

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

Present:	Supervisor	Jane Powers
	Councilman	Roger Murray
		Dahl McCormick
		John Glasgow
		Dan Huntley
	Town Clerk	Melanie Thomas
	Deputy Town Clerk	Olla Filiatrault
	Town Attorney	Colin Loomis
	Administrative Assistant	Laurie Hance
	Highway Superintendent	Shawn Spellacy

Residents & Public:

Mercy Spellacy	Pierrepont, NY
Fred Green	Pierrepont, NY
Darren Richards	Code Enforcement Officer
Pete Pomainville	Planning Board Chairman
Rick Perkins	St. Lawrence County Legislator

Supervisor Powers called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilman Dahl McCormick led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dahl McCormick, to accept the minutes of the September 28, 2021 Regular Meeting as submitted, all in favor.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by John Glasgow, to accept the Supervisor's Report for the month of September 2021 as submitted, all in favor. (Included in the Supervisor's Report was a Highway Department fuel usage report for the month of October.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by John Glasgow, to accept the Town Clerk's Report for the month of September 2021 as submitted, all in favor. The amount remitted to the supervisor was \$341.27, to NYS Agriculture and Markets: \$6.00, and to NYS Environmental Conservation: \$763.73. Supervisor Powers read a letter submitted by Town Clerk Melanie Thomas regarding her impending retirement.

Motion by Dan Huntley, seconded by John Glasgow, to accept the Code Enforcement

Officer's Report for October 2021(Permits #44-21 to #46-21) as submitted, all in favor. Code Enforcement Officer Darren Richards also stated that he will be changing his hours this week because of training he must attend. His hours will be on Wednesday night instead of Thursday night. He also stated that he should have his certification by the end of November.

There was no Assessor's Report.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to accept the Planning Board Report for the month of October 2021 The report included discussion on the final draft of the Solar Array Proposed Law. It also included discussion on the Wind Energy proposed Zoning Regulations. A public meeting was held on the solar law, which was very informative. The next planning board meeting will be on Wednesday, November 3rd at 7:00 PM at the town hall.

St. Lawrence County Legislator Rick Perkins reported that at the October 4th board meeting, the county legislature had 48 resolutions. They had 13 modifications to the budget, 20 vacancy positions were filled, and 5 agreements/contracts were signed. They declared October as Domestic Violence month. They had a resolution supporting a bill for the Digital Fair Act. October 24-30 was proclaimed as national lead poisoning prevention week. They had a resolution opposing the Covid-19 vaccine mandates. They had a resolution adopting the equalization rates for the 2022 taxes, and a resolution authorizing collection of omitted taxes and one for correction of errors. They had a resolution with respect to the opioid crisis. Resolutions were sent to the governor regarding unfunded state mandates. They had a discussion about heating sales tax. Some would like to eliminate it for a while, but he didn't agree with it because there are programs like HEAP and the burden would be on the property owners. Also, the towns wouldn't get as much from sales tax. The tentative budget is out and the tax levy will be \$50,332,681 (on a \$100,000 home, taxes will go down \$16.96).

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Joe Zacharek, Zachary Risk Management, regarding Workplace Violence and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training. We will set a date soon for the training.

Letter to Town Supervisor, from Bruce Green, St. Lawrence County Real Property Director, regarding County Equalization Rates (Ours is 88%).

E-mail to Town of Pierrepont officials from Heidi Ames, St. Lawrence County Planning Office, regarding support for the Community Development Block Grant application for housing rehabilitation. They are asking for a letter of support (due by tomorrow). Jane and Laurie will draft one tomorrow and email it. (Rick Perkins said that they are in need of contractors for these grants. If anyone is interested, they should contact the county

planning office).

Municipal Shelter Inspection Report from Janet Collier, Animal Health Inspector, NYS Agriculture and Markets (satisfactory).

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dan Huntley, to adopt the tentative budget for 2022 as the **Preliminary Budget for 2022**. All were in favor.

It was decided to hold the **Public Hearing on the 2022 Preliminary Budget** on Thursday, November 4, 2022 at 6:30 PM at the Pierrepont Town Hall. All were in favor.

NYSERDA Battery Storage Law: The Planning Board will be working on this.

Brush Disposal Area: There was a complaint made to DEC about our brush disposal area on County Route 59. DEC told us that we need a permit to operate it, but they are not giving them out right now. So, for the time being, we will have to close the area to the public. The people who have keys will be contacted.

OLD BUSINESS

Our planning board has finished their work on the solar law, so we need to set a date for the public hearing.

Motion by Dahl McCormick, seconded by John Glasgow, all in favor, to hold the public hearing for the proposed local law/SEQR hearing on November 30, 2021 at 6:45 PM.

Update on Historical sign painting: Town Clerk Melanie Thomas said that she contacted Phil Jones and told him we had not found anyone else to paint them. He said that he should be able to do it next spring and he will let us know before he starts the project.

General Fund Transfer:

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dan Huntley, all in favor, to make the following

General Fund Transfer:

\$500.00 from Contingency A1220.4 Supervisor CE to A4220.4 Narcotics Control

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

\$75.00 from A1355.4 BAR to A8810.4 Cemeteries

Motion by Dan Huntley, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to make the following
General Fund Transfer:
\$400.00 from A1355.4 BAR to A1355.4 Assessor CE

Motion by Dan Huntley, seconded by Dahl McCormick, all in favor, to authorize
payment of **General Fund Abstract #10, VO #227-255, Total \$18,196.81.**

Motion by Dan Huntley, seconded by Roger Murray, all in favor, to authorize payment of
Highway Fund Abstract #10, VO #247-278, Total \$37,035.70.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Councilman Murray stated that the building committee will meet with Ana Thomas on
Thursday, October 28th to discuss the building.

Motion by Roger Murray, seconded by Dahl McCormick, all in favor, to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie J. Thomas
Town Clerk

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