

MARCH 26, 2013
TOWN OF PIERREPONT
PUBLIC HEARING: Local Law #1-2013: Permitting & Regulating All-Terrain
Vehicle Operations on Certain Public Roads of the Town of Pierrepont
REGULAR MEETING

Present:	Supervisor	Thomas Latimer
	Councilman	John McIntosh
		Neil Thomas
		Roger Murray
		Dahl McCormick
	Town Clerk	Melanie Thomas
	Town Attorney	Eric Gustafson
	Highway Superintendent	Shawn Spellacy

Residents & Public:

Mercy Spellacy	Pierrepont, NY
Ike Guyette	Town Assessor/Code Enf. Officer
Chuck Schloer	South Colton, NY (hearing only)
Deb Christy	Canton, NY (hearing only)
Nola S. Ercole	South Colton, NY (hearing only)
Byron Meashaw	Parishville, NY (hearing only)
Dawn Amo	Canton, NY
Clay Streit	Canton, NY
Danny Collins	Pierrepont, NY (hearing only)
Chris Rovers	Hannawa Falls, NY
Scott Sutherland	SLC Legislator (7:30 PM)

The Town Board of the Town of Pierrepont held a Public Hearing for Local Law #1-2013 and their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2013 at the Pierrepont Town Hall, commencing at 7:15 PM.

Supervisor Latimer called the Public Hearing for Local Law #1-2013 to order at 7:15 PM. He stated that the local law we are proposing is to open five roads to all-terrain vehicles, Vebber Rd., Green Rd., Cold Brook Drive, Morrill Rd., and Eells Rd. He asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments.

Town Attorney Eric Gustafson read the SEQR short form for Local Law #1-2013. All board members were in agreement with the answers. They were all in agreement that there would be limited environmental impact and since there are no other agencies involved, a negative declaration of environmental impact was declared.

Motion by Neil Thomas, seconded by John McIntosh, to accept the SEQR as stated, all in favor.

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Supervisor Latimer declared the public hearing closed at 7:26 PM.

Supervisor Latimer called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by John McIntosh, to accept the minutes of the February 26, 2013 Regular Meeting as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Neil Thomas, to accept the Supervisor's Report for the month of February 2013, as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by John McIntosh, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to accept the Town Clerk's Report for the month of February 2013 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by John McIntosh, to accept the Justice's Report for the month of February 2013 as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Report as submitted (permits #01-13, & #04-13 through #07-13), all in favor.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Neil Thomas, to accept the Assessor's Report for the month of February 2013 as submitted, all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Notice of Public Hearing, to whom it may concern, from Ronald R. Smith, North Country Regional EMS Council, regarding Certificate of Need for Parishville Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Notice of Inspection of Municipal Shelter by NYS Agriculture and Markets (in compliance).

Letter to Town Clerk Melanie Thomas, from Janet Collier, Animal Health Inspector, NYS Agriculture and Markets, regarding Dog Control Officer Inspection Report.

Letter to Town of Pierrepont, from Janet Collier, Animal Health Inspector, NYS Agriculture and Markets, regarding Municipal Shelter Report.

Letter to Peter Hoyt, from Tom Latimer, Supervisor, thanking him for assisting the Town of Pierrepont in grant research.

Letter to Brett Grandaw, from Tom Latimer, Supervisor, thanking him for assisting the Town of Pierrepont in grant research.

Letter to Lisa Marie Mallette, from Tom Latimer, Supervisor, thanking her for assisting the Town of Pierrepont with health insurance proposals.

Letter to whom it may concern, from Supervisor Thomas Latimer, regarding certificate of need for Parishville Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Thank-you note from North Country Life Flight.

Letter to Joseph Hoyt, from Dale C. Vaughn, Zoning Board of Appeals, regarding a use variance to operate vehicle repair facility at his home (approved).

Letter to Town Clerk Melanie Thomas, from Dale C. Vaughn, Zoning Board of Appeals, regarding use variance to operate a motor vehicle repair facility for Joseph Hoyt (approved conditionally).

E-mail to Town of Pierrepont regarding North Country Clean Energy Conference 2013 (June 6, 2013 in Lake Placid, NY).

Work Report, St. Lawrence County Trail Coordinator, January/February 2013

Work Report, St. Lawrence County Trail Coordinator, February/March 2013

Draft Minutes, St. Lawrence County Recreational Trails Advisory Board Meeting, February 19, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

We have received a letter of resignation from our dog control officer. Since we have 2 backup wardens, Supervisor Latimer will check with them to see if one of them would like the position full time. If not, we will advertise for a dog control officer.

Motion by Thomas Latimer, seconded by Dahl McCormick, all in favor, to state a negative declaration of environmental impact for Local Law #1-2013.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Thomas Latimer, to adopt Local Law #1-2013: Permitting and Regulating All-Terrain Vehicles Operations on Certain Public Roads of the Town of Pierrepont.

Roll call vote: Councilman John McIntosh: aye
Councilman Neil Thomas: aye
Councilman Roger Murray aye
Councilman Dahl McCormick aye
Supervisor Thomas Latimer aye
So carried, Local Law #1-2013 is adopted.

The St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators has proposed a 5-year plan, in which they are asking for a 1% increase in sales tax. If they get the increase, they will share 10% of it with the towns. They have asked for a resolution from the towns if they approve the plan.

Motion by John McIntosh, seconded by Roger Murray:

Be it resolved, that the Town of Pierrepoint approves St. Lawrence County's Five-Year Plan, in which the towns would share 10% of the 1% increase in sales tax.

Be it further resolved, that copies of said resolution will be sent to Senator Patricia Ritchie, Senator Joe Griffo, and the St. Lawrence County Legislature.

Vote 5 yes, 0 no

Motion by Neil Thomas, seconded by Thomas Latimer, all in favor, to make the following **General Fund Transfers**:

**\$4,000.00 From Contingency A1990.4
To Garage CE A5132.4**

**\$6,000.00 From Contingency A1990.4
To Buildings CE A1620.4**

**\$700.00 From Health & Hospital A9060.8
To Insurance A1910.4**

Councilman McCormick stated that he had had a request from someone that we recite the pledge of allegiance at our meetings. Everyone agreed that it was a good idea.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Latimer stated that we have had some problems with dogs running at large. He said that Janet Collier of Ag & Markets suggested that we adopt laws to deal with this issue.

Motion by Neil Thomas, seconded by Dahl McCormick, all in favor, to authorize payment of **General Fund Abstract #3, vouchers #46-75, Total \$26,756.70.**

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Neil Thomas, all in favor, to authorize payment of **Highway Fund Abstract #3, vouchers #108-159, Total \$28,804.37.**

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Ike Guyette addressed St. Lawrence County Legislator Scott Sutherland. He asked what the board had done for the people of St. Lawrence County. Mr. Guyette said that all they have done is spend money, including buying computers for the legislators.

Mr. Sutherland replied that the ipads for the board members were bought with grant money. Also, they are working hard using the 5-year plan, to hopefully improve things for taxpayers.

Resident Chris Rovers addressed the gun ban law. He said that if someone wants a gun, they are going to get one illegally. He thinks that the gun ban is a waste of time and money. He also referred to the smoking ban on St. Lawrence County property and asked how it would be enforced.

Mr. Sutherland stated that CHIPS money is up, which is good news for the highway departments. He said he has had a lot of questions about the pistol permit form for public records exemption. He said people think they should not have to opt out, but should opt in if they want their records public. He said that it's that way because of the state law. He also said that he is pleased that we are going ahead with opening more roads to ATVs.

Resident Chris Rovers asked if people can bring brush to the sand pit in Hannawa Falls now. Highway Superintendent Shawn Spellacy stated that yes, they can and we will be putting up signs so that people know where to put it.

Motion by John McIntosh, seconded by Dahl McCormick, all in favor, to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie J. Thomas
Town Clerk

