

189) 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 :

190) Pledge of Allegiance

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

191) Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Councilmember Carol Dimond, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, the minutes of October 17, 2024 as presented by the Town Clerk be approved. AYES: Town Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Rust, Dimond, Sarazen. NAYS: 0

192) Public Hearing

Town Supervisor Joe Denis convened a public hearing at 7:30pm on the Preliminary Budget for 2025. No community members (other than councilmembers and town clerk) came to be heard regarding the preliminary budget. The public hearing was closed at 7:31pm.

193) Monies Received

Refuse & Garbage	\$1,239.00
Insurance Recoveries	\$131.68
Licenses	\$16.00
Fines, Forfeits, Bail	\$193.00
Licenses & Permits	\$720.00

Privilege of Floor

194) Gina Sarazen

Transfer Station Attendant Rick Lamoy confided in councilmember Gina Sarazen regarding a resident refusing to pay more than \$5.00 for their dump fee. Rick says this resident is coming with 5-7 kitchen sized garbage bags. Highway Superintendent Jay Rust stated “while the fee is \$4.00 per bag, Rick has the discretion to charge people accordingly.” The Town Board is also in agreement that Rick can be flexible per situation. Highway Superintendent Jay Rust will relay this information to Rick.

195) Highway

Highway Superintendent Jay Rust reported that paving in Conifer has been completed. The highway crew has done work on the Gull Pond Rd and Setting Pole Dam Rd. A new culvert was installed on the Gull Pond Rd November 8th. Culverts are being checked daily to make sure they are properly working before winter. Jay has applied for \$96,784.69 in CHIPS reimbursement which is scheduled to be paid on December 6th. Town Supervisor Joe Denis asked Jay if the Town of Piercefield owns the Setting Pole Dam Rd or if it is owned by Tupper Lake. To Jays knowledge there was a deal made before he took over as Highway Superintendent. Jay believes the agreement was Tupper Lake would plow Route 421 and in exchange Piercefield would maintain and receive CHIPS money for the Setting Pole Dam Rd. Since maintaining Setting Pole Dam was past practice Jay has continued to do so. Piercefield Town Clerk has no concrete documents supporting this agreement. Town Supervisor Joe Denis will contact Town Attorney Kirk Gagnier to verify the legalities of this transaction.

196) Code Officer Report

The Town Clerk created a document for Code Enforcement Officer Nicholas Snyder to fill out every month in lieu of his written report. Councilmember Carol Dimond has asked the Town Clerk to add APA follow up and Planning Board follow up to the document. Councilmembers have approved this form to be used by Nicholas for all future reports.

Old Business

197) Freedom Energy Logistics

Town Supervisor Joe Denis would like to know what month would work best to set a meeting with Freedom Energy Logistics. Councilmembers agreed it would be the most beneficial to hold the meeting December 12th at the regularly scheduled board meeting. Supervisor Denis will contact the representative to see they can attend the meeting on December 12th.

New Business

198) Plaque of service

The Town Board has authorized the purchase of a plaque for Jimmy Brownell thanking him for his service to the Town of Piercefield Highway Department. Town Clerk will order plaque from Tupper Supply and invite Jimmy plus his family to the December board meeting.

199) Route 3 Road Project

Luck Brothers contacted Highway Superintendent Jay Rust to request the use of town land for a place to store their equipment and dump the over burden from the project. Jay has advised the company that the town does not have the space to store the equipment. He also advised there is not an area big enough to hold the volume of the over burden. Jay informed the company that the Highway Department would accept the millings from the road project. If received he plans to use the millings in place of crusher run for future road work.

200) Planning Board Vacancy

RESOLUTION NO.: 35-11-2024

Dated: November 13, 2024

Planning Board Appointment

WHEREAS, there is a vacant seat on the Planning Board Committee

WHEREAS, we, the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield hereby appoint Bruce Raver to fill the vacant seat on the Planning Board Committee, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield approve the appointment of Bruce Raver as a member on the Planning Board, Term to begin 11/13/24 and end 12/31/28

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Supervisor Joe Denis, Bruce Raver be appointed to fill the vacant position on the Planning Board. All in favor to appoint Bruce Raver term ending 12/31/28. AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Sarazen, Dimond, and Rust NAYS: 0.

201) Relevy of unpaid water

RESOLUTION NO.: 33-11-2024

DATED: NOVEMBER 13, 2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UNPAID PIERCEFIELD AND CONIFER WATER DISTRICT USER CHARGES TO BE RE-LEVIED

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield authorizes the unpaid Piercefield and Conifer Water District user charges including penalties to be re-levied onto the respective 2025 property tax bills, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Real Property Tax Services Office be notified of same with attached listings of unpaid water charges of \$6,020.00, penalties of \$722.40, for a combined total of \$6,742.40

A motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was made by Councilmember Gina Sarazen and seconded by Town Supervisor Joe Denis.

The following each voted in favor of the Resolution: Town Supervisor Joe Denis, Councilmembers Gina Sarazen, Carol Dimond and Angela Rust.

202) Adopt 2025 Budget

RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2025 BUDGET

The total amount to be raised by taxes for the year 2025 is \$473,192.00.

BE IT KNOWN that the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield, St Lawrence County, New York, met at the time and place specified in the Notice of Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget for the year 2025 and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon. Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall prepare and deliver a certified copy of the adopted 2025 budget to the Town Supervisor of the Town of Piercefield and another to the Real Property Tax Office of the County of St. Lawrence, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall cause the adopted 2025 budget in detail to be entered into the book of the official minutes of the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield and on the official website at www.piercefield.org, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall also send certified copies of the adopted 2025 budget to Blue Line Insurance.

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Carol Dimond, the following resolution be adopted: AYES: Town Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Sarazen, Dimond, Rust NAYS: 0 Adopted.

203) Approval of Town Clerk Monthly Reports

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

204) 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, Sarazen NAYS: 0

General Fund:	\$33,052.00
Highway Fund:	\$125,909.36
Lighting District	\$720.53
Conifer Water:	\$1,459.61
Piercefield Water:	\$2,847.52
Trust and Agency	\$8,702.11
Total	\$172,691.86

205) Adjournment

On a motion by Town Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 7:30pm.

Paige Phillips, Town Clerk

Date Approved