

146) 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

147) Pledge of Allegiance

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

148) Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Councilmember Carol Dimond, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust, the minutes of August 8, 2024 as presented by the Town Clerk be approved. AYES: Town Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Rust, Dimond, Snye. NAYS: 0

149) Monies Received

Refuse &Garbage	\$2,787.00
Insurance Recoveries	\$1,734.00
Licenses & Permits	\$175.50
Vital Statistics	\$50.00
Fines, Forfeits,Bail	\$461.00
Licenses	\$68.00

Privilege of Floor

150) Marlene Ashton

Marlene Ashton sent out a letter to all local representatives and received a response from Rick Perkins, the district 7 legislator. He has emphasized that he knows the need for senior help is not just a county issue but a state wide issue. He also states “the county does not provide health services; it is the private sector that does that.” In an effort to assist our Towns need for services, Mr. Perkins has gotten in touch with Andrea Montgomery, the Director of the Office for the Aging, to set a date for a meeting with the residents of Piercefield. Andrea has offered to provide a presentation in Piercefield to anyone who might be interesting in learning more about services for older adults in our county through the Office of the Aging or the Department of Social Services. Marlene will keep the board updated.

151) Highway

Highway Superintendent Jay Rust informed the board of the new hire, Michael Rust to replace Jimmy Brownell. The crew has been working on the Mt. Arab Road and will continue working up there as long as the weather is permitting. The County will be here to pave in Conifer on a weather permitting Friday.

Old Business

152) Verizon

No new information on the Verizon project is available. They have not been in contact with Supervisor Joe Denis since the approval to move forward with the process.

153) Water Rent

Discussion on increasing the water user fees for Piercefield and Conifer water is ongoing. Councilmember Angela Rust “cannot justify an increase” without seeing a comparison of the numbers from before the highway department took over checking the water 7 days a week. Supervisor Joe Denis will ask the bookkeeper to present a comparison of the numbers at the October meeting.

154) Grasse River Bike Trail

Susan Smith was unable to attend the meeting, but has sent correspondence to councilmember Angela Rust that Angela was given permission to share on her behalf. Her email reads as follows “The trail project is on hold-status as it runs via easements from Tooley Pond to the four corners at Massawepie. At this point, it appears that the lead trail developer has gone as far as he can go. I am not picking up that mantle so as far as any further development for marketing, it appears to be complete. If anything more develops or I can answer your questions, I will keep you as informed as I can.”

New Business

155) Volunteer Transport Services

Supervisor Joe Denis received a request from Volunteer Transportation Center, Inc. for the Town of Piercefield to donate \$100.00 to support their cause. The Board reviewed their contract and weighed the impact it would have for The Town of Piercefield. The Town does not receive any services from this center, it is based out of Canton NY. The Town of Piercefield Board denied their request for donation at this time.

156) Rescheduled Board Meeting

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Town Clerk has requested the regularly scheduled board meeting be rescheduled to October 17, 2024. On a motion by Town Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Councilmember Carol Dimond, the regularly scheduled board meeting be rescheduled to October 17, 2024. **AYES:** Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Dimond, Rust, Snye. **NAYS:**0. The Town Clerk will notify the public via sign board outside the front office and at the post office, along with an ad in the Free Press.

157) Budget Transfer

RESOLUTION NO. 29-09-2024

DATED: September 12,2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF MONEY IN THE 2024 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Town of Piercefield needs to transfer money in the 2024 Budget because of increased expenditures, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following transfers be made in the 2024 budget:

Highway Fund					
Increase:	Description	Amount	Decrease:	Description	Amount
	Workers Comp	\$1,298.46		Health Ins	\$1,298.46
	Total	\$1,298.46		Total	\$1,298.46

On a motion by Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust, resolution #29 be approved.: **AYES:** Supervisor Joe Denis, Councilmembers, Dimond, Rust, Snye. **NAYS:** 0 **Approved.**

158) 2025 Budget

Budget discussion for 2025 has begun and will continue over the next 2 months. The Tentative Budget will be available for viewing in the Town Clerks office by September 30th.

159) Tax Levy Override

RESOLUTION NO.: 28-09-2024

DATED: SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

RESOLUTION TO OVERRIDE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C

WHEREAS, in order to meet contractual obligations, bond payments, increase facilities, fund health insurance expenses, fund pension contribution payments, fund the cost of increasing commodities, etc., and

WHEREAS, this resolution is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a resolution approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield, County of St. Lawrence, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2025 on behalf of the Town of Piercefield that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise proscribed in General Municipal Law §3-c, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, should a tax levy limit override be necessary, a public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 1-2024, titled, A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c, shall be held on the 17th day of October, 2024 at 7:30pm at the Town hall, where all interested persons shall be heard.

A motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was made by Acting Supervisor Joe Denis and seconded by Councilmember Carol Dimond. The following each voted in favor of the Resolution: Acting Supervisor Joe Denis, Councilmembers Rust, Snye, Dimond. **NAYS:** 0 **Approved.**

145) REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD, September 12,2024 **DRAFT**

160) Proposed Local Law #1 of 2024

A public hearing for proposed local law #1 will be held on October 17, 2024 at 7:30pm.

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF THE YEAR 2024

TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD, COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this Local Law to override the limit on the amount of real property tax that may be levied by the Town of Piercefield, County of St. Lawrence pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Piercefield, County of St. Lawrence to adopt a budget for (a) Town purposes, (b) fire protection districts, and (c) any other special or improvement district governed by the Town Board for the fiscal year 2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the enactment of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Town Board of the Town of Piercefield, County of St. Lawrence is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise proscribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5 Effective date

This Local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

161) Approval of Town Clerk Monthly Reports

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

162) 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 Rust, Dimond, Snye NAYS: 0

General Fund:	\$16,025.54
Highway Fund:	\$14,453.76
Lighting District	\$642.34
Conifer Water:	\$3,712.43
Piercefield Water:	\$4,177.30
Trust and Agency	\$11,186.97
Total	\$50,198.37

163) Adjournment

On a motion by Town Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 7:30pm.

Paige Phillips, Town Clerk

Date Approved