

- 120) REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD, August 13, 2020
- 121) A regular board meeting of the Town of Piercefield was held on August 13, 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, Transfer Station Attendant Richard Lamoy

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

123) Approval of Minutes
 On a motion by Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Boeye, the minutes of July 9, 2020 as presented by the Town Clerk be approved: AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Sarazen, Boeye, Lewis, Lalonde. NAYS: 0 Approved.

124) Monies Received

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| <u>General</u> | |
| Transfer Station Fees | \$3,580.00 |
| Building Permit | \$82.50 |
| <u>Highway</u> | |
| Chips (2019) | \$36,527.83 |

Privilege of Floor

125) Highway
 A small excavator had to be rented to repair a culvert under Main St. by accessing through the woods. The whole amount budgeted for Chips will not be available, but some paving can be done. Chips has been broken down into Pave New York, Chips, and Winter Recovery Fund so claims are now assigned to one of those categories.

126) Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) and Assessor Reports
 July. One building permit, one site inspection, four complaints, one certificate issued, dispute about rats vs mice addressed, took care of a dangerous site, did inspection for foster care and had some things fixed. The Board requested that monthly reports be emailed to them individually.

127) Transfer Station
 Transfer Station attendant Richard Lamoy requested a larger sign to be posted indicating the new rates, as a number of people have been complaining. People should be reminded also that only corrugated cardboard should be put in the cardboard area. Non-corrugated cardboard (boxboard such as cereal boxes) should be put in with recyclable paper materials. Please be polite to Mr. Lamoy. Your Transfer Station privileges do not include giving him a hard time. He does not make the rules.

Old Business

128) Baby Shower
 Vicki Derosia has reserved the Youth Center for a baby shower for Sunday August 23, noon to 4:00pm. She will need access on Saturday to set up.

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129) Sales Tax

The most recent sales tax distribution came in at ~\$64K, better than expected during the pandemic, but ~\$6K less than the same period last year. Nevertheless the cuts in spending that have been made are keeping the Town on an even keel. The Board is keeping a cautious eye on the future.

New Business

130) Retirement Reporting Resolution

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 13-08-2020

DATED: August 13, 2020

RESOLUTION SETTING STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield hereby authorizes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

| Title | Name | SSN (Last 4 digits) | Reg. # | Std Work Day | Term begins/ends | Participates in Employer’s Time Keeping System (Y/N) | Days/Month (based on Record of Activities) |
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| Elected Officials | | | | | | | |
| Highway Superintendent | Jay Rust | xxxx | 37528676 | 8 hr | 01/20-12/31/23 | N | 22.09 |
| Town Justice | Jonn Kopp | xxxx | 43566090 | 6 hr | 01/20-12/31/23 | N | Not submitted |
| Councilmember | Gina Sarazen | xxxx | 72240203 | 6 hr | 01/20-12/31/23 | N | Not Submitted |
| Appointed Officials | | | | | | | |
| Town Bookkeeper | Gina M. Bell | xxxx | 62782263 | 6 hr | 1/20-12/31/20 | N | 10.85 |
| Court Clerk | Bridgette LaPierre | xxxx | 72358559 | 6 hr | 1/20-12/31/20 | N | Not Submitted |

131) Transfer Station Rate Increase

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 14-08-2020

DATED: August 13, 2020

RESOLUTION INCREASING TRANSFER STATION BAG FEES

WHEREAS, Tipping fees charged to the Town of Piercefield by the County of Franklin Solid Waste Management Authority (COFSWMA) have increased from \$35.00 per ton for Recyclables to \$50.00 per ton and from \$70.00 per ton for household trash to \$90.00 per ton, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield hereby increases the household trash fee from \$3.00 to \$4.00 for all bags up to 30 gallon capacity, with larger bags being charged accordingly, effective August 1, 2020 as approved per the minutes of the July 9, 2020 regular board meeting, item # 114).

132) High Speed Internet

Supervisor Pickering reported that Chuck Robertson of Adirondack Techs is negotiating with Mt. Arab property owners for installation of fiberoptic cable to their location. Mr. Robertson has requested that the line be buried along the Town right of way. cable would be run around, rather

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 15-08-2020

DATED: August 13, 2020

RESOLUTION APPROVING INSTALLATION OF FIBEROPTIC CABLE

WHEREAS, Mt. Arab property owners were not included in the grant to bring high speed cable internet service to the Town of Piercefield, and

WHEREAS, all attempts by Mt. Arab property owners to obtain service failed by all other means, and

WHEREAS, Adirondack Techs is negotiating terms for cable internet service with the Mt. Arab property owners and would like to run cable along the Town right of way, going around culverts rather than over them, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield hereby grants permission to Adirondack Techs to bury fiberoptic cable a minimum of 12 inches underground along the Town right of way for the purpose of providing high speed internet service to the Mt. Arab property owners.

133) Derelict Building

With discussion about the Unsafe Building Ordinance, Town Fire Code Law, and Town Property Maintenance Law, the Town will pursue options for removal of the former Basket Shop in Childwold.

134) Bad Dogs

A pair of domestic dogs have killed numerous chickens and ducks in town. The dog control officer and State Police have been notified. Tickets have been issued, but with the pandemic, the Town Court has been closed for several months. The Town is doing all it can to resolve the issue.

135) Assessment Grievance

Slic Network Solutions is taking Piercefield and all other towns they serve to court over their assessment and property taxes. The question is whether Piercefield should save the expense of an attorney and simply grant their request. This would set an undesirable precedent for the Town and Assessor, so having legal representation in this case is justified.

136) Payment of Bills

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

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| Abstract # 8 | General Account: Vouchers # 100-43PW | \$23,016.11 |
| Abstract # 8 | Highway Account: Vouchers # 119-135 | \$33,297.96 |

137) Approval of Supervisor and Town Clerk Monthly Reports

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

138) Adjournment

On a motion by Councilmember Amy Lalonde, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. Next regular meeting Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:30pm.

Donald G. Mauer, Town Clerk

Date Approved