

- 32) REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD, February 11, 2021
- 33) A regular board meeting of the Town of Piercefield was held on February 11, 2021 at 7:30 PM at the Piercefield Town Hall and on ZOOM with the following members present:  
 Supervisor Neil Pickering  
 Councilmember Thomas Snye  
 Councilmember John Lewis  
 Councilmember Amy Lalonde  
 Councilmember Gina Sarazen  
 OTHERS PRESENT: Retiring Town Clerk Donald Mauer, Town Clerk Christielee Geiger

34) Pledge of Allegiance  
 The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Neil Pickering.

35) Approval of Minutes  
 On a motion by Councilmember Amy Lalonde, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the minutes of January 14, 2021 as presented by the Town Clerk be approved with the following corrections: Item 23) Thomas Snye is authorized to audit accounts and sign checks: Item 24) should read as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO.: 9-01-2021** **Dated: January 14, 2021**  
**TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD, ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**RESOLUTION FOR ISSUANCE OF  
 A STATUTORY INSTALLMENT BOND TO  
 FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT**

Resolution by Town Councilperson Gina Sarazen  
 Seconded by Town Councilperson Amy Lalonde

**STATUTORY INSTALLMENT BOND RESOLUTION**  
 Dated January 14, 2021

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield, New York has authorized the purchase of a vehicle and related equipment to replace existing deteriorated equipment used for highway purposes on Town roads from DeNooyer Chevrolet of Albany, NY for the total cost of \$43,763.00, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has received the proposal from DeNooyer Chevrolet of Albany, NY to sell said vehicle and equipment to the Town at a cost of \$43,763.00 pursuant to New York State Contract (OGS), and

**WHEREAS**, said vehicle and equipment will be put into use on or about January 31, 2021 and the bill for same will be due prior to 2/1/2021,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. The specific object or purpose for which obligations are to be issued pursuant to this Resolution is to finance the purchase of a highway vehicle.
2. The maximum cost of such purchase is \$43,763.00 and the plan of financing such cost is by payment of Thirteen Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Three Dollars and 00/100 (\$13,763.00) from existing Town funds and from the proceeds of a Statutory Installment Bond in the amount of \$30,000.00 pursuant to this Resolution.
3. The following determinations are hereby made:
  - (a) The period of probable usefulness of such equipment is five (5) years.
  - (b) The subdivision of paragraph “a” of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law which is applicable in the circumstances is subdivision 29.

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(c) The proposed maturity of the obligations authorized by this Resolution will not be in excess of four (4) years.

4. The Town of Piercefield is authorized to issue its Statutory Installment Bond in the amount of \$30,000.00 to finance such costs in accordance with the financial plan set forth above. Such bond shall be dated forthwith and the power to fix and determine the exact date of said bond is hereby delegated to the Supervisor.

5. Such bond shall mature in no more than four (4) equal annual installments in the years 2022 through 2025. The power to fix and determine the dates upon which such installments shall become due and payable is hereby delegated to the Supervisor. The bond shall be issued in bearer form, shall not contain a power to convert to registered form, and shall bear interest at the best rate available from the area of the banking institution.

6. The Supervisor is hereby delegated the power to prepare said bond with the assistance of the Town attorney and to sell such bond at private sale at no less than par and at such sale to fix the interest rate to be borne by such bond at the best rate available from the area of the banking institutions. The Supervisor shall deliver said bond to the purchaser thereof only upon receipt of cash or a certified check. The proceeds of sale of the bond shall be deposited in the Town's bank account and shall be used solely for the purchase of said equipment. The powers delegated to the Supervisor by this Resolution shall be exercised in conformity with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution the following each voted "Aye" in favor of the Resolution: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmen and Councilwomen John Lewis, Thomas Snye, Amy Lalonde, Gina Sarazen

The Resolution having received at least three votes of the members of the Town Board, was declared by the Supervisor to be duly adopted pursuant to the requirements of Local Finance Law, Section 33.00.

**And the following Addition to the January 14, 2021 Minutes:**

31) Audit Justice Books

On a motion by Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, the following resolution be adopted: AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Lewis, Lalonde, Snye Sarazen. NAYS: 0 Adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 08-01-2021**

**Dated: January 14, 2021**

**RESOLUTION TO AUDIT RECORDS OF TOWN JUSTICE JONN KOPP**

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Comptroller requires periodic audits of Town Justice financial records by the Town Board, and

**WHEREAS**, Town Justice Jonn Kopp of the Town of Piercefield, St. Lawrence County, New York, has submitted his financial records from the year January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 to the Piercefield Town Board for audit, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield has audited and does approve the financial records submitted for the year 2020 by Town Justice Jonn Kopp, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the New York State Unified Court System as evidence that said audit was conducted as required.

**AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Lewis, Lalonde, Sarazen, Snye. NAYS: 0 Minutes of January 14, 2021 approved with the above amendments.**

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36) Monies Received

General

Transfer Station Fees \$1,614.00

Sale of Forest Products \$301.21

**Privilege of Floor**

37) Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) and Assessor Reports

February report (sent via email after the board meeting)

I took a one-day code ethics class virtually

Fielded many phone calls

It was not a busy day for codes but it sure was for assessor

**Old Business**

38) Highway Records, Long Range Plans

Supervisor Pickering and Tom Snye met with Highway Superintendent Jay Rust to discuss keeping better per-vehicle maintenance/repair records, and the development of long-range plans for a consistent vehicle replacement schedule and highway maintenance/resurfacing.

39) Vacation Rentals

In consideration of the complaints from Warren Point property owners with regard to the Paradise Point AirBnB situation, Supervisor Pickering has reviewed the Lake Placid local law and determined that it is too complex, and not necessary for Piercefield to enact a local law based on a single location within the Town. If NYS Dept. of Health laws are being violated, it is up to the Warren Point property owners to take action on their own. The Town will support their efforts but will not take action on their behalf. The Board members are in agreement with this position.

**New Business**

40) SLC Highways Holding Harmless Resolution

On a motion by Councilmember Snye, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, the following resolution be adopted: AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Lewis, Lalonde, Snye, Sarazen. NAYS: 0 Adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 10-02-2021**

**DATED: February 11, 2021**

**HOLDING HARMLESS ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY FOR PROVIDING SERVICE FOR PIERCEFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Piercefield is desirous of St. Lawrence County Department of Highways providing shared services such as paving, shoulder widening, signage, road stripping, blasting and other routine maintenance activities to the Town, and

**WHEREAS**, both the Town of Piercefield and the County of St. Lawrence are desirous of promoting partnering efforts for the safety of the traveling public in St. Lawrence County, and

**WHEREAS**, in this joint cooperative endeavor, the Town of Piercefield and the County of St. Lawrence desire to be reimbursed for their expenditures, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is aware that the County may incur liability in the providing of the services and wishes to indemnify the County in this regard, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Town of Piercefield will indemnify and hold harmless the County, their officers, directors, partners, representatives, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, liens, judgments, damages, losses and expenses, including legal fees, and all court costs and liability (including statutory liability), arising in whole or in part and in any manner from injury and/or death of person or damage to, or loss of any property relating to or arising out of any negligent or intentional acts and/or omissions of the Town of Piercefield or any of its directors, officers, employees, contractors, representatives, or agents, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the following request for General Liability (GL) coverage is as follows:

General Liability Insurance, on an "Occurrence" basis, with the following limits:

- \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
- \$3,000,000 General Aggregate

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- \$1,000,000 Products Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 Personal Injury
- \$50,000 Fire Damage Legal Liability
- \$5,000 Medical Payment Expense, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that St. Lawrence County shall be an additional insured on the GL Policy, via ISO endorsement CG 2026.

41) Spend Highway Funds

On a motion by Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Snye, the spending of Highway funds be approved: AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Lewis, Lalonde, Sarazen, Snye. NAYS: 0 Approved.

42) Street Light

A Piercefield resident would like to have a street light added to the district outside his home. As all the property owners in Piercefield hamlet pay the cost of the lighting district, they are entitled to have a say as to whether an additional light will be installed. Supervisor Pickering will suggest that the resident petition the property owners in the lighting district.

43) Highway Superintendent Position

Supervisor Pickering began a discussion as to whether the Highway Superintendent office should be an elected or appointed one. Currently it is an elected position. There are advantages and disadvantages to each. Ultimately it would be up to the voters. Supervisor Pickering will check with other Towns and our Town Attorney to learn more.

44) Elections

Offices up for election in November this year in Piercefield are: town Supervisor, Town Clerk, two Councilmembers for 4-year terms, and one Councilmember to complete an unexpired term. A notice has been placed in the Free Press and on the Town website ([www.piercefield.org](http://www.piercefield.org)). The notice is earlier than it used to be because NYS has changed the dates for Primaries and the circulating of petitions. Anyone interested in any of these positions should call the St. Lawrence County Board of Elections at 315-379-2202 for instructions on how to proceed.

45) Derelict House

There is an unoccupied house in town that is suspected of being a location for illegal drug activity. The neighbors are concerned and wonder if it could be condemned. Supervisor Pickering will contact the NYS Troopers and ask them what can be done.

46) Payment of Bills

On a motion by Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Amy Lalonde, the following payments be approved: AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Snye, Lewis, Lalonde, Sarazen. NAYS: 0 Approved.

Abstract # 2	General Account: Vouchers	# 26-9PW	\$4,118.14
Abstract # 2	Highway Account: Vouchers	# 30-46	\$7,638.74

47) Approval of Supervisor and Town Clerk Monthly Reports

On a motion by Councilmember Amy Lalonde, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the Clerk and Supervisor Monthly Reports for January 2021 be approved: AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Snye, Lewis, Lalonde Sarazen. NAYS: 0 Approved.

48) Adjournment

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Amy Lalonde the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. Next regular meeting Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 7:30pm.