

162) Roll Call

Board Members	Present	Excused	Town Officials	Present	Excused
Supervisor Karen Brownell	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: Loren Bailey and Marlene Ashton

163) Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Town Supervisor Karen Brownell.

164) Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust, the minutes of July 9, 2026 as presented by the Town Clerk be approved. AYES: Town Supervisor Brownell, Councilmembers Sarazen, and Rust. NAYS: 0

165) Monies Received

Non-Property Tax	\$40,000.00
Non-Property Tax Hw	\$45,812.34
Insurance Recoveries	\$161.56
Refuse and Garbage	\$1,760.00
Licenses & Permits	\$161.25
Fines,Forfeits of Bail	\$822.00

Privilege of Floor

166) Loren Bailey

Loren Bailey, representing the Mt Arab Preserve Association, expressed his gratitude to the Highway Department for their swift action in addressing the potholes just a day or two following his request made during the last board meeting. He would like to request that gravel be applied, or the grader be used on Mt Arab Road to address the sections that are particularly susceptible to larger potholes and to smooth out the areas surrounding the culverts. Jay assured him that blacktopping is still planned for this fall which will resolve the ongoing issues with the recurring potholes, but he would do his best in the meantime.

167) Marlene Ashton

Marlene is still dedicated to obtaining home health care services for the Town of Piercefield. She has obtained 146 signatures on her petition so far. At the Seniorama, Marlene took the opportunity to speak with numerous politicians to inform them about the lack of assistance in the Town of Piercefield.

168) Highway Report

- Helped the state with milling Park Street in Tupper Lake and received the millings.
- Removed cement from Transfer Station Rd and laid some of the millings and will put crusher run on top. Left over millings will be used at the Town Hall.
- Working on the Gull Pond Road
- Trouble with beavers multiple days a week. Unable to trap them.
- MEO position is still vacant
- Water shut off at 11 Wood Ave will be fixed before winter

169) Code Officer Report

- Issued 4 building permit
- Completed 8 site inspections
- Received 34 phone calls
- Sent more letters regarding property maintenance complaints. Followed up on a faulty septic system complaint and placed order to remedy the violations.

Old Business

170) Municipal Park

Supervisor Brownell provided pictures of the signage at the old beach and will highlight the area on the map she received from the Assessor, as the parcel also includes the sandpit, which has caused some confusion regarding the exact location of the beach area. This documentation is necessary to ensure the Town remains in compliance with the grant that was received when the beach was originally established. If the Town wishes to be released from the grant requirements, it would need to designate another portion of undeveloped land of equal value to replace the former beach area.

171) Cemetery Upgrades

Discussion was had on pricing of products needed for new fencing. Board members agreed to add funds to the cemetery budget for new fencing in 2027.

New Business

172) Property Health and Safety Concerns

The Town Board discussed multiple complaints concerning potential health and safety issues at a property within the Town. The Board will request that the Code Enforcement Officer conduct an investigation of the property and report back to the Town Board regarding any findings and applicable code violations. Town Supervisor Brownell will contact Code Enforcement Officer in regards to the complaints and investigation.

173) ADK Shredding

The Board was advised that a shredding company is scheduled to come to the Town Hall on August 21, 2026 to shred municipal records that have met their required retention period and are no longer required to be retained.

174) Adirondack BESS Moratorium

A public hearing for proposed Local Law No.2 will be held on September 10, 2026 at 7:00pm. The entirety of the proposed law is available for viewing on the Town website and in the office of the Town Clerk.

A LOCAL LAW IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON LOCATING BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS IN THE TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield ("Town"), County of St. Lawrence, State of New York ("State") as follows:

Section 1 Legislative Intent. The purpose of this local law is to protect the public health, safety and welfare by restricting the development of certain battery energy storage systems within the Town of Piercefield for a limited period of time in order to further develop and revise the applicable local laws specific to the development of such certain battery energy Storage systems. The adoption of a temporary moratorium is a reasonable exercise of the Town's police power and home rule authority under the New York State Constitution, Article IX, and the Municipal Home Rule Law, IO, and is consistent with the authority of the Town Board under Town Law 130 and 261—265. The moratorium is narrowly tailored in scope and duration and is proportionate to the regulatory gap it is intended to address.

