

Regular Monthly Town of Pierrepont Board Meeting, May 28, 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: Roger Murray

John Glasgow
Chad VanBrocklin
Shawn Spellacy

Meeting attendees/Public: Darren Richards – Code Enforcement; Pierre Pomainville - Planning Board; Rick Perkins – Legislator.

Mercy Spellacy; Fred Green; Simona Liguori; Daniel Manor

Regular Meeting: 6:30PM Called to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes Approved:

- Minutes of Last Board Meeting April 30, 2024. **Motion** to approve by Roger Murray, second by Shawn Spellacy. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

County Legislator Report:

Legislator, Rick Perkins submitted report of May 6, 2024, County Legislature Board Meeting. It is available upon request.

Supervisor Powers questioned: what is the problem with the roads regarding ATV use that you mentioned? Additionally, Rick Perkins stated that it primarily has to do with opening some roads in the southwestern part of the county and trying to connect to Lewis County.

Also, Rick Perkins mentioned a phone surcharge issue for 911 calls that the county is considering. Most counties already do charge this surcharge to help pay for 911 and emergency services. It is a charge per cell phone line. Currently, 30 cents per phone is the charge.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Supervisor, Jane Powers:

- Laurie Hance stated: We currently have the money in capital reserve to continue the work on this building. It was questioned when they will be finished working on the building. The window and siding project to be finished around mid-June. Other work is the ramp and bathrooms yet.
- **Motion** to approve Supervisor’s report made by John Glasgow, second by Chad VanBrocklin. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Highway Superintendent, Robert Moulton:

- Bob Moulton submitted a written report of recent Highway Dept. activities. Bob Moulton indicated the CHIPS budget has come in and we also have an agreement regarding what roads will be worked on or paved this year. Bob Moulton indicated the road work mentioned is not the entire CHIPS budget at this time depending on how the work goes.

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- **Motion** to approve agreement to spend Town Highway Funds on the Orebed Road, Plains Road, Tucker Road, and Allen Road made by Shawn Spellacy, second by Roger Murray. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously. The Board members each signed it.

Town Clerk, Olla Filiatrault:

- Written report submitted. Available for review.
Revenue paid to Supervisor \$ 466.04
Ag & Markets (spay/neuter program) \$40.00
NYS Environmental Conservation \$ 51.96
TOTAL REVENUE DISPERSED \$ \$558.00
- **Motion** to approve report for the month of April 2024 made by John Glasgow, second by Chad VanBrocklin. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Assessor, Amy Hunt:

- No report.
- Additionally, Supervisor Powers stated: equalization rate for this year is 68 % of full value.
- Town of Pierrepont's Grievance Day, May 31, 2024. Supervisor Powers mentioned that the Assessor cannot change the grievance day on her own. It would require a local law change by the Town.
- Supervisor Powers brought up to the board that she had a discussion with the assessor on the church (next to the Town Hall) that has not been used for church purposes for over 10 years. We did some research and found the document(deed) and sent it to our town attorney to look at the deed. Patty Northrop transferred this to the group of people in 1886 and if the church is not being used for a full ten years it has to refer back to the owner Northrops or their heirs. The assessor must place it on the taxable portion roll. That would be property taxes on the church.

Code Enforcement, Darren Richards reported:

- 7 Building permit issued with the **total** \$185.00 collected.
- Darren Richards reported: We had a written complaint about some odor (ducks and chickens). I told them they need to clean that up. The owners have cleaned up the old chicken coop houses, the best they can.
- Some sub-division work and final inspection on bath house at Postwood.
- I will be going out west for a wedding and won't be present at a meeting for the planning board.
- **Motion** to approve Code Enforcement Officer's report made by Roger Murray, seconded by Chad VanBrocklin. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Board Report,

- Pierre Pomainville provided the Board copies of St. Lawrence Planning Board Referral Information Sheet.

The Planning Board had a very good Public Meeting with the architect and Dollar General. We had our public meeting on May 1st, and we had the architect for the dollar general project present. We had a question/answer session. They were very receptive to ideas that the planning board had for some changes to the project. We had a very good meeting. I sent the original site plan to the county for their approval, and I have also sent them the revised plan. Also, the code book was sent to the Town attorney, and I have not heard back yet. We are going to

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have a meeting on the 5th of June. The DG markets architect is going to be there.

A presentation of the building plan and the site map was presented to the Town board meeting on the Monitor screen.

The sign will be indirect lighting and they moved the driveway a little. There was discussion regarding water retention ponds at the site. There was continued discussion, and more questions should be answered at the next meeting on June 5th.

