McCormick, Pierrepont Town Councilman

Daniel Huntley, Pierrepont Town Councilman



RESOLUTION NO. III-2021 OF THE TOWN OF PIERREPONT

ADOPTION OF PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 202.83 SUSPENDING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RENEWAL APPLICATIONS AS A CONDITION TO GRANTING EXEMPTIONS UNDER SECTIONS 459-C AND 467 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

WHEREAS, On March 7, 2020, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo issued an Executive Order Number 202, declaring a State Disaster Emergency for the entire State of New York, and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2020 said, declaration was extended to include: Subdivisions 7, 7-a and 8 of section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law, and subdivisions 5, 5-a, 5-b, 5-c and 6 of section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, which permits the governing body of an assessing unit to adopt a resolution directing the assessor to grant exemptions pursuant to such section on the 2021 assessment roll to all property owners who received that exemption on the 2020 assessment roll, thereby dispensing with the need for renewal applications from such persons, and further dispensing with the requirement for assessors to mail renewal applications to such persons, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Pierrepont is desirous in adopting such a resolution while also allowing the assessor to require a renewal application to be filed when he or she has reason to believe that an owner who qualified for the exemption on the 2020 assessment roll may have since changed his or her primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner, or died,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of Pierrepont hereby authorizes the passage of such resolution, and that the assessor is instructed to take any such necessary actions in the above-described directives.

1/26/21
Date

Jane B. Parker Supervisor, Town of Pierrepont

By: A vote of 4 YES
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