

Regular Monthly Town of Pierrepont Board Meeting, June 26, 2024
County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, 864 State Highway 68, Canton, NY 13617

Present:

Jane Powers, Supervisor
Julian "Olla" Filiatrault, Town Clerk
Robert Moulton, Highway Superintendent
Laurie Hance, Assist. to Supervisor

Councilpersons: Shawn Spellacy

John Glasgow
Chad VanBrocklin

Absent: Roger Murray

Meeting attendees/Public: Pierre Pomainville - Planning Board.

Mercy Spellacy; Fred Green; Anna Wright; Eric Wright; Jonathon Graham; Simona Liguori; Brian & Amanda Deckert

Regular Meeting: 6:30PM Called to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes Approved:

- Minutes of Last Board Meeting May 28, 2024. **Motion** to approve by John Glasgow, second by Shawn Spellacy. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

County Legislators,

Legislator, Rick Perkins, submitted report of June 2024, County Legislature Board Meeting. It is available upon request.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Supervisor, Jane Powers:

- Supervisor Powers stated that everything is there for what we budgeted for. Everything looks good.
- **Motion** to approve Supervisor's report made by Chad VanBrocklin, second by John Glasgow. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Highway, Bob Moulton:

- Bob Moulton submitted a written report of recent Highway Dept. activities. The report is available upon request.
- Bob stated: The report is an overview of the Highway dept. activities. Also, there have been young people on 4 wheelers and such at the county pit area on Plains Rd. causing some problems there and the police have been contacted.

Also, I submitted a quick quote bid through Jimmy Sheehan for blacktop. We've had some issues with scheduling and the blacktop mix from Barrett's. I do not have the numbers back yet, but feel quite confident that the numbers will be right where the bid price is. We do intend to start paving sometime in July. I will get ahold of you guys (board members) and let you know what the numbers are when they come in.

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Town Clerk, Olla Filiatrault:

- Written report submitted. Available for review.
Revenue paid to Supervisor \$278.76
Ag & Markets (spay/neuter program) \$18.00
NYS Environmental Conservation \$47.24
TOTAL REVENUE DISPERSED \$ \$344.00
Tax Collection was completed in May.
- **Motion** to approve report for the month of May 2024 made by Shawn Spellacy, second by Chad VanBrocklin. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Code Enforcement, Darren Richards:

- Not present
- 4 Building permits issued with the **total** \$75 collected.
- **Motion** to approve Code Enforcement Officer's report made by John Glasgow, seconded by Chad VanBrocklin. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- Additionally: 5 years ISO update. Laurie Hance stated: It must be done every year and especially for the Fire Department. It affects checks for the fire depts. Our percentage hasn't increased, but there is not much we can do about that. Jane Powers stated that overall, the report is complimentary.

Assessor, Amy Hunt:

- No report

Planning Board Report,

Pierre Pomainville updated: We had a meeting on the 5th of June. DG Markets sent an architect there to revise the DG site. We reviewed it and we had to send it to the zoning board of appeals, because it included 5 fewer parking spots on the site. ZBA did issue a variance for that.

I did send a copy of our code to the Town attorney for review, and he did find three issues with it. One being the state code vs. local for ATVs on roads. I have sent those to General Code to see what they want to do about that and when they get back to me in July. After that is done, I will bring it to you guys to approve, and then have the codes up and running on our website.

We have a meeting here July 3rd. We are going to discuss that DG issue and what we can do for training this year. John Glasgow questioned will the roads currently open for ATVs still be open? Pete Pomainville answered yes. Jane Powers commented that the county approved the DG Markets site. What's the next step? Pete Pomainville answered they are going to build it after they get a building permit.

Courtesy of The Floor:

No comments from the public.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- An email from Eric Joyce (USDA)
Supervisor Powers stated that she does not understand on that.
Laurie Hance gave an explanation regarding USDA and Highway garage. The environmental components still need to be completed.

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- Wastewater Surveillance Update.
Supervisor Powers questioned does this need to be printed? Does anyone read it?
Laurie Hance said it's only one page for the Covid component and she can print it, so people can keep up on that issue.
Councilman Shawn Spellacy stated that wastewater is an important issue that many are following.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Update on bathroom bids.
Supervisor Powers stated that we opened bids at 11:00 am and received 3 bids and that the bathrooms need to be updated one way or the other. John Glasgow said he wants to review the bids/project further.
- New truck for Highway Department. Approve the bond for the new truck. Bob Moulton said it will be delivered soon.
Councilman Chad VanBrocklin questioned: What truck is it? Bob Moulton explained that it's a Peterbilt plow truck.
Motion to approve a bond for new truck for Highway Department made by Chad VanBrocklin, seconded by Shawn Spellacy. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Motion** to approve Town of Pierrepont will not be the lead agency and let Town of Potsdam take the lead of Postwood project in Hannawa Falls, made by Chad VanBrocklin, seconded by Shawn Spellacy. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- Trees to be cut.
Highway Superintendent, Bob Moulton stated that he has a list of trees to be cut on the roadside for safety purposes. We have a fully injured person that we hire to cut those trees that we can't take care of and that will happen when he is available.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

- Brush disposal cost.
Highway Superintendent, Bob Moulton stated that we are on the list for the grinding company. It is \$5000 per day and that should be happening in the next couple weeks. The biomass plant is no longer in business, and we have the woodchips left and I contacted DEC and they have said how we can use the chips.
- Underhill Drive update:
Supervisor Powers stated that we had a report from Tom Pahler, we've discussed it and made no real decision yet on that.
Highway Superintendent Bob Moulton stated: We do have the recommendations. We must put cost numbers on that and see where, how and when we can budget that.
Resident, Amanda Deckert questioned why the town has not pursued DEC grant money that she is aware of for such projects and wanted to know how they can possibly help with that. Bob Moulton said we would be interested in that. Amanda Deckert offered her assistance in the grant process and anything they can do to get the project going and possibly supported through a grant. Brian Deckert had a conversation with Bob Moulton regarding ditch work indicated in the Pahler report. Bob Moulton explained his understanding of that proposed ditch work.
Resident, Simona Liguori, stated her concerns about how the proposed plan will not help her situation on her property. She stated her disagreements with the proposed plan and is not happy with the situation in her backyard. She also stated that she is very upset about the condition of her backyard. She stated the entire

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project should go behind Deckert's.

Amanda Deckert stated as a courtesy we want you to know we are going to be filing a lawsuit against the town next week just to preserve our rights.

Discussion continued further as to what exact routes the drainage might take.

Simona Liguori said that she may sue him (Bob Moulton) personally for negligence. She might block the pipe on her property. Shawn Spellacy stated that as they have had to do in the past when residents have blocked a pipe, they would necessarily have to unblock it.

Bob Moulton stated that the water flow through a portion of her back yard has been like that for decades before she owned the property. Liguori said she feels she is being discriminated against. Maybe, it's her language, she stated.

Supervisor Powers stated that they need to continue with the meeting agenda at this time.

Note: The Deckert's left the meeting at 7:24p.m.

- Eric Boulevard Article 7
Supervisor Powers informed that's things are progressing a little bit with the article 7 situation. We will need to meet about that as more comes in.

GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS:

Motion by Chad VanBrocklin, seconded by John Glasgow. No discussion. All approved. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously, to make General Fund Transfers: \$1,500.00 from A1990.4 Contingency to A1680.4 Central Data Processing.

Motion by John Glasgow, seconded by Shawn Spellacy. No discussion. All approved. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously, to make General Fund Transfers: \$1,500.00 from A1990.4 Contingency to A8020.4 Planning Board.

GENERAL FUND VOUCHERS:

- **Motion** by Chad VanBrocklin, seconded by Shawn Spellacy No discussion. None opposed. All in favor to authorize payment of the **General Fund Abstract #6, Vouchers #167-197, Total of \$94,096.76**

HIGHWAY FUND VOUCHERS:

- **Motion** by Shawn Spellacy, seconded by John Glasgow No discussion. None opposed. All in favor to authorize payment of the **Highway Fund Abstract #6, Vouchers #131-153, Total of \$65,468.41.**

ADJOURNMENT:

- **Motion** to adjourn meeting at 7:28 pm. Motion made by Chad VanBrocklin, second by John Glasgow. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting minutes prepared by Town Clerk, Julian "Olla" Filiatrault.
Respectfully Submitted, Julian "Olla" Filiatrault, Town Clerk

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