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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				

Guests: Leo Sarazen, Elaine Sarazen, James Brownell, Karen Brownell, Patty Reandeau, Nicole Whitman, Alyssa Hopkins, Kevin Willette, Marlene Ashton, Bruce Amell, Anthony D’Amico

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Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Town Supervisor Joe Denis.

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Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Councilmember Carol Dimond, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, the minutes of May 8, 2025 as presented by the Town Clerk be approved. AYES: Town Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Dimond, Snye, Sarazen, and Rust. NAYS: 0

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Monies Received

Refuse & Garbage	\$1,353.00
Dog Licenses	\$6.00
Licenses&Permits	\$17,905.00
Insurance Recovery	\$165.16

Privilege of Floor

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Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Jay Rust reports CHIPS funding has been approved. Generally, all the funds from POP (pave our potholes) and EWR (extreme winter recovery) are utilized; however, any unspent CHIPS funds are carried over into the balance for the following year. Given the current state of the Highway Budget, Jay is unable to access the full amount of available CHIPS funds. In the future he would like to see the Highway Budget reflect at a minimum, the apportioned balance of CHIPS so the town can receive more benefits from the funds available. Jay also reported that the 2015 loader may not last until the end of the year like previously discussed. The crew is doing what they can to make this loader last as long as possible. Councilmember Angela Rust emphasized how having a loader is crucial for many tasks throughout the town including road work which is already time sensitive. Having to repair the loader along with paying for a rental will be a hefty cost that the he would like the board to be informed of. Jay is willing to use \$100,000.00 in CHIPS to offset the expense of purchasing a new loader. Supervisor Denis would like to contact Jarrod Radley, a CHIPS representative, for specifics on CHIPS reimbursement when it comes to purchasing equipment before considering another loan. In the meantime, Jay will get an updated quote for a loader as the last price was from January 2025.

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Code Enforcement Officer Report

Code Officer Nicholas Snyder submitted his monthly report.

- 5 permits have been issued
- 4 site inspections completed
- 15 phone calls received
- completed his yearly education for certification
- attended a planning board meeting for 2 new structures which were approved.

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Nicole Whitman

Nicole attended the meeting to report that young children have been knocking on her door looking for something to do or someone to play with. She has also observed these children knocking on other residents’ doors. Nicole is concerned for the children’s safety. She shared the idea of filing for PINS (person in need of supervision). PINS acts as a support system for families which could be beneficial to everyone involved. This is not something she can currently file alone so she is seeking the towns assistance. Information was left with the board to review.

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Patty Reandeau

Patty planted flowers at the Town of Piercefield sign and while doing so she came across hypodermic needles. Jay informed her, along with anyone else to call the state troopers if you ever come in contact with needles or anything out of the ordinary so it can be handled appropriately.

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Patty also questioned if the Youth Center would be opening this fall. Supervisor Denis along with councilmembers have not confirmed whether it will be able to open or not.

99) Bruce Amell

Bruce questioned why a public meeting was not held for the community to come and speak on the park prior to the decision to remove it. Councilmember Angela Rust expressed that the removal of the park was a hard decision for them to make, but ultimately necessary. The Town is unable to keep fronting the cost of repairs to maintain the park to acceptable standards for inspection. It was also emphasized that the matter ultimately revolves around safety issues; if an incident were to occur at the playground in its current state, the Town would have been held responsible. Councilmember Carol Dimond expressed her hope to see a playground reinstated in the future, but first, the problems related to the destruction of Town property must be addressed.

100) Marlene Ashton

Marlene first spoke to support the board’s decision to remove the playground. As a taxpayer she is “hesitant to allocate tax dollars to something that may be destroyed shortly after its reconstruction.” She emphasized “if a child were to get hurt at the playground it would be devastating to this town.” Marlene would like to see a park there again in the future, but the town needs to work as a community again and strict rules will have to be put in place as well as cameras. Marlene also shared her new petition to support reinstating public health service to St. Lawrence County. Along with the petition she is also composing a letter to the chair which will be read in front of the 15 districts during their monthly meeting. Marlene would like to inform everyone that the Seniorama, a health and information fair for senior citizens that is held at Akwesasne Mohawk Casino is usually held on the 3rd Monday in July for anyone that may be interested in attending. Lastly, Marlene asked Jay if the Highway Department is finished sweeping the roads because the edge of her yard is still full of dirt from sanding the roads. Jay confirmed sweeping is completed for the year.

**Old Business**

101) Cleaning

A new checklist for weekly cleaning was made. Town Supervisor Denis will review with current cleaner and provide copies for her to adhere to.

**New Business**

102) Spend Highway

Highway Superintendent Jay Rust presented the 2025 budget received from NYS DOT for road improvement reimbursement. The numbers are as follows: CHIPS \$220,510.90, PAVE NY \$22,579.46, EWR \$15,693.69, and POP \$21,084.10. With this budget, Jay offered the Town Board his agreement to spend town highway funds. His plan includes blacktop and repairs to a portion of the Mt. Arab Road, winter repair on Raquette Flow Rd, and resurfacing the Massawepie Road and Gull Pond Road. On a motion by Councilmember Angela Rust, seconded by Councilmember Thomas Snye, the spending of Highway funds be approved: AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Dimond, Sarazen, Rust, Snye. NAYS: 0 Approved.

103) Security

As a result of recent acts of vandalism, surveillance cameras have been set up around the town building.

104) Slic Network

It has been discovered that the internet service for the town building was charged to the Fire Department for an unknown amount of time. The issue is being addressed.

105) Septic Services

Town Supervisor Joe Denis met with Matilda Larson a planner from St. Lawrence County to discuss a septic system replacement program. The septic program is available to property owners who are in designated areas of the project map. The program can reimburse up to 50% of the cost to repair or replace a septic system, with a cap of \$10,000. A copy of the project map along with contact information is available in the clerk’s office for anyone that may be interested.

106) Approval of Town Clerk Monthly Reports

On a motion by Councilmember Angela Rust, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen the Clerk Reports for May 2025 be approved: AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers, Dimond, Snye,Rust, and Sarazen. NAYS: 0

107) Payment of Bills

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

General Fund:	\$11,600.97
Highway Fund:	\$50,648.21

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Lighting District	\$312.66
Conifer Water:	\$262.44
Piercefield Water:	\$365.65
Trust and Agency	\$9,522.43
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$72,712.43</b>

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- Adjournment  
On a motion by Town Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 7:00pm.

Paige Phillips, Town Clerk

Date Approved