

126) Roll Call

Board Members	Present	Excused	Town Officials	Present	Excused
Supervisor Joe Denis	X		Town Clerk, Paige Phillips	X	
Councilmember Carol Dimond	X		Highway Superintendent, Jay Rust		X
Councilmember Gina Sarazen	X				
Councilmember Angela Rust	X				
Councilmember Tom Snye		X			

Guest: Marlene Ashton

127) Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Town Supervisor Joe Denis.

128) Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Carol Dimond, the minutes of July 11, 2024 as presented by the Town Clerk be approved. AYES: Town Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Sarazen, Rust, Dimond. NAYS: 0

129) Monies Received

Refuse &Garbage	\$3,092.00
Insurance Recoveries	\$1,734.00
Licenses & Permits	\$370.00
Vital Statistics	\$50.00

Privilege of Floor

130) Marlene Ashton

Marlene Ashton is putting in the work advocating to receive medical services in our area. She wants to see a change in the community. She believes just because we are located at the far end of St. Lawrence County, that does not mean we should be neglected the use of these services. On a recommendation from Michelle Bigwell, Marlene has written a letter that will be sent to all state and local officials with hopes that once it reaches their desk, someone will be willing to help support our community. The letter written by Marlene will be attached to the minutes. Councilmember Angela Rust asked if she considered starting a petition. Marlene has considered this and it is one of the steps she hopes to pursue. Marlene stated “she will not stop until she gets assistance for the town.”

131) Code Officer Report

Nicholas Snyder reported issuing 3 building permits for the month of July.

Old Business

132) Verizon

After reviewing the tentative agreement received by Verizon last month, Town Attorney Kirk Gagnier has advised the town board to move forward with the process. When the Town reaches the final agreement stage, stipulations will need to be added. The Town Board agrees a stipulation regarding a time frame for Verizon to add equipment to the land should be added to the contract. The Town makes no gain until Verizon installs the equipment on the property. Town Supervisor Joe Denis will be in contact with Verizon to schedule a walk through with the engineering team.

133) Water Rent

Last month Town Supervisor Joe Denis advised that water rent for 2025 should be increased due to increased expenses. The Highway Department is now responsible for checking the water 7 days a week which creates an overtime expense. Councilmember Angela Rust proposed that whoever is in charge of checking the water for the weekend come in later/leave early during that week to cut the overtime. Discussion was tabled until the board is presented with the actual cost of the water departments. In the meantime, Town Supervisor will discuss overtime options with the Highway Crew.

134) Cranberry Lake Bike Trail

Susan Smith was not able to attend this month’s meeting. She will be at the regularly scheduled meeting in September to share the details of the bike trail.

126) REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD, August 8,2024 **DRAFT**

135) Annual Raise

The Town Board has reviewed the current employee salaries for the year 2024. The updated salaries for budget year 2025 are as follows.

RESOLUTION No.: 21-08-2024

DATED: August 8, 2024

AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE SALARY FOR HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT JAY RUST

WHEREAS, Jay Rust, Piercefield Town Highway Superintendents salary was reviewed by The Town of Piercefield Board,

RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield hereby authorizes the Supervisor to increase The Highway Superintendents salary from \$57,680.00 a year to \$59,410.40

RESOLVED, That the sum of \$59,410.40 is hereby appropriated to the payroll budget for the Town Highway Superintendent, Jay Rust effective January 1st, 2025

Motion Offered by: Acting Supervisor Joe Denis

Seconded by: Councilmember Carol Dimond

Vote: AYES: Acting Supervisor Joe Denis
Councilmember Carol Dimond
Councilmember Gina Sarazen
Councilmember Angela Rust

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION No.: 22-08-2024

DATED: August 8, 2024

AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE SALARY FOR TOWN JUSTICE JONN KOPP

WHEREAS, Jonn Kopp, Piercefield Town Justice salary was reviewed by The Town of Piercefield Board,

RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield hereby authorizes the Supervisor to increase the salary from \$5,000.00 a year to \$5,500

RESOLVED, That the sum of \$5,500 is hereby appropriated to the payroll budget for the Town Justice, Jonn Kopp effective January 1st, 2025

