

**JUNE 29, 2021
TOWN OF PIERREPONT
REGULAR MEETING**

The Town Board of the Town of Pierrepont held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 29, 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
	Administrative Assistant	Laurie Hance
	Town Attorney	Colin Loomis
	Highway Superintendent	Shawn Spellacy

Residents & Public:

Mercy Spellacy	Pierrepont, NY
Rick Perkins	SLC Legislator
Brad Filiatrault	Town Justice
Olla Filiatrault	Deputy Town Clerk
Pete Pomainville	Planning Board Chairman
Ana Thomas	Pierrepont, NY (Architect)
Eric Bonno	Pierrepont, NY
Fred Green	Pierrepont, NY
Robert Dowman	Pierrepont, NY

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

Councilman Dahl McCormick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Powers introduced Ana Thomas, who is an architect and the director of project management at Clarkson University. Councilman Murray asked her to take a look at our town hall several years back before the roof was replaced on the building. He asked if we could “dust” things off and take another look at the building to see what the next step would be. She stated that she has broken it down into 4 phases. Phase 1 is complete (replace roof and increase insulation). Phase 2 would be the review and discovery of structural movement on the east wall and the condition of wall members and insulation. Phase 3 would be window replacement and siding restoration and exterior wall repairs as a result of discovery in Phase 2 (added insulation where possible). Phase 4 would be improvements to the main entrance. She stated that she does not have an estimate for the cost yet, so she would be seeking approval to proceed with getting an

estimate. With the current climate, there is a problem finding contractors, but she estimates that it would be around \$15,000.00 for Phase 2.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to authorize Ana Thomas to hire a contractor to do an exploratory on the east wall of the town hall, cost not to exceed \$20,000.00. All in favor.

Motion by Dan Huntley, seconded by John Glasgow, to accept the minutes of the May 25, 2021 Regular Meeting, all in favor.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Dan Huntley, to accept the Supervisor's Report for the month of May 2021 as submitted, all in favor.

-Our Town Justice, Brad Filiatrault, addressed the board about the new television screen that he purchased for court. He explained that it has many uses: meetings, trainings, slide presentations, zoom meetings, grievance day, etc. Since we do have wifi capabilities, it would be very handy. He stated that he believes we should update our router at some point.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by John Glasgow, to accept the Town Clerk's Report for the month of May 2021 as submitted, all in favor. (Total collected for town: \$434.38, for state: \$78.62). Town Clerk Melanie Thomas reminded everyone that we are holding our rabies clinic on July 7th at the town barn from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. It will be a drive-thru clinic and an appointment must be made by 4:00 PM on July 6th. Also, we received notification from Amvets Post 262 that they are applying for a new liquor license.

Motion by Dan Huntley, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to accept the Justice's Report for the month of May 2021 as submitted, all in favor. (Total collected for town: \$541.00, for state: \$1,539.00).

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by John Glasgow, to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Report for June 2021 as submitted, all in favor. (Total collected: \$75.00).

Motion by John Glasgow, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to accept the Assessor's Report for the month of June 2021 as submitted, all in favor. Our equalization rate was 90% last year and 88% this year, for a change of 2.27%.

St. Lawrence County Legislator Report: SLC Legislator Rick Perkins reported that their last regular board meeting was on June 7, 2021. They had resolutions regarding adding 13 parcels to Agricultural District 2, releasing funds for the bassmasters tournament, the building of 2 garages and 2 sand buildings, corrections of errors for tax collection, and 12 and 13 year olds being able to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow with licensed adult supervision.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by John Glasgow, all in favor, to go into **Executive Session for the purpose of the employment of a personnel member.**

The board adjourned the regular meeting to move to executive session at 7:43 PM.
Invited to executive session: Town Attorney Colin Loomis.

The board returned from executive session at 7:55 PM. The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:55 PM.

Supervisor Powers stated that we received a letter of resignation from Code Enforcement Officer Clay Streit.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by John Glasgow, all in favor, to accept with regret the resignation of Clay Streit as Code Enforcement Officer, effective July 13, 2021.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter to Supervisor Powers from the St. Lawrence County Supervisor's Association regarding solar projects, the appropriate use of rescue money, cannabis legislation, and new rules for FEMA money.

E-mail to Supervisor Powers regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (deadline to apply is July 9th).

E-mail to Supervisor Powers regarding cannabis dispensaries (towns have until December 31, 2021 to opt out).

NEW BUSINESS

We have someone who is interested in being on our Zoning Board of Appeals. His name is Robert Dowman. He said that he is a retired Clarkson professor and has had some experience with real estate. He said he would be interested in serving on the ZBA.

Motion by Dan Huntley, seconded by John Glasgow, all in favor, to appoint Robert Dowman to the Zoning Board of Appeals (term expiring on 12-31-25).

Councilman Huntley asked if we have anything in writing as to the expectations for someone on the ZBA. Supervisor Powers said that the county does training for people on the ZBA. Councilman Huntley said he volunteers to put the expectations in writing.

Planning Board Update: Planning Board Chairman Pete Pomainville stated that there will be no meeting in July, but they will be meeting on August 4th. He thought he would have the final draft of the solar law, but he doesn't yet. The county has approved it.

The board has a plaque for retired highway employee Kevin Cole, who retired with 34 years of service. Kevin was not present, so we will make sure he receives it.

OLD BUSINESS

NYMIR Inspection Report (recommendations): The results will be addressed.

Historical Markers: Town Clerk Melanie Thomas stated that she drove around the town to find what we had for historical markers. She said she found 5 of them:

1. First schoolhouse: near Rose Camp's house on SH 68
2. First church: near Dan Huntley's house on Post Rd.
3. Boyhood home of author Irving Bachelor: near Shawn Spellacy's house on CR 29.
4. War of 1812 Gravesite: on CR 24
5. Cox's Mill: on Mill St. in Hannawa Falls

All of these markers are in need of painting, except the one for Cox's Mill because it was painted last year by Mr. Phil Jones. He did a great job. The board asked the Town Clerk to contact Mr. Jones and see if he would be willing to do the other 4 (we would be willing to pay him).

Payment of Abstracts:

Motion by John Glasgow, seconded by Dahl McCormick, all in favor, to authorize payment of **General Fund Abstract #6, Vouchers #136-165, Total \$14,176.80.**

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Dan Huntley, all in favor, to authorize payment of **Highway Fund Abstract #6, Vouchers #142-174, Total \$39,694.77.**

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

No comments.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Dan Huntley, all in favor, to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie J. Thomas
Town Clerk

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