

- 164) REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD, October 13, 2022,
- 165) A Public Hearing, to discuss the Tax Cap Override, of the Town of Piercefield was held on October 13th, 2022 at 7:30 PM at the Piercefield Town Hall with the following members present:  
 Acting Supervisor Joe Denis  
 Councilmember Gina Sarazen  
 Councilmember Carol Dimond  
 OTHERS PRESENT: Town Clerk Christielee Geiger, Deputy Town Clerk Paige Phillips, Volunteer Firefighter Leo Sarazen, Ladies Auxiliary Member Elaine Sarazen, and Youth Center Coordinator Patty Reandeau.

166) Pledge of Allegiance  
 The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Acting Supervisor Joe Denis.

167) Tax Cap Hearing was closed at 7:31 and the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting begun at 7:32. Noone came to voice any concerns about the Tax Cap Resolution to possibly raise taxes over 2%.

168) Approval of Minutes  
 On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Carol Dimond the minutes of September 15 as presented by the Town Clerk be approved. AYES: Acting Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Sarazen NAYS: 0.

169) Monies Received

General

State per Capita	\$6,124.00
Fines for September	\$550.00

Highway

SLC Mowing	\$650.95
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**Privilege of Floor**

170) Patty Reandeau came to discuss the opening of the Youth Center. She has accepted the duties as Youth Center Coordinator and Makayla LaRose as her assistant. She turned in a request for expenses for \$400.00. This includes new games/videos/DVDs for the center. The Youth Center will be opened Thursdays, Fridays and Saturday nights from 5pm-8pm starting October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Acting Supervisor Joe Denis will help her with the items she needs moved and cleared from center before opening.

Highway Superintendent Jay Rust was unable to attend tonight’s meeting but he did leave a detailed list highlighting the work that has been done throughout the month including: a lot of maintenance on the trucks to get them winter ready, hauling materials, working on the Mt Arab Rd including assisting the County with the laying of black top, clearing culverts from Beaver Dams, water department work, gathering and sending samples, as well as preparing/completing CHIPS documentation so the town can start to receive funding.

**Old Business**

171) The Teamster Highway Union Contract was set and has been reviewed by the Board. They approved to the changes of \$1.50 raise for 2023, \$1.00 for 2024 and \$1.00 increase for 2025. Jay Rust also received an increase in salary. The Highway Superintendent position was changed from \$53,800.00 to 56,000.00 per year. Acting Supervisor Joe Denis suggested that the next time this contract is reviewed, they discuss a 5-year contract vs a 3 year one. The Highway Department will receive new Holidays off (1 new Holiday per year) Martin Luther King Jr Day for 2023, Juneteenth in 2024 and Columbus Day in 2025. The Board was in agreement with the new terms of this contract, Mr. Denis will discuss these conditions and finalize terms of contract with Mickey, the union rep within the next few weeks.

172) Vandalizing of Town Property. It has been brought to the Boards attention that the Dump was broken into again and this time the generator was stolen, a value around \$500.00. The Town’s Pepsi Machine was also vandalized. Someone attempted to melt the plastic covering and crowbar the money deposit slot. It was brought to a motion by Gina Sarazen and seconded by Carol Dimond to purchase a camera for the Dump to monitor comings and goings as well as locking the front gate. AYES: Acting Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Sarazen NAYS: 0. Therefore, it is approved.

173) Hiring a new Town Assessor/Code Enforcer. The Board was presented many applications and they have decided on an Assessor/Code Enforcer based on qualifications as well as closeness of proximity to our town. Acting Supervisor Joe Denis will make the appropriate calls, contacting the interested parties and will return any new information to the Board at the next Meeting.

**New Business**

174) Preliminary Budget was discussed and a few changes were made include the following: (175-177) Motion to accept the following changes, therefore increasing the original Preliminary Budget created on September 29, 2022 made by Acting Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Councilmember Carol Dimond, All in favor AYES, NAYS-0

175) **RESOLUTION No.: 21-10-2022 DATED: OCTOBER 13, 2022**

**CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE SALARY FOR HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT JAY RUST**

**WHEREAS**, Jay Rust, Piercefield Town Highway Superintendents salary was reviewed by The Town of Piercefield Board, while discussing the increase of the Highway Departments Employment salary,

**RESOLVED**, That the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield hereby authorizes the Supervisor to increase The Highway Superintendents salary from \$53,800.00 a year to \$56,000.00

**RESOLVED**, That the sum of \$56,000.00 is hereby appropriated to the payroll budget for an increase by \$2,200 annually to the Town Highway Superintendent, Jