

- 23) REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD, February 10, 2022
- 24) A regular board meeting of the Town of Piercefield was held on February 10, 2022 at 7:30 PM at the Piercefield Town Hall with the following members present:
 Supervisor Neil Pickering
 Councilmember Joe Denis
 Councilmember Gina Sarazen
 Councilmember Amy LaLonde
 OTHERS PRESENT: Town Clerk Christielee Geiger, SLCSA Representative Deb Christy
- 25) Pledge of Allegiance
 The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Neil Pickering.
- 26) Approval of Minutes
 On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Amy LaLonde, the minutes of January 13th as presented by the Town Clerk be approved. AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Denis, Sarazen, LaLonde NAYS: 0 Approved with one correction, date changed from 2021 to 2021 on line item 17.
- 27) Monies Received
General

Transfer Station Fees	\$1,561.00
License/Permits	\$250.00
Dog Licenses	\$3.50

Highway
- 28) Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) and Assessor Reports
 1 Building Permits a Maintenance Garage on Fontana Property
 Fielded several phone calls Responded to many emails

Privilege of Floor

- 29) Deb Christy, President of St Lawrence County Snowmobile Association requested that the Board look in to and approve a resolution in support of re-opening NYS Snowmobile Trail 8 and the construction of a bridge at Rainbow Dam. She explained how there are 28 miles from Tupper Lake to South Colton with no access, besides river crossing or an 11 mile stretch down the main road. She is asking for Piercefield’s support. She is here representing because her office received countless calls and emails from active members raising concerns. Deb Christy strongly believes that fixing this trail will bring in tourism, create jobs, increase property value, to name a few.

Old Business

(None discussed this month)

New Business

- 30) SUPPORT OF RE-OPENING N.Y.S. SNOWMOBILE TRAIL 8 AND CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE AT RAINBOW DAM.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-02-2022

WHEREAS, the St Lawrence County Snowmobile Association (SLCSA) Trail System benefits tourism, local residents and businesses and is important to the Colton, Parishville Area and St Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the St Lawrence County Snowmobile Association has developed and maintained 750 miles of trail in St. Lawrence county since 1975, and

WHEREAS, the St Lawrence County Snowmobile Association Trail System is beneficial to all towns and villages in St. Lawrence County and in adjacent Lewis and Franklin County providing vital winter economic support, and

WHEREAS, New York State “Corridor 8” snowmobile trail is a 150 mile community connector corridor trail from Lewis County thru St Lawrence County to Franklin County and this connectivity through the County is vital to the Counties winter economy.

WHEREAS, a critical section of Trail 8 that crosses the Racquette River at Rainbow Dam in the Town of Parishville was closed in 2005 by Brookfield, and

WHEREAS, the death of two local residents attempting to cross the ice on snowmobiles during the winter of 2013 intensifies the need to provide a safe crossing on this stretch of the river, and

WHEREAS, for economic, recreational and public safety the crossing at Rainbow falls dam needs to be re-opened and

WHEREAS, numerous meetings, planning sessions and research has occurred toward achieving this goal and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Piercefield Town Board supports re-opening Trail 8 at Rainbow Dam and the construction of a bridge over this section of the River.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to; Senator Patty Ritchie; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Mark Walczyk.

On a motion by Councilmember Denis, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen following resolution be adopted: AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Denis, Sarazen, LaLonde. NAYS: 0 Adopted.

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31) SLC Highways Holding Harmless Resolution

On a motion by Councilmember Amy LaLonde, seconded by Councilmember Denis, the following resolution be adopted: AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Denis, Lalonde, Sarazen. NAYS: 0 Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO.: 8-02-2022

DATED: February 10, 2022

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
\$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

32) CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE SALARY FOR TOWN CLERK

RESOLUTION No.: 10-02-2022

DATED: February 10, 2022

WHEREAS, The Town Clerk requests to be paid a salary that aligns with the current minimum wages in NYS for the services rendered and hours provided. The Town Clerks responsibilities expand beyond public office hours, including but not limited to continued office hours, errands, banking, meetings, phone calls that equate to a minimum 20 hours a week.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield hereby authorizes the Supervisor to increase the Town Clerk Salary to \$20,000 per year, effective immediately.

RESOLVED, That the sum of \$20,000.00 is hereby appropriated to the payroll budget for an increase by \$4,500 annually to the Town Clerk position.

On a motion by Councilmember Amy LaLonde, seconded by Councilmember Denis, the following resolution be adopted: AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Denis, Lalonde, Sarazen. NAYS: 0 Adopted.

- 33) Discussions were made on finding a Deputy Town Clerk to train under current Town Clerk Christielee Geiger, in theory to take over the position once her term is completed in 2024. A Help Wanted notice for Deputy Town Clerk will be put in the paper following the meeting.
- 34) Supervisor Neil Pickering informed the Board that he has bought a house in Tupper Lake and plans to move there by November 2022. Councilmember Amy Lalonde will be relocating as well come September 2022. Both positions will need to be filled during those times.

35) Payment of Bills

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

Abstract # 2	General Account: Vouchers # 21-7PW	\$5,937.92
Abstract # 2	Highway Account: Vouchers # 18-28	\$10,765.06

21) Approval of Supervisor and Town Clerk Monthly Reports

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Amy LaLonde, the Clerk and Supervisor Monthly Reports for January 2022 be approved: AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Denis, LaLonde, Sarazen. NAYS: 0 Approved.

22) Adjournment

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Amy LaLonde, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm. Next regular meeting Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 7:30pm.