

110) 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: Marlene Ashton, Kevin Willette, Alysa Hopkins, Dan Dewyea, Loren Bailey

111) Pledge of Allegiance

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

112) Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Councilmember Carol Dimond, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, the minutes of June 12, 2025 as presented by the Town Clerk be approved. AYES: Town Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Dimond, Snye, Sarazen, and Rust. NAYS: 0

113) Monies Received

Refuse & Garbage	\$1,636.00
Licenses&Permits	\$127.50
Insurance Recovery	\$165.16
Fines,Forfeits of Bail	\$742.00

**Privilege of Floor**

114) Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Jay Rust reports that the crew has been working on the Mt Arab Road hauling in material and removing sections of road in preparation for blacktop. Jay presented the board with 2 updated quotes from Tracey Road Equipment for a loader. The loader that was \$199,191.00 in January is now \$213,730.69. Jay got a quote for a similar loader that is \$209,802.76. Tracey Road offers municipalities to finance through them for a term of 5 years. Supervisor Denis spoke with Bill Dashnaw and Jarrod Radley, both confirming that CHIPS will not reimburse for equipment that has an outstanding loan, it must be paid for in full before getting reimbursement. Jay emphasized his frustrations regarding the \$256,000.00 available in CHIPS funds that cannot be utilized, as the highway budget does not permit the Highway Superintendent to expend these funds and receive reimbursement prior to the due date of bills, payroll, insurance, and other expenses.

115) Code Enforcement Officer Report

Code Officer Nicholas Snyder submitted his monthly report for June.

- 4 permits have been issued
- 5 site inspections completed
- 13 phone calls received
- APA -2 forms and 3 Calls

116) Loren Bailey

Loren Bailey, a resident of Mt Arab Road, expressed gratitude to the Highway Department for their work on the Mt Arab Road. Loren inquired with Jay about any plans for blacktopping this year. Jay mentioned that there are plans for blacktopping, but the schedule is contingent on when the county can send a crew to help. Loren also highlighted the resident’s appreciation for the mowing, which has been effective in reducing the wild parsnip.

117) Alysa Hopkins

Alysa inquired whether the board has reached a conclusion regarding the opening of the youth center. As of now, no decision has been finalized; however, if the center does open, it will not occur until the end of September. Councilmember Gina Sarazen feels that a handful of children causing problems should not spoil the opportunity for every child in the community. Gina suggested starting with the center open 2 days a week instead of 3. Kevin Willette asked if a decision has been made about reinstalling the playground. Supervisor Denis confirmed that the idea has not been discussed at this time.

109) REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD, July 10,2025 **DRAFT**

118) Carol Dimond

Councilmember Dimond shared the major project public notice from the APA regarding the installation of a new cell tower by Verizon Wireless near Setting Pole Dam Road. You can address any written comments regarding the project to Benjiman Amos at [rpcomments@apa.ny.gov](mailto:rpcomments@apa.ny.gov). The notice will also be accessible at the Town Clerk's office for anyone who wishes to examine it.

119) Marlene Ashton

Marlene presented the board with a letter she has written along with a letter from resident Patty Reandeau that will be read in front of the Board of Legislatures during the citizen participation segment of their monthly meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Marlene has drafted a new petition. She would also like everyone to be aware that the Seniorama (a health and information fair for older adults and their families) is being held on July 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm at the Akwesasne Mohaw Casino.

120) Dan Dewyea

Dan requested that the Town Board consider reopening the Piercefield Beach as a recreational site. According to his research, with the correct signage, deeming the old beach a recreational site is possible under a “use at your own risk” policy. Dan emphasized that the town has put a lot of money into the beach and it is discouraging to see it fall into disuse. Looking at a broader picture, the lack of accessible local outdoor spaces for youth and families leave little incentive to keep residents and visitors engaged. Town Supervisor Joe Denis will consult with the insurance company to see if the old beach can be labeled a recreational area with own risk access.

**Old Business**

121) Conifer Water Break Bill

The bill sent to the homeowner for the water main break in Conifer in January of 2024 remains unpaid. Kirk has sent multiple notices that have gone unanswered. A discussion was had on whether the money owed could be relieved onto the homeowner’s property tax bill. Town Supervisor Denis will follow up on how to proceed with the Town Attorney.

**New Business**

122) Pay Incoming Bills

**RESOLUTION No.: 13-07-2025**

**DATED: July 10, 2025**

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**WHEREAS**, all bills for the month of July had not yet been received

**RESOLVED**, the Town Board approves to pay incoming bills for the month of July that were not received before the monthly meeting.

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

123) CEO 2026 Salary

Budget discussions are set to begin within the next couple months. Supervisor Denis has requested that Councilmembers propose a figure for the CEO's salary for the year 2026. Councilmember Dimond is still seeking a more detailed monthly report.

124) Chickens on the loose

Councilmember Gina Sarazen informed the board that a property owner has chickens roaming throughout the town, encroaching on other homeowners' properties. Homeowners have expressed their concerns to her, stating they are hesitant to let their own animals outside for fear that they might chase the chickens. She is concerned about the potential for injury to anyone's pets. Councilmember Angela Rust suggests that the property owners in the area should discuss the matter with the chicken owner before the Town takes any action.

125) Livestock

Councilmembers Gina Sarazen and Carol Dimond inquired whether the Town has a Local Law pertaining to livestock. Councilmembers are concerned that waste from the cows is contaminating the water that leads down to the river. The Town Clerk will research any relevant Local Laws on this issue. Supervisor Denis will contact CEO Nicholas Snyder to investigate the situation.

126) Approval of Town Clerk Monthly Reports

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

127) 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:	\$9,327.18
Highway Fund:	\$21,702.60
Lighting District	\$312.82
Conifer Water:	\$156.88
Piercefield Water:	\$212.12
Trust and Agency	\$9,465.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41,177.35</b>

128) Adjournment

On a motion by Town Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Councilmember Carol Dimond the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 7:00pm.

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Paige Phillips, Town Clerk

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Date Approved