

DRAFT

- 86) REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD, June 11, 2020
- 87) A regular board meeting of the Town of Piercefield was held on June 11, 2020 at 7:30 PM at the Piercefield Town Hall with the following members present:
Supervisor Neil Pickering
Councilmember Gina Sarazen
Councilmember Larry Boeye
Councilmembers John Lewis
Councilmember Amy Lalonde
OTHERS PRESENT: Town Clerk Donald Mauer, Paradise Point property owner Valerie Bayley
- 88) Pledge of Allegiance
The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Neil Pickering.
- 89) Approval of Minutes
On a motion by Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, the minutes of May 14, 2020 as presented by the Town Clerk be approved: AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Sarazen, Boeye, Lewis, Lalonde. NAYS: 0 Approved.
- 90) Monies Received
- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| <u>General</u> | |
| Transfer Station Fees | \$1,722.00 |
| Building permits | \$187.50 |
| Q2 Sales Tax | \$33,461.11 |
| <u>Highway</u> | |
| Q2 Sales Tax | \$33,461.11 |

Privilege of Floor

- 91) Highway
Rotten cedar posts have been removed. Piercefield water mains are being installed. Better off-hours protection of the worksite needs to be implemented to prevent accidents. Supervisor Pickering will talk to Superintendent Rust.
- 92) Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) and Assessor Reports
Three building permits issued, addressed one complaint of garbage, held grievance day, sat with roll at home four different times.
- 93) Vacation Rental by Owner (VRBO)
There is a VRBO at Paradise Point. Valerie Bayley, a neighbor, is concerned about visitors possibly bringing Covid-19 to the area, as her husband is a high risk. Lake Placid has plans in place for a permitting process, etc. Supervisor Pickering is working with Town Attorney Kirk Gagnier to see what the Town can not only implement, but enforce. He will also learn if the County can help. The plan should be applicable to all rentals in the Town, and not merely target the VRBO at Paradise Point.

Old Business

- 94) Cemetery Funding
Supervisor Pickering has applied for a grant from the Rock Charitable Fund.
- 95) ROOST
Supervisor Pickering has talked to ROOST about discontinuing support except as relates to the Piercefield website.
- 96) Sales Tax
Supervisor Pickering reported that the Sales Tax just received is pre-Covid-19 impact. Expect significantly less next quarter. Governor Cuomo has estimated 20% reduction in State support of local governments if the Federal Government does not provide emergency funding. As a large percentage of the Town budget comes from revenue other than property taxes, cost cutting measures need to be in place now. In addition to what was discussed in May minutes [Item: 79)], Supervisor Pickering is discussing options with Community Bank, N.A. about deferring loan payments and only making interest payments, which could go a long way to offset

86) REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD, June 11, 2020 **DRAFT**

the deficit. Superintendent Rust had suggested the possibility of using CHIPS funds to make machine payments, but that would reduce what he could spend for highway improvements.

New Business

97) Meeting Cancellations

On a motion by Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Boeye, the following resolution be adopted: AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Sarazen, Boeye, Lewis, Lalonde. NAYS: 0 Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO.: 12-06-2020

Dated: June 11, 2020

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO CANCEL TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

WHEREAS, situations may arise from time to time that necessitate emergency cancellation of a Town Board meeting, and

WHEREAS, timely payment of vouchers must be made, though other town business may be postponed, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield authorizes the Town Supervisor to cancel a Town Board Meeting in the event of an emergency, where such meeting might jeopardize the health or personal safety of the board members or public attendees, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall send the abstracts of audited vouchers to all board members on or before the date of the originally scheduled meeting and post them on the Town website, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall provide the abstracts and monthly bills to the Town Bookkeeper for timely payment pending approval from a majority of the Board members.

98) Town Beach

Parties at the beach have resulted in the picnic table being burned. People are driving right down to the beach area. Supervisor Pickering will talk to Superintendent Rust about blocking vehicle access with large rocks. More frequent police visits are necessary.

99) Money Transfers

Councilmember Boeye suggested that whenever money changes hands, a receipt indicating the amount and signed by both parties should be part of the transaction. This should be written into the policy manual. It will eliminate any discrepancies that could arise.

100) Payment of Bills

On a motion by Councilmember Boeye, seconded by Councilmember Amy Lalonde, the following payments be approved: AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Sarazen, Boeye, Lewis, Lalonde. NAYS: 0 Approved.

Abstract # 6	General Account: Vouchers # 75-28PW	\$17,755.12
Abstract # 6	Highway Account: Vouchers # 101-110	\$5,881.73

101) Approval of Supervisor and Town Clerk Monthly Reports

On a motion by Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, the Clerk and Supervisor Monthly Reports for May 2020 be approved: AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Sarazen, Boeye, Lewis, Lalonde. NAYS: 0 Approved.

102) Adjournment

On a motion by Councilmember Amy Lalonde, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next regular meeting Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 7:30pm.

Donald G. Mauer, Town Clerk

Date Approved