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- 103) REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD, July 9, 2020
- 104) A regular board meeting of the Town of Piercefield was held on July 9, 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, Highway Superintendent Jay Rust, Paradise Point property owner Valerie Bayley

105) Pledge of Allegiance  
 The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Neil Pickering.

106) Approval of Minutes  
 On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the minutes of June 11, 2020 as presented by the Town Clerk be approved: AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Sarazen, Boeye, Lewis, Lalonde. NAYS: 0 Approved.

107) Monies Received

<b><u>General</u></b>	
Transfer Station Fees	\$2,564.00
Dog Licenses	\$4.50
Fines & Forfeits	\$456.00
Real Property Tax Penalties & fees	\$696.50
Mortgage Tax	\$1,061.42
Timber Sale 2019	\$20,101.55

**Highway**

**Privilege of Floor**

108) Highway  
 Piercefield Water mains are nearly complete. Then superchlorination and pressure testing can be done to complete the project. Salt bids are at \$75/ton for the coming winter, up from about \$68/ton last winter. Expected cost around \$12,000. There are STOP signs at Massawepie that make people think the Town road is off limits. Superintendent Rust will talk to caretaker Ben Geiger about this. The County road and all Piercefield Town roads are open to snowmobiles and ATVs, but they must be NYS registered. Part of the Gull Pond Rd is in Tupper Lake, which does not allow such vehicles and there has been a complaint about it. Supervisor Pickering will request increased Trooper presence there and also at the Town Beach.

109) Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) and Assessor Reports (received via email after meeting)  
 June. Two building permits, two site inspections, two phone complaints. Assessor’s meeting attended by way of Zoom. Letter sent to resident. Supposed photos of rats turned out to be mice, which are everywhere this year.

110) Vacation Rental by Owner (VRBO)  
 Valerie Bayley presented photos of cars and tents at Paradise Point VRBO. There is concern that the septic system is being overtaxed. The system was upgraded for the structure, and occasional heavy use is expected, but continuous overload may constitute a health hazard/violation. A dye test can determine if effluent is entering Tupper Lake. If it is, NYS and/or SLC authorities can take action to limit overuse of the property for VRBO purposes. This would reduce the noise and traffic problems in that area. There is also no apparent plan for control of Covid-19 there. Meanwhile, Piercefield is watching to see what Lake Placid develops for a VRBO policy, and looking to adapt it for local purposes.

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**Old Business**

111) Beach

Rocks would prevent people from launching trailered boats there. Also a sign for swimming at own risk should be posted. There was one before?

112) Money Transfers

Town Clerk Don Mauer presented a page to be inserted into the policy manual requiring all transfers to be acknowledged by a receipt signed by both/all parties. On a motion by Councilmember Amy Lalonde, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the new policy be approved: AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Sarazen, Boeye, Lewis, Lalonde. NAYS: 0 Approved.

**New Business**

113) Baby Shower

A request for use of the Youth center for a baby shower was received. This can be permitted if the number of people is limited and Covid-19 precautions/contact tracing protocols are followed. Town policy also requires a \$100 deposit, which will be returned if the area is undamaged and properly cleaned up afterward.

114) Transfer Station

Third party reconciliation of fee collections will be implemented, as will the new receipt policy. More effort is needed to reduce the foul odor in the summertime, caused by patrons not being diligent enough to direct trash into the trailer, and crows/ravens, etc. getting into it as well. Also, the tipping fees charged to Piercefield by County of Franklin Solid Waste Management Authority (COFSWMA) are increasing from \$35/ton to \$50/ton for recyclables, and from \$70/ton to \$90/ton for solid waste (trash), effective August 1, 2020. On a motion by Supervisor Pickering, seconded by Councilmember Boeye, the trash fees be increased from \$3.00 (for all bags up to 30 gallon size) to \$4.00, effective August 1, 2020: AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Sarazen, Boeye, Lewis, Lalonde. NAYS: 0 Approved. It is noted that bags larger than 30 gallons will be charged accordingly with the rate increase. Note: the Piercefield Transfer Station is for use by Piercefield residents and seasonal visitors/ property owners only.

115) Derelict Building

Supervisor Pickering will talk to CEO Flora McCuen about the former basket shop in Childwold, where the roof is caving in. A bank now owns it and is responsible for upkeep of the property.

116) Workplace Violence Policy

The Town is required to have a workplace violence policy in place. Councilmembers Amy Lalonde and Gina Sarazen will check with their employers' policies for the purpose of adapting them for the Town of Piercefield.

117) Payment of Bills

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

Abstract # 7	General Account: Vouchers # 91-35PW	\$6,105.78
Abstract # 7	Highway Account: Vouchers # 111-118	\$2,135.94

118) Approval of Supervisor and Town Clerk Monthly Reports

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

119) Adjournment

On a motion by Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. Next regular meeting Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 7:30pm.

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Donald G. Mauer, Town Clerk

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Date Approved