

**JULY 27, 2021
TOWN OF PIERREPONT
REGULAR MEETING**

The Town Board of the Town of Pierrepont held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday July 27, 2021 at the Pierrepont Town Hall, commencing at 7:00 PM.

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

Residents & Public:

Rick Perkins	SLC Legislator
Darren Richards	Colton, NY

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

Councilman Dahl McCormick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Dan Huntley, seconded by Roger Murray, to accept the minutes of the June 29, 2021 Regular Meeting, all in favor.

Motion by John Glasgow, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to accept the Supervisor's Report for the month of June 2021 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dan Huntley, to accept the Town Clerk's Report for the month of June 2021 as submitted, all in favor. (Total collected for town: \$155.00, for state: \$20.00).

Motion by Dan Huntley, seconded by John Glasgow, to accept the Justice's Report for the month of June 2021 as submitted, all in favor. (Total collected: \$2,585.00).

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, to accept the Code

Enforcement Officer's Report as submitted (permits #21-21 through #26-21, Total \$160.00), all in favor.

Motion by Dan Huntley, seconded by John Glasgow, to accept the Assessor's Report for the month of July 2021 as submitted, all in favor. (Report on 2021 assessment roll).

Report from Rick Perkins, St. Lawrence County Legislator: Mr. Perkins reported that at the last county board meeting, there were 22 resolutions and 9 vacancies filled. They approved acquisition of a parcel of land in Potsdam for construction of a county highway facility. An access agreement was granted to the Pierrepont Veteran's Monument Committee to move the monument to county property on County Route 29. \$88,000 was given to the Massena fishing tournament. The county has taken in \$48,000 from the ATV fund for maintenance of trails and administration. They have had some complaints about a few "bad apples" using the trails. The sheriff's department is patrolling and if you get a fine, you will be banned the rest of the year. If you get a second fine, you will be banned forever.

Councilman McCormick said that he would like to thank whoever cleaned up the old store at Langdon's Corners.

Legislator Perkins asked about the age of the big flag hanging in the town hall. Councilman McCormick stated that he found the flag in the basement in a garbage bag. It had big holes in it, was wet and dirty. He took it to the cleaner's in Potsdam to have it cleaned. It was clean, but had a lot of holes in it. He found a seamstress to fix the holes and it was hung in the town hall. There is an article hanging with it that tells about it.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter to the Town Board from Town Justice Bradley Filiatrault, regarding audit of the court records for 2020. (Supervisor Powers stated that the board examines the court's records each month).

Letter To Supervisor Jane Powers from the New York State Division of the Budget, regarding ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to appoint Darren Richards as a part-time interim Code Enforcement Officer, all in favor.

Town Attorney Colin Loomis stated that any part-time appointments must be approved by the county Human Resources department.

Councilman Huntley stated that he noticed that a laptop computer was purchased for the new code enforcement officer and the cost was shared with the Town of Colton. He asked what happens if he ceases to work for us. What happens with the computer? Councilman Murray stated that the Town of Colton would have to pay us off for our part of the computer.

Town Attorney Colin Loomis stated that he would like to make an addition to the motion for appointing Darren Richards as Code Enforcement Officer.

Councilman Murray stated that he would like to rescind his motion and Councilman McCormick stated that he rescinds his second to the motion appointing Darren Richards as Code Enforcement Officer, all in favor.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dan Huntley, to appoint Darren Richards as a part-time interim Code Enforcement Officer for the remainder of 2021 and to authorize Supervisor Powers to sign a contract with Mr. Richards, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Historical Markers: Town Clerk Melanie Thomas has contacted Phil Jones to see if he would be interested in painting the other 4 signs. He has not answered as of yet. Councilman Murray stated that we need them painted, so if he cannot do it, we should find someone else.

Planning Board Update: Supervisor Powers said that our attorney has some changes to the solar law that was submitted to the county planning board. Our planning board meets on August 4th to work on the law. Councilman Murray stated that the planning board has not been able yet to work on a wind energy law, so we will have to extend the wind moratorium to give them time to work on it. Also, he thinks they should have a meeting of the planning board and the Zoning Board of Appeals soon.

We applied for money from ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. We are eligible to receive a total payment of \$253,733.00 (half will be paid this summer and half in the summer of 2022).

Councilman Murray stated that Ana Thomas is looking at mid to late August or September to get someone to do an exploratory on the one wall of the town hall.

Payment of Abstracts:

Motion by John Glasgow, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to authorize payment of **General Fund Abstract #7, Vouchers #166-180, Total \$6,928.27.**

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Dan Huntley, all in favor, to authorize payment of **Highway Fund Abstract #7, Vouchers #175-198, Total \$34,098.10.**

We have a general fund transfer.

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

\$75.00 from A1990.4 Contingency to A8810.4 CE Cemeteries

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

No public comments.

Councilman Glasgow asked if we could get an update on what the highway department is doing.

Highway Superintendent Shawn Spellacy stated that they paved the Taylor Rd. and a half mile of the Wilson Rd. Now they are helping the Town of Russell with their paving. After that, they will be paving Cold Brook Drive and the Green Rd.

Town Attorney Colin Loomis said that we have received a Notice of Petition from Erie Boulevard (Article 7).

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Dan Huntley, all in favor, to adjourn.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie J. Thomas
Town Clerk

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