Budget Hearing/Meeting; Town of Pierrepont Board Meeting, October 15, 2026
County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, 864 State Highway 68, Canton, NY 13617

Present: **Brad Filiatrault, Deputy Supervisor**
Laurie Hance, Admin
Julian "Olla" Filiatrault
Robert Moulton, Hwy. Superintendent
Absent: **Jane Powers, Supervisor**

Councilpersons: John Glssgow
Shawn Spellacy
Chad VanBrocklin
Daniel Manor Jr.

Meeting attendees/Public: Bill Hoyt; Jamie VanBrocklin; Mercy Spellacy; Eric Wilcox

LEGAL NOTICE:
The legal notice was published in North Country Now on Friday 10/9/2026.

Deputy Supervisor Filiatrault called to order a public meeting at 6:30p.m.

The Deputy Supervisor stated that he was acting on behalf of Supervisor Jane Powers, who was unable to attend the meeting. He also contacted Supervisor Powers to update her on the actions completed and the matters currently underway.

The Board reviewed Resolution No. 08-2026 and proposed Local Law No. 3-2026, which would authorize the Town to exceed the 2027 property tax levy limit pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c(5).

Deputy Supervisor Filiatrault explained the requirements for overriding the state tax cap and the need to comply with applicable state regulations. The public hearing opened at 6:32 p.m., with a minimum 15-minute period provided for public comment specifically regarding the proposed tax cap override.

The Board noted that a separate public hearing, also requiring a minimum 15 minutes, would be held on the 2027 preliminary budget.

Comment from Public:

Mr. Wilcox, resident acknowledged the reasons for the proposed tax levy increase, noting that past budget deficiencies had contributed to the current situation. He asked whether safeguards could be implemented to prevent similar circumstances from occurring in the future.

The Board acknowledged that the goal is to avoid exceeding the tax cap whenever possible. However, due to existing budget deficiencies, debt service obligations, and uncertainty regarding inflation and future expenses, exceeding the cap is necessary this year. It was noted that many other towns are facing similar budget challenges. The Board emphasized that efforts were made to reduce the preliminary budget to essential expenditures, with the goal of remaining within the tax cap in future years, although no guarantees could be made.

The Board discussed the importance of long-term planning and noted that newly established advisory committees, including those focused on facilities and the budget, have helped identify challenges and potential solutions. Members acknowledged rising costs associated with inflation, fuel, labor contracts, and debt service

for the highway garage and vehicles. They emphasized the need to improve operational efficiencies, plan for future capital expenses, and establish financial safeguards to reduce the impact of major expenditures.

The Board also discussed the financial impact of the Brookfield reassessment reduction, which resulted in a $157,000 cost this year. It was noted that two additional years of adjustments remain before the impact is expected to stabilize.

Roll Call Vote for Resolution #08-2026 to adopt LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE 2027 TAX CAP LIMIT:

Councilman Spellacy:	**Yes**	
Councilman Glasgow:	**Yes**	
Councilman Manor:	**Yes**	
Councilman VanBrocklin:	**Yes**	
Supervisor Jane Powers:	**Absent**	**Vote: 4 Yes, 1 not present**

The Local Law No.3-2026 is adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing was opened at 6:53p.m. to take a comment on **2027 PRELEMINARY BUDGET.**

There were NO comments.

The public hearing was properly advertised in North Country This Week on October 9, 2026, with an affidavit of publication on file. The Board confirmed that the legal notice requirements had been met and agreed to table adoption of the final budget until the regular Board meeting on October 27, 2026.

Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn meeting at 7:08p.m. made by Shawn Spellacy, seconded by Danie manor Jr. All voted to approve. None opposed.

Meeting minutes prepared by Town Clerk, Julian “Olla” Filiatrault.