Section 11. Effective Date. This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the New York Secretary of State Or as otherwise provided by law

175) Data Center Moratorium

A public hearing for proposed Local Law No.3 will be held on September 10, 2026 at 7:05pm. The entirety of the proposed law is available for viewing on the Town website and in the office of the Town Clerk.

A LOCAL LAW IMPOSING A TWELVE (12) MONTH MORATORIUM ON DEVELOPMENT OR CONSTRUCTION OF DATA CENTERS, ACCESSORY DATA CENTERS, AND CRYPTOCURRENCY DATA MINES, WITHIN THE TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield as follows:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY. This Local Law is enacted pursuant to the New York Municipal Home Rule Law.

SECTION 2. INTENT. It is the intent of the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield to impose a twelve (12) month moratorium on the development or construction of Data Centers, Accessory Data Centers, and Cryptocurrency Data Mines within the Town of Piercefield.

SECTION 3 LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE. The Town Board of the Town of Piercefield finds that it is in the best interest of the Town of Piercefield to enact a moratorium on any new Data Centers, Accessory Data Centers, and Cryptocurrency Data Mines, which consist of buildings containing numerous servers and which have high demand for energy, cooling, and water mechanisms, and can result in disturbing noise generation. The Town Board recognizes the potential impact of Data Centers, Accessory Data Centers, and Cryptocurrency Data Mines on the Town's infrastructure,

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environment, public health and safety, and welfare of its residents. Accordingly, it is the purpose of this temporary moratorium to provide the Town Board with sufficient time to study and address any concerns, including, but not limited to, zoning, environmental impacts, public safety, and economic implications resulting from Data Centers, Accessory Data Centers, and Cryptocurrency Data Mines. **SECTION 10 EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Local Law Shall take effect immediately upon passage and thereafter shall be filed with the New York State Department of State

176) Budget Transfers

RESOLUTION NO. 20-08-2026

DATED: August 13, 2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF MONEY IN THE 2026 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Town of Piercefield needs to transfer money in the 2026 Budget because of increased expenditures,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following transfers be made in the 2026 budget:

General					
Increase	Description	Amount	Decrease	Description	Amount
11104.01	Justice CE	\$602.19	19904.01	Contingency	\$1,850.75
51324.01	Garage CE	\$853.64			
71104.01	Parks CE	\$295.92			
88104.01	Cemeteries CE	\$99.00			
	Total	\$1,850.75		Total	\$1,850.75

On a motion by Town Supervisor Karen Brownell, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust, resolution #20 be approved.: AYES: Town Supervisor Brownell, Councilmembers, Rust, and Sarazen NAYS: 0 Approved.

177) Approval of Town Clerk Monthly Reports

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Town Supervisor Karen Brownell the Clerk Reports for July 2026 be approved: AYES: Town Supervisor Brownell, Councilmembers, Sarazen, and Rust NAYS: 0

178) Payment of Bills

On a motion by Councilmember Angela Rust, seconded Councilmember Gina Sarazen the following payments be approved AYES: Town Supervisor Brownell, Councilmembers Sarazen and Rust NAYS: 0

General Fund:	\$13,168.80
Highway Fund:	\$19,588.74
Lighting District	\$423.25
Conifer Water:	\$4,553.60
Piercefield Water:	\$11,926.67
Trust and Agency	\$10,247.34
Total	\$59,908.40

179) Adjournment

On a motion by Town Supervisor Karen Brownell, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2026 immediately following public hearings.

Paige Phillips, Town Clerk

Date Approved