

130) 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: Patricia Reandeau, Marlene Ashton, Nicole Whitman

131) Pledge of Allegiance

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

132) Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Councilmember Carol Dimond, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, the minutes of July 10, 2025 as presented by the Town Clerk be approved with the addition of Highway Superintendent Jay Rust offering fill from the Mt Arab Road work to residents that request it.  
AYES: Town Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Dimond, Sarazen, and Rust. NAYS: 0

133) Monies Received

Refuse & Garbage	\$2,484.00
Licenses&Permits	\$225.00
Insurance Recovery	\$165.16
Fines,Forfeits of Bail	\$356.00
Non-Property Tax Distribution	\$87,825.39

**Privilege of Floor**

134) Patricia Reandeau

Inquired about the opening of the Youth Center. Town Supervisor and Councilmembers stated the future of the center opening is still unknown. If the center does open it will not be until late October-March.

135) Nicole Whitman

Nicole walks her dogs by the Town Garage daily and has noticed tools being left out and under vehicles. She noted how they are good quality tools and could easily be stolen by someone passing by if they had “sticky fingers.” Nicole also pointed out that the state of the garage and its surrounding area could benefit from some better organization. Lastly, Nicole would like to have on record that she supports Dan Dewyea’s proposal for the beach being classified as a recreational use area.

136) Marlene Ashton

Marlene attended the Seniorama event that was held at the Akwasasne Mohawk Casino where she engaged with numerous district legislators who provided her with valuable information. However, Marlene still requires assistance from our district legislator, Rick Perkins. Councilmember Angela Rust inquired whether she was aware of the CDPAP Program which is a Medicaid program that allows eligible individuals to hire, train, and manage their own personal assistants, including friends and family, to provide in-home care services for activities of daily living or skilled nursing care while receiving compensation from the program.

While distributing her petition, Marlene reported that residents expressed their dissatisfaction with the Town's appearance. The primary areas of concern include the Town Garage, traffic cones scattered throughout the town, excessive sand in residents' lawns and ditches, trash bags near the Piercefield pump house, and the need for maintenance on the overlook deck. Marlene is of the opinion that the Highway Department should revert to their 7:00am -3:30pm working hours. Additionally, she proposed that the Highway Superintendent position be appointed rather than elected, allowing the Town Board to exercise some oversight. Councilmember Gina Sarazen noted that although the Town Board does not have authority over the specific tasks done by the Highway Department, it remains the responsibility of the Highway Superintendent to maintain town property.

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137) Highway Report

Councilmember Angela Rust gave the Highway Report in lieu of Highway Superintendent Jay Rust. The Highway Department has replaced 9 culverts and created ditches in those areas. They have been servicing equipment and doing regularly needed maintenance. They plan to replace 3 culverts near the mountain trail when the summer traffic decreases. 2,000 yards of crusher run will be delivered to resurface Raquette Flow Road and some of the Gull Pond Road. Tracey Road Equipment checked to see the status of the loader, Jay explained there are no plans to replace it at this time so he plans to spend \$60,000 to repair the current loader and eventually replace it. The hope is still that the current transmission makes it to the end of the year.

138) Code Enforcement Officer Report

- Permits issued: 3
  - Site inspections: 3
  - Phone calls: 18
  - Correspondence with lawyers: 4
  - Has a meeting scheduled with the Planning Board in August for another new build.
- Office hours: 12  
Work from home: 6 hours  
Field: 9 hours  
APA: 1 form, 3 emails, 4 calls

## Old Business

139) Town Beach

Town Supervisor Joe Denis reached out to the Town's insurance provider, along with NYMIR, in response to resident Dan Dewyea's suggestion to have the Town Beach classified as a recreational area. The Town's Insurance Agent, Jess Belleville, contacted Councilmember Gina Sarazen, clarifying that since the area is already designated as a beach, numerous criteria must be fulfilled to facilitate its reopening. NYMIR recommended that the Town consult with the county's health department to determine if they would issue a written waiver permitting the beach to open without lifeguards. It was noted that they have been hesitant to allow the reopening of a beach that has historically had lifeguards present if none will be available moving forward. Councilmember Sarazen will investigate the feasibility of having the area reclassified as something other than a beach.

## New Business

140) CEO 2026 Salary

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust proposing a salary of \$9,000 for the year 2026 to Code Enforcement Officer Nicholas Snyder be approved  
AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Rust, Sarazen, and Dimond. NAYS: 0

141) Town Supervisor Vacancy

Town Supervisor Joe Denis announced he will be resigning as Town Supervisor after the September Board meeting.

142) Budget Transfer

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-08-2025**

**DATED: August 14, 2025**

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF MONEY IN THE 2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Town of Piercefield needs to transfer money in the 2025 Budget because of increased expenditures,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following transfers be made in the 2025 budget:

Highway					
Increase	Description	Amount	Decrease	Description	Amount
51304.03	Machinery CE	\$10,676.22	97896.03	Principal on Debt	\$10,676.22
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,676.22</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,676.22</b>

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust, resolution #14 be approved.: AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers, Dimond, Rust, Sarazen. NAYS: 0 Approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-08-2025**

**DATED: August 14, 2025**

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF MONEY IN THE 2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Town of Piercefield needs to transfer money in the 2025 Budget because of increased expenditures,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following transfers be made in the 2025 budget:

General					
Increase	Description	Amount	Decrease	Description	Amount

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13554.01	Assessor CE	\$875.00	19904.01	Contingency	\$1,113.00
31204.01	BCO Expense	\$238.00			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,113.00</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,113.00</b>

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust, resolution #15 be approved.:  
AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers, Dimond, Rust, Sarazen. NAYS: 0 Approved.

- 143) September Meeting  
The regularly scheduled meeting for September will be rescheduled to September 4, 2024 at 7:00pm. On a motion by Councilmember Angela Rust, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen Septembers regularly scheduled meeting be rescheduled to September 4<sup>th</sup> be approved: AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers, Dimond, Rust, and Sarazen. NAYS: 0
- 144) Approval of Town Clerk Monthly Reports  
On a motion by Councilmember Angela Rust, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen the Clerk Reports for July 2025 be approved: AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers, Dimond, Rust, and Sarazen. NAYS: 0
- 145) Payment of Bills  
On a motion by Councilmember Angela Rust, seconded by Councilmember Carol Dimond the following payments be approved AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Rust, Sarazen, and Dimond. NAYS: 0  
General Fund: \$10,291.40  
Highway Fund: \$84,110.06  
Lighting District \$374.02  
Conifer Water: \$196.74  
Piercefield Water: \$16,809.18  
Trust and Agency \$13,433.03  
**Total \$125,214.43**
- 146) Adjournment  
On a motion by Town Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Councilmember Carol Dimond the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 7:00pm.

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Paige Phillips, Town Clerk

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Date Approved