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**January 31, 2017
TOWN OF PIERREPONT
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #1-2017**

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was called to order at 6:50 PM. The hearing is for Local Law #1-2017: Amending the Rate for Exemption for Persons 65 and Over for Town of Pierrepont Tax Purposes at the Level of \$20,000. Supervisor Powers asked if there were any public comments concerning the local law. There were no comments.

The hearing was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

The Town Board of the Town of Pierrepont held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 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
	Highway Superintendent	Shawn Spellacy
	Administrative Assistant	Laurie Hance

Absent:	Councilman	Dahl McCormick
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Residents & Public:

Mercy Spellacy	Pierrepont, NY
Phyllis Shimmel	Hannawa Falls, NY
Gordon Shimmel	Hannawa Falls, NY
Kevin LaBrake	Pierrepont, NY
Clay Streit	Pierrepont, NY
Rick Perkins	SLC Legislator

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

Councilman John Glasgow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dan Huntley, to accept the minutes of the December 27, 2016 Regular Meeting, all in favor.

Motion by John Glasgow, seconded by Dan Huntley, to accept the minutes of the January 10, 2017 Organizational Meeting, all in favor.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by John Glasgow, to accept the Supervisors' Report for December 2016 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Dan Huntley, seconded by John Glasgow, to accept the Town Clerk's Report for the month of December 2016 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Dan Huntley, seconded by Roger Murray, to accept the Justice's Report for the month of December 2016 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by John Glasgow, to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Report as submitted (#64-16 & #1-17), all in favor.

Motion by Dan Huntley, seconded by John Glasgow, to accept the Assessor's Report for the month of December 2016, all in favor.

Report from St. Lawrence County Legislator Rick Perkins: The county is looking forward to the new year and setting up committees. He is involved in the wind tower issue in the towns of Parishville and Hopkinton. They are studying the health effects of the towers. A new director of community services will be appointed. There has been an issue with one legislator and comments he put on facebook. He asked if anyone had any questions.

Councilman Dan Huntley asked about soybean processing plants. Mr. Perkins stated that he didn't know too much about them, but he knew that some people are starting to have success with it.

Highway Superintendent Shawn Spellacy asked what is going on with the by-pass for Route 11. Mr. Perkins said that progress is slow. There are problems with the Indian land claims, but he said he would like to see it happen.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter to Local Government Officials, from Gerry Geist, Executive Director, The Association of Towns, regarding tax relief for residents.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adopt Local Law #1-2017: Amending the Rate for Exemption for Persons 65 and Over for Town of Pierrepont Tax Purposes at the Level of \$20,000.00 by Roger Murray, seconded by Dan Huntley.

Roll Call Vote: Dan Huntley: yes
John Glasgow: yes
Dahl McCormick: absent
Roger Murray: yes
Jane Powers: yes

Results: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained (Local Law passes).

Councilman Murray stated that he got a call from Mr. Ron Dumoulin about the land that he owns near the town hall. He is considering selling it and he wants to give us the first option. Supervisor Powers said that she and Mr. Murray could meet with him and possibly have him come to the February meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

At the organizational meeting, a question arose about the official newspaper for the town. It was discussed that maybe we could use North Country This Week because more people read it and not many people get the newspaper any more. Town Clerk Melanie Thomas looked up what was required for the official newspaper. She found that it has to be a publication that is in general circulation, is established and ordinarily printed and distributed at least weekly for at least one year, contains news, editorials, and other matters of "current interest", has a paid circulation, and is entered as second class mail matter. It was concluded that North Country This Week could not be the official newspaper because it does not have a paid circulation. We will continue to use the Watertown Daily Times as our official newspaper.

MOTION by Dan Huntley, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to authorize payment of **General Fund Abstract #1, VO# 1-36, Total \$114,290.52**

MOTION by Dan Huntley, seconded by John Glasgow, all in favor, to authorize payment of **Highway Fund Abstract #1, VO# 1-39, Total \$34,865.73**

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Hannawa Falls resident Gordon Shimmel stated that he had gotten a letter from the Code Enforcement Officer that stated he had to move his building in his yard because it was too close to the fence. Mr. Shimmel said that he did move it, but his neighbor, Randy Driscoll, got a similar letter and he has not moved his building. He stated that this was

not fair to him. Mr. Shimmel also stated that Mr. Driscoll was supposed to fix his fence over a year ago and has done nothing about that either. Code Enforcement Officer Ike Guyette was not present, but Deputy Code Enforcement Officer Clay Streit was present. Supervisor Powers asked Mr. Streit if he would speak to Mr. Guyette about it. Mr. Streit said yes, he would.

MOTION by Dan Huntley, seconded by John Glasgow, all in favor to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie J. Thomas
Town Clerk