

62) REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD, April 11,2024 **DRAFT**

63) 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				

64) Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Deputy Town Supervisor Carol Dimond.

65) Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Councilmember Tom Snye, seconded by Deputy Town Supervisor Carol Dimond, the minutes of March 14, 2024 as presented by the Town Clerk be approved. AYES: Deputy Town Supervisor Dimond, Councilmembers Snye, Sarazen, Rust. NAYS: 0

66) Monies Received

Refuse & Garbage	\$995.00
License & Permits	\$1,828.50
Insurance Recoveries	\$131.68

Privilege of Floor

67) Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Jay Rust reported Jon Chesbrough only has 2 CDL classes left at CVTEC; he will be taking his road test the week of the 22nd. The Highway Department has started sweeping the roads, sweeping is almost finished in Conifer. They have also been cutting and splitting wood; one wood shed is already filled in preparation for winter. Jay has asked the town board to take a drive through conifer. Conifer was last paved around 1985 and is showing many signs of wear and tear along with erosion from flooding over the culverts. Depending on what he receives for CHIPS money he would like to pave conifer. Deputy Town Supervisor Carol Dimond mentioned how there is a big hole on Racquette Flow Rd where it meets with Route 3. Carol would like to know if that area would be added to the plan for paving. Jay informed the board that this area had been paved in the past but then got tore up. He will contact Gary Lutz head of DOT out of Cranberry Lake to request an apron be put down where the two roads meet. Jay needs approval to order calcium for the gravel roads. 4 ton from Taylor Rental is \$2,713.50 which includes delivery while 4 ton from Midstate without delivery is \$3,355.20. On a motion by Councilmember Tom Snye, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen the purchase of calcium from Taylor Rental in the amount of \$2,713.50 be approved. AYES: Deputy Town Supervisor Dimond, Councilmembers Snye, Rust, Sarazen. NAYS:0

Old Business

68) Spend Highway Fund

NYS has not passed the budget so the amount for CHIPS is still unknown.

New Business

69) Street Lights

Councilmember Gina Sarazen reported a street light out on Wood Ave and asked who to contact to fix it. Highway Superintendent Jay Rust directed her to contact Niagara Mohawk. Jay also believes there is a link on their website where you can report an outage.

70) Direct Deposit

Bookkeeper Linda Pickering has suggested switching all employees pay to be done by direct deposit in order to keep the accounts balanced. All the necessary paperwork will be made available to employees upon approval from the town board. On a motion by Councilmember Angela Rust, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen the use of direct deposit be utilized by all employees of the Town of Piercefield AYES: Deputy Town Supervisor Carol Dimond, Councilmembers Rust, Sarazen, Snye. NAYS:0. Approved.

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71) Beach

Councilmember Gina Sarazen reported the road to the beach has been washed out and is wondering if this will be fixed. She also stated the rocks have been moved from the entrances. Jay said he will be fixing the washed out road that goes over the culvert as soon as the water levels go down. As for the rocks, they were moved by the power company. There is a pole that runs the satellite used to measure water levels that needed repairing, so the company has the right of way to get in there when necessary. Although the beach is closed Gina would still like to see it maintained if it so happens to reopen in the future. She has asked the highway department to rake the beach and dump a fresh load of sand. Jay advised it is against the law for him to dump any sand down there but he has agreed to rake the area.

72) Judge Audit

RESOLUTION NO.: 15-04-2024

Dated: April 11, 2024

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, 2023 to December 31, 2023 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 2023 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.

A motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was made by Deputy Town Supervisor Carol Dimond and seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust. The following each voted in favor of the Resolution: Deputy Town Supervisor Carol Dimond, Councilmembers Rust, Sarazen, Snye. NAYS: 0

73) Tax Payment to Supervisor

RESOLUTION No.: 16-04-2024

DATED: April 11, 2024

RESOLUTION ALLOWING SEVERAL WEEKS FOR THE TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD TAX COLLECTOR TO REMIT TAX COLLECTIONS TO THE SUPERVISOR

WHEREAS, it is recommended the Tax Collector remits tax collections to the supervisor at least weekly until payment in full; and

WHEREAS, the town of Piercefield is a small rural town and tax collections are slower to come in

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of Piercefield that tax collections may be remitted to the supervisor as they become available and payment in full by February **1st** of the tax collection year.

A motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was made by Deputy Town Supervisor Carol Dimond and seconded by Councilmember Tom Snye. The following each voted in favor of the Resolution: Deputy Town Supervisor Carol Dimond, Councilmembers Rust, Sarazen, Snye. NAYS: 0

74) Deposit Town Revenues

RESOLUTION No.: 17-04-2024

DATED: April 11, 2024

RESOLUTION ALLOWING MORE THAN 24 HOURS FOR THE TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD OFFICIALS TO DEPOSIT TOWN REVENUES TO COMMUNITY BANK

WHEREAS, it is recommended the Town **Officials** deposit Town Revenues within a 24-hour period; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Piercefield is a small rural town and Community Bank does not have branch in the Town Piercefield,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of Piercefield that Town Officials be allowed to process bank deposits as soon as possible.

A motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was made by Councilmember Gina Sarazen and seconded by Councilmember Tom Snye. The following each voted in favor of the Resolution: Deputy Town Supervisor Carol Dimond, Councilmembers Rust, Sarazen, Snye. NAYS: 0

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75) Payment of Bills

On a motion by Deputy Town Supervisor Carol Dimond, seconded by Councilmember Tom Snye the following payments be approved AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Dimond, Sarazen, Rust NAYS: 0

General Fund:	\$8,986.34
Highway Fund:	\$13,319.38
Lighting District	\$348.56
Conifer Water:	\$374.10
Piercefield Water:	\$453.13
Trust and Agency	\$8,262.94
Total	\$31,744.45

76) Approval of Town Clerk Monthly Reports

On a motion by Councilmember Tom Snye, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Carol Dimond, the Clerk Reports for March 2024 be approved: AYES: Deputy Supervisor Dimond, Councilmembers Snye, Sarazen, Rust. NAYS: 0

77) Adjournment

On a motion by Councilmember Angela Rust, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Carol Dimond, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 7:30pm.

Paige Phillips, Town Clerk

Date Approved