Motion Offered by: Acting Supervisor Joe Denis

Seconded by: Councilmember Carol Dimond

Vote: AYES: Acting Supervisor Joe Denis
Councilmember Carol Dimond
Councilmember Gina Sarazen
Councilmember Angela Rust

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION No.: 23-08-2024

DATED: August 8, 2024

AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE SALARY FOR TOWN CLERK, PAIGE PHILLIPS

WHEREAS, Paige Phillips, Piercefield Town Clerks salary was reviewed by The Town of Piercefield Board,

RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield hereby authorizes the Supervisor to increase The Town Clerks salary from \$25,000.00 a year to \$25,750.00

RESOLVED, That the sum of \$25,750.00 is hereby appropriated to the payroll budget for the Town Clerk, Paige Phillips effective January 1st, 2025

Motion Offered by: Acting Supervisor Joe Denis

Seconded by: Councilmember Carol Dimond

Vote: AYES: Acting Supervisor Joe Denis
Councilmember Carol Dimond
Councilmember Gina Sarazen
Councilmember Angela Rust

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION No.: 24-08-2024

DATED: August 8, 2024

AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE SALARY FOR TOWN ASSESSOR, JAMES SNYDER

WHEREAS, James Snyder, Piercefield Town Assessors salary was reviewed by The Town of Piercefield Board,

RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield hereby authorizes the Supervisor to increase The Town Assessors salary from \$8,500.00 a year to \$10,346.00

RESOLVED, That the sum of \$10,346.00 is hereby appropriated to the payroll budget for the Town Assessor, James Snyder effective January 1st, 2025

Motion Offered by: Acting Supervisor Joe Denis

Seconded by: Councilmember Carol Dimond

Vote: AYES: Acting Supervisor Joe Denis
Councilmember Carol Dimond
Councilmember Gina Sarazen

NAYS: None

137) Slic

Having considered the assessment grievance by Slic Network Solutions and it’s being reviewed by the BAR and Town Assessor along with the advisement from Town Attorney Kirk Gagnier, the Town Board has agreed to stay proceeding with the article 7 of real property tax law notice of petition. On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Carol Dimond the Town of Piercefield stay proceeding in the article 7 of real property tax law against Slic Network Solutions Inc be approved: AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Rust, Sarazen, Dimond. NAYS: 0

138) Executive Session

On a motion by Councilmember Angela Rust, seconded by Councilmember Carol Dimond, the Town Board enter into executive session with Town Clerk Paige Phillips invited to discuss the notice of claim against Town of Piercefield Highway Superintendent Jay Rust, John Does 1-10 AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilpersons Sarazen, Rust, Dimond. NAYS: 0 Time: 9:04 pm. Action taken will be recorded below. On a motion by Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen executive session adjourned, Town Board returned to the regularly scheduled meeting at 9:18pm.

139) Notice of Claim Action

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Town Supervisor Joe Denis the Town Clerk will forward the notice of claim to NYMIR for further guidance be approved. AYES: Town Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Sarazen, Rust, Dimond. NAYS: 0

140) Help Wanted

The Highway Department is looking for a new MEO (motor equipment operator). The Town Clerk will run an ad in the Free Press for two weeks. The Town Board would like to wish James Brownell a happy retirement and thank him for 18 years of service to the Town of Piercefield.

141) Fuel Bids

The Town of Piercefield received bids from MX Fuel, Hyde Fuel, and ADK Propane to confirm the town was receiving the best rate available. On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Town Supervisor Joe Denis the Town of Piercefield continue business with MX Fuel be approved. AYES: Town Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Sarazen, Rust, Dimond. NAYS: 0

142) Approval of Town Clerk Monthly Reports

On a motion by Councilmember Carol Dimond, seconded by Supervisor Joe Denis, the Clerk Reports for July 2024 be approved: AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers, Rust, Sarazen, Dimond. NAYS: 0

143) Payment of Bills

On a motion by Town Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust the following payments be approved AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Sarazen, Rust, Dimond NAYS: 0

General Fund:	\$13,445.79
Highway Fund:	\$41,612.99
Lighting District	\$0.00
Conifer Water:	\$4,712.33
Piercefield Water:	\$12,437.59
Trust and Agency	\$8,108.91
Total	\$80,317.61

144) Adjournment

On a motion by Town Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 pm. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 7:30pm.

Paige Phillips, Town Clerk

Date Approved