Courtesy of The Floor:

- Councilman Chad VanBrocklin brought to the meeting a Selleck Road issue. He mentioned that he has had complaints brought to him about the condition of a couple residences on the Selleck road. He addressed it to Darren Richards. Darren Richards replied that the second he gets a written complaint I can give them a 30-day compliance to fix it. Roger Murray questioned what can be done to enforce it, because most people are not going to turn their neighbor in and what good are zoning laws if we don't enforce them. Richards replied that you can have a town wide cleanup and the first top five properties that you identify to clean up and when those are taken care of then the next top five. He explained what the town of Fine is doing with that issue. Richards stated that he would provide the Town with the documents from Fine. It must be a neighbor that lives in that area that makes the complaint. Roger Murray mentioned that the strip mall on county route 59 as an example of a safety hazard property. Richards indicated that if the board puts in the minutes that they want a property problem addressed. They provide the addresses to the Clerk to put in the minutes to be addressed.

If the town cleans it up, the bill for cleanup is put on their property taxes. They could potentially lose their property. There was continued discussion as to the procedure. The complaint needs to be signed by the complainant. Richards also talked about the Court process and implied that the Court system most often does not follow through on ticketed charges. He indicated that it would take the Town some time and cost some money to get those properties cleaned up.

- Simona Liguori (resident) questioned regarding the status of the case she has with her property. Supervisor Powers answered that we did get a report related to her issue need to able to look it over first. Simona Liguori requested a copy. Supervisor Powers said not yet. Councilman Murray stated that we just got it today and have had no time to look and read through it and talk about it. Superintendent Moulton added that we haven't made any kind decision yet.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Supervisor Jane Powers already put correspondence to the regular agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Motion** to approve to re-set June Town Board meeting to Wednesday, June 26 at 6:30PM due to Primary Election made by Shawn Spellacy, second by Chad VanBrocklin. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- Town Clerk's summer hours 9:00AM to 12:00PM starts June 3, 2024 to September 3, 2024

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- Pierrepont Free Rabies Clinic will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 from 5:30PM to 7:30PM at Pierrepont Town Barn.
- Hannawa Falls brush disposal discussion. Highway Superintendent, Moulton stated: It's something we are going to have to look at. It's filling up fast. To get grinding done is \$500/hr... I thought of a possible option; we do have 73 acres of land on the Hadley Rd. and 5-6 acres is the old town dump and there is still a fair amount of land there that we could possibly use for brush disposal. Bob Moulton further explained the possibility of using that area. Shawn Spellacy also commented about how it has been handled in the past and what the requirements are for grinding and disposal and what are the DEC requirements. It should be looked into further.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

- The Town Hall Bathroom renovation project is out to bid.
Supervisor Powers stated that architect Corey Mousaw recommended that we go out to bid to find someone who can possibly bid lower.
Councilman Murray explained: We had a quote from Sparx. But it was high and we are going to put it out to bid for another try. Corey Murray should be putting it out for bid right away.
- Christmas lighting. Roger Murray reported and that we need to get a group together and decide where the lights could be placed on street poles. Laurie Hance indicated that there are people who would be supportive to help with that planning from Hannawa area. On June 4th a group will identify the poles for the lights.

Additional: Darren Richards stated: Another topic. We got approached about a Narcan training possibility. Bob Moulton stated he's for it. Supervisor Powers stated she supports it for the highway employees. Laurie Hance stated we already have it in the Court office also.

GENERAL FUND VOUCHERS:

- **Motion** by Roger Murray, seconded by Chad VanBrocklin. No discussion. None opposed. All in favor of authorizing payment of the **General Fund Abstract #5, Vouchers #128-166, Total of \$48,028.75.**

HIGHWAY FUND VOUCHERS:

- **Motion** by Shawn Spellacy, seconded by John Glasgow. No discussion. None opposed. All in favor of authorizing payment of the **Highway Fund Abstract #5, Vouchers #102-130, Total of \$68,972.27.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by Shawn Spellacy, seconded by Chad VanBrocklin, with all in favor to go into **Executive Session.**

The Board adjourned the regular meeting to move to executive session at 8:00p.m.
Invited to executive session: Laurie Hance; Robert Moulton

The Board returned from executive session at 8:37p.m. The regular meeting was reconvened at 8:37p.m.

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NO Action taken in executive session. A record of the executive session was made and provided to the Town Clerk by Jane Powers, Supervisor.

Motion made by Shawn Spellacy, seconded by Chad VanBrocklin, all in favor to go back into the regular meeting. Action taken in executive session.

Motion to approve Code Enforcement Officer Darren Richards to check into back Hannawa Road, CR 59, Hannawa Falls, also referred to as vacant strip mall building, made by John Glasgow, seconded by Roger Murray. No discussion. All voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

- **Motion** to adjourn regular meeting at 8:42pm. Motion made by Shawn Spellacy, second by Chad VanBrocklin. 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