

120) REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD, August 11, 2022,

121) A regular board meeting of the Town of Piercefield was held on August 11, 2022 at 7:30 PM at the Piercefield Town Hall with the following members present:

- Supervisor Neil Pickering
- Councilmember Gina Sarazen
- Councilmember Joe Denis
- Councilmember Amy Lage

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Clerk Christielee Geiger, Highway Superintendent Jay Rust, Mt Arab Resident Loren Bailey, Carol Diamond, perspective Board Member.

122) Pledge of Allegiance

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

123) Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Joe Denis the minutes of July 14 as presented by the Town Clerk be approved. AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Sarazen, Lage, Denis NAYS: 0.

124) Monies Received

General

3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Sales 2022	\$40,513.81
2 <sup>nd</sup> COVID Stimulus	\$14,615.33

Highway	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Sales 2022	\$40513.81

**Privilege of Floor**

125) Loren Bailey, resident of Eagle Craig and member of The Mount Arab Preserve Association attended tonight’s meeting to speak on the association’s behalf. At their July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting that Highway Superintendent Jay Rust attended he mentioned that paving would begin on the tore up section of Mt Arab Rd. Mr Bailey was looking for a timeline on that project to bring back to the association. Jay met with the County and they are having trouble at their plant with the black top machine continuously breaking down. The Country is also scrambling for supplies to keep up with the demand, due to the high cost of fuel they do not have enough trucks to bring in the materials needed. The weather has also been a factor. All of these items stated above from the Country is why Jay is unable to give an exact timeline on when pavement of Mt. Arab Rd will begin. The Highway Superintendents intent is to begin paving the ¼ mile of section that was previously tore up as soon as the County gives them the green light to begin.

The Highway crew has been working on Raquette Flow. Added stone to raise parts about 2ft. Ditching as well as a new culvert added.

Supervisor Neil Pickering inquired about the overtime the Highway Crew was receiving. Due to Mitchells hauling the materials to save money at \$11 per ton, their trucks do not arrive until after 2pm. Discussions were had if hauling should be taken over by the Town. Jay reported about 20 tons can fit on the Highway Trucks.

Roadside mowing is finished

Bancroft Bridge update: Jay Rust is looking into an arch culvert. This is a way to work with the DEC in a manner to not disturb the stream bed. By doing this, they can work on fixing the road. He will report in the next meeting on arch culvert prices.

Conifer is still in need of new culverts. Estimated cost \$20,000 per culvert. (Two are needed) One culvert has a bit more work attached to it since a main waterline runs through the middle. When the work begins, they will have to close down road and re-locate the water line.

**Old Business**

126) Teamster Highway Union Contract still needs to be reviewed and discussions made with Union Rep. Joe Denis was given the new proposal, Joe and Neil will discuss in further detail the actions that need to be taken. Will update the Board after they sit down and negotiate with the Union Rep.

127) The Town received two settlements for COVID-19 Recovery of \$14,615.33 each.

128) Linda Pickering, Town of Piercefield’s Bookkeeper is receiving training for the new Bookkeeping system. She feels she will be in better position after these trainings. The trainer is streamlining things and assisting to make things run more smoothly, with less clunkiness in the system.

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129) motion to appoint Kim Kopp as The Town of Piercefield’s Dog Control Officer made by Joe Denis, seconded by Gina Sarazen. AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Sarazen, Lage, Denis NAYS: 0.

130) Supervisor Neil Pickering did more research on the Noise Ordnnances for the Town of Piercefield. Our current ordnance follows our neighboring town of Tupper Lake very closely. The Board will make changes as they see necessary but for the time being they will keep it as it stands,

**New Business**

131) Town Clerk Christielee Geiger made up an Incident Report to be reviewed by the Town’s Attorney Kirk Gagnier. Once approved they will be made available at Town Hall and Dump if needed.

132) Discussions were had about the Youth Center reopening in the Fall. Gina Sarazen will contact Kayla Bell at the Tupper Lake School as well as our SLC Health Officer to find out what, if any COVID-19 guidelines the center will have to adhere to. Will bring up at next meeting and put to a vote.

**133) RESOLUTION NO.: 08-15-2022**

**Dated: August 11, 2022**

**APPOINTMENT OF HEALTH OFFICER**

**WHEREAS**, Each Town must appoint a Health Officer.

**WHEREAS**, we, the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield hereby appoint St Lawrence County Health Deputy Director of Public Health to be our Appointed Health Officer, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that we the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield approve the appointing of SLC Department Director of Public Health be the Town’s Health Officer.

**RESOLVED**, that said any needs for said Health Officer can be directed towards the SLC Dept of Public Health, reached by Telephone (315) 386-2325. 80 SH 310 Suite 2. Canton, NY 13617

A motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was made by Councilmember Joe Denis and seconded by Councilmember Amy Lage. The following each voted in favor of the Resolution: Supervisor Neil Pickering, Councilmember Joe Denis, Amy Lage and Councilmember Gina Sarazen.

134) On a motion to replace Amy Lage’s position as Councilmember for Carol Diamond made by Joe Denis, seconded by Amy Lage. All in favor to appoint Carol Diamond as acting Board Member to fill Amy’s position until next election date November 2023. AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Sarazen, Lage, Denis NAYS: 0.

135) The Town of Piercefield Board Members would like to thank Amy Lage for her many years of continued service as a Councilmember. Best of luck to her in her future endeavors.

136) Payment of Bills

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

Abstract # 8	General Account: Vouchers # 85-31PW	\$10,419.69
Abstract # 8	Highway Account: Vouchers # 88-98	\$31,720.03

118) Approval of Supervisor and Town Clerk Monthly Reports

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

119) Adjournment

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Amy Lage, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. Next regular meeting Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 7:30pm.

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Christielee Geiger, Town Clerk

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Date Approved