

68) REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD, May 13, 2021 **DRAFT**

69) A regular board meeting of the Town of Piercefield was held on May 13, 2021 at 7:30 PM at the Piercefield Town Hall with the following members present:

Supervisor Neil Pickering

Councilmember John Lewis

Councilmember Amy Lalonde

Councilmember Gina Sarazen

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Clerk Christielee Geiger, Highway Superintendent Jay Rust

70) Pledge of Allegiance

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

71) Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Councilmember Amy Lalonde, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the minutes of April 8th, 2021 as presented by the Town Clerk be approved: AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Lewis, Lalonde, Sarazen, Snye. NAYS: 0 approved.

72) Monies Received

Transfer Station- March	\$1,822.00
Transfer Station April	\$1,560.00
Vital Stats	\$10.00
Fines and Forfeits April	\$418.00
Fines and Forfeits March	\$536.00
Sale of Forest Products	\$26,581.78

Privilege of Floor

73) Highway

Jay Rust gave a brief overview on what the Highway Department has been working on and working towards which includes but is not limited to: The selling of the old pick-up truck, the town received \$3,500. His crew has been down in Massawepie doing road improvements, in turn the Ranger is offering his Bucket Truck and assistance to the Town with some projects. The Town will begin to work on the damage done to Bancroft road. Board members voiced concerns about the bridge and what steps need to be taken to start repairs. Jay will look into the money and permits needed to restore bridge. Sweeper is up and running again, so sweeping will be finished. After sweeping is completed, work will begin on the Mt. Arab Road. Lastly, the Board asked questions about certain expenditures in which Jay explained that the Town has to get back into a 15-year rotation on retiring old and then purchasing new trucks, otherwise they become very expensive to maintain.

74) Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) and Assessor Reports

0 Building Permits	0 Demolition Permit issued
0 Complaint filed	0 Completed field inspections
Took Virtual course on code ethics	Fielded several phone calls
Issued 5 certificates of occupancy	Received several phone calls

Old Business

75) **RESOLUTION No.: 24-12-2018**

DATED: DECEMBER 13, 2018

PROVIDE TOWN LAND FOR FIRE COMPANY RELOCATION

WHEREAS, The current fire house building is inadequate and unsafe, and

WHEREAS, The Piercefield Volunteer Fire Company is a not-for-profit organization supported in whole or in part by taxpayer dollars, , and

WHEREAS, The Piercefield Volunteer Fire Company has looked at other options for relocation and a new building, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Piercefield owns a five-acre parcel within the hamlet that would be suitable and has been verbally approved by the Adirondack Park Agency, and

WHEREAS, The Piercefield Volunteer Company has formally requested that the Town make this land available for relocation and the Town Board has unanimously approved the request, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Town Attorney Kirk Gagnier draft the appropriate documents for transfer of the aforementioned parcel from the Town to the Piercefield Volunteer Fire Company, and be it further,

RESOLVED, That subject to permissive referendum under Town Law Section 64 Subdivision 2, the transfer will take place in due time.

A motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was made by Councilwoman Amy Lalonde and seconded by Councilman John Lewis.

The following each voted in favor of the Resolution: Supervisor Neil Pickering, Councilpersons Larry Boeye, John Lewis. Amy Lalonde, and Lorraine Lewis.

This is to certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield on the 13th day of December 2018.

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A motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was made by Councilmember Amy LaLonde and seconded by Councilmember Lewis. The following each voted in favor of the Resolution: Supervisor Neil Pickering, Councilmember Gina Sarazen, Councilmember Amy Lalonde, Councilmember Thomas Snye, and Councilmember John Lewis. There were no NAY votes

*Discussions were had about naming the new building after Richard Riley, dedicated Fire Chief.

76) **RESOLUTION NO.: 02-01-2021**

DATED: January 14, 2021

RESOLUTION SETTING STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield hereby authorizes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

Title	Name	SSN (Last 4 digits)	Reg. #	Std Work Day	Term begins/ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)
Elected Officials							
Highway Superintendent	Jay Rust	0165	37528676	8 hr	01/20-12/31/23	N	22.09
Town Justice	Jonn Kopp	8649	43566090	6 hr	01/20-12/31/23	N	Not submitted
Councilmember	Gina Sarazen	2309	72240203	6 hr	01/20-12/31/23	N	0.44
Appointed Officials							
Town Bookkeeper	Gina M. Bell	3783	62782263	6 hr	1/20-12/31/20	N	10.85
Court Clerk	Bridgette LaPierre	7501	72358559	6 hr	1/20-12/31/20	N	Not Submitted
Town Clerk	Christielee Geiger	6484	72558885	6hr	1/21-12/31/2021	N	Not Submitted

A motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was made by Councilmember Lewis and seconded by Councilmember Amy LaLonde. The following each voted in favor of the Resolution: Supervisor Neil Pickering, Councilmember Gina Sarazen, Councilmember Amy Lalonde, Councilmember Thomas Snye, and Councilmember John Lewis. There were no NAY votes

77) Highway Superintendent Position

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #1 of 2021

“A LOCAL LAW TO CHANGE THE OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT FROM AN ELECTED OFFICE TO AN APPOINTED OFFICE”

1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT: The Town of Piercefield desires to eliminate the elected position of Superintendent of Highways and replace it with an appointed position of Superintendent of Highways.
2. STATUTORY AUTHORITY: This local law is enacted under the authority of Municipal Home Rule Law §§ 10, 22 and 23. The Town hereby expressly states its intention that this local law shall supersede any provision of the Town Law of the State of New York to the contrary, including but not limited to Town Law § 20.
3. PURPOSE: The purpose of this local law is to abolish the elected position of Superintendent of Highways and replace it with an appointed position of Superintendent of Highways in the Town of Piercefield.
4. ABOLITION OF ELECTED POSITION; CREATION OF APPOINTED POSITION: The elected position of the Superintendent of Highways in the Town of Piercefield is hereby abolished, effective January 1, 2022. The appointed position of the Superintendent of Highways in the Town of Piercefield is hereby created, effective January 1, 2022.
5. TITLE: This local law shall be entitled “The Office of the Appointed Superintendent of Highways”.
6. TRANSFER OF DUTIES: Except as set forth in Section 9, all duties, authority and power previously vested in the elected Superintendent of Highways shall be vested in the appointed Superintendent of Highways.
7. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS: The person holding the office of Superintendent of Highways in the Town of Piercefield, need not be a resident nor an elector of the Town of Piercefield, provided, however, that such person shall reside in St. Lawrence County or in an adjoining county within the State of New York.
8. SUPERSESSION: This local law shall supersede Town Law § 23(1) in its application to the office of Superintendent of Highways for the Town of Piercefield, St. Lawrence County, New York.
9. AUTHORITY OF SUPERINTENDENT; APPOINTING AUTHORITY:
 - (a) The appointed Superintendent of Highways shall have such powers and shall perform such duties as are or hereafter may be conferred or imposed by law, and such further duties as the Town Board may determine not inconsistent with law. Any references contained in the Code of the Town of

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Piercefield to the Superintendent of Highways shall be construed as applying to the duly appointed Superintendent of Highways.

(b) The Town Board shall be the appointing authority for all employees of the Town of Piercefield Highway Department.

10. TERM OF OFFICE AND FILLING VACANCY: The appointed Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Piercefield shall serve for a term of two (2) years, upon the terms and conditions determined by the Town Board, unless sooner removed by the Town Board in the manner provided for in this local law. A vacancy in the Office of Superintendent of Highways shall be filled by the Town Board for the unexpired term in the manner provided by law.

11. SALARY AND REMOVAL OF HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

(a) The salary of the Highway Superintendent shall be fixed by the Town Board and shall be payable in such installments and at such intervals as the Town Board shall determine, which may be modified by resolution of the Town Board from time to time.

(b) The Town Board may remove the Highway Superintendent for malfeasance or misfeasance in office upon written charges presented to the Town Board in the form of one or more affidavits. The Highway Superintendent shall have an opportunity to appear before the Town Board and be heard. Copies of any such charges shall be served upon the Highway Superintendent accused thereby at least ten (10) days before his/her appearance before the Town Board.

12. MANDATORY REFERENDUM: This local law shall be subject to a mandatory referendum to be held at the next regularly scheduled General Election on November 2, 2021.

13. EFFECTIVE DATE: This local law shall take effect upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting therein at such General Election on November 2, 2021, and the filing with the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with the applicable provisions of law, on January 1, 2022.

New Business

Councilmember Amy LaLonde and Town Clerk Christielee Geiger brought up to the Board Members the idea to hold a “Piercefield Community Pride Day.” An idea adopted from Long Lake’s Community Pride Day where everyone in the community combines resources to help, clean up, fix up, replace and repair much needed areas of town. Areas discussed but not limited to include: the front welcome sign, the beach, playground, as well as trash clean up along the highway and side roads. Further planning will be discussed and a flyer will be posted to make the public aware of the date and information.

Discussions were had about a Hot Dog Stand Vendor wanting to set up business on 421 just outside of Horseshoe Parking Area. Everyone thought this was a great idea, no protests, no permit needed.

78) Payment of Bills

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

Abstract # 5	General Account: Vouchers # 63-21PW	\$3819.90
Abstract # 5	Highway Account: Vouchers # 83-99	\$10,550.78

79) 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 February 2021 be approved: AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Snye, Lewis, Lalonde Sarazen. NAYS: 0 Approved.

80) Adjournment

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Amy LaLonde, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm. Next regular meeting Thursday, June 10th, 2021 at 7:30pm.

Christielee Geiger, Town Clerk

Date Approved