

71) REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD, May 12, 2022 **DRAFT**

72) A regular board meeting of the Town of Piercefield was held on May 12, 2022 at 7:30 PM at the Piercefield Town Hall with the following members present:

Supervisor Neil Pickering

Councilmember: Tom Snye

Councilmember Joe Denis

Councilmember Gina Sarazen

Councilmember Amy Lage

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Clerk Christielee Geiger, Deputy Town Clerk Paige Phillips

Jack Bartoszek and Loraine Lewis representing Mt. Arab Preserve Association.

73) Pledge of Allegiance

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

74) Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Joe Denis, the minutes of April 14th as presented by the Town Clerk be approved with the correction to add Deputy Clerk Paige Phillips to the attendance. AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Denis, Snye, Sarazen, Lage NAYS: 0.

75) Monies Received

General

Transfer Station Fees \$1,296.00

License/Permits \$65.00

Highway

D2300.00 \$6,508.59

Privilege of Floor

76) Lorraine Lewis and the President of the Mt Arab Preserve Association Jack Bartoszek spoke about some concerns the organization has about the condition of the Mt Arab road. Highway Superintendent Jay Rust was unable to attend so Mr. Bartoszek suggested a separate meeting where Supervisor Neil Pickering, Highway Superintendent Jay Rust and himself could discuss the following concerns the association has about the road. The concerns he addressed with the Board include: to have something on paper about the paving timeline so he is able to report and present it on their July 2nd meeting, where over 100 people will be in attendance. Aside from the paving timeline, Jack expressed other areas on Mt Arab Rd that acquire attention, one being several tree limbs that hang in the roadway, if the town could trim these trees back so it does not cause damage to larger vehicles and campers returning to their summer residence. The Highway Department did an excellent job fixing the culverts however, he requested the old metal ones be removed. They are located on the side of the road where rust can seep into the water and water quality is a high priority for the MAPA. Lastly, Steve Jellie, a member of the Mt Arab Preserve Association is spear heading their "Paved Road Committee" and is willing to work with the Board and the Highway Department to search for and write grants in order to raise funds to get the job completed.

Supervisor Neil Pickering presented to the Board for Highway Superintendent Jay Rust a much-needed repair to the Conifer Well. A wire that runs into the conifer well needs replaced, after 30 years of service. The first estimate to repair/replace well casing was for \$6,920.00 and the second estimate to ensure there is no break in the casing, replace wire was for \$12,516.00. On a motion to Table this discussion by Supervisor Neil Pickering, seconded by Councilmember Amy Lage. AYES Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Denis, Snye, Sarazen, Lage NAYS: 0. Until the Board can speak with Jay and obtain other estimates from different vendors.

Old Business

77) Bookkeeper Gina Bell is leaving office this month and is actively training Linda Pickering on the new software system. Linda will take over Gina's term officially on May 25th, 2022.

78) The Town of Piercefield is in need of a Deputy Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer. Motion to put an ad in the paper by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Amy Lage. AYES Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Denis, Snye, Sarazen, Lage NAYS: 0 Town Clerk Christielee Geiger will run an ad in the Tupper Lake Free Press, Wednesday May 18th and 25th, 2022.

New Business

- 79) The Town appointed Councilmember Tom Snye as Deputy Town Supervisor. On a motion by Councilmember Denis, seconded by Councilmember Amy Lage. AYES Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Denis, Snye, Sarazen, Lage NAYS: 0
- 80) Supervisor Neil Pickering was approached about the Noise Control Ordinance for the Town of Piercefield. It was last updated in 1992 and vaguely written. A motion to table this discussion until the Board can review and take notes on the current ordinance by Councilmember Amy Lage, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen. AYES Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Denis, Snye, Sarazen, Lage NAYS: 0
- 81) Verizon is interested in putting a cellphone tower on Piercefield land. They have scouted some areas of interest; Supervisor Neil Pickering will contact Brett Morgan the Site Acquisition Director to find out more information to bring to the next meeting for further discussions.
- 82) Supervisor Neil Pickering reported the funding Piercefield will receive for 2022/23 CHIPS \$61,080.35, Pave NY \$16,121.96, EWR \$13,993.79 and POP \$10,747.98. The Board had some questions on what and where the money could be spent. Superintendent Jay Rust will be able to explain in more detail during next month's meeting.
- 83) Payment of Bills
On a motion by Councilmember Denis, seconded by Councilmember Snye, the following payments be approved: AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Denis, Snye, Lage, Sarazen. NAYS: 0 Approved.
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| Abstract # 5 | General Account: Vouchers # 53-19PW | \$2,974.65 |
| Abstract # 5 | Highway Account: Vouchers # 58-68 | \$18,448.65 |
- 84) Approval of Supervisor and Town Clerk Monthly Reports
On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Amy Lage, the Clerk and Supervisor Monthly Reports for April 2022 be approved: AYES: Supervisor Pickering, Councilmembers Denis, Snye, Lage, Sarazen. NAYS: 0 Approved.
- 85) Adjournment
On a motion by Councilmember Denis, seconded by Councilmember Amy Lage, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm. Next regular meeting Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 7:30pm.

Christielee Geiger, Town Clerk

Date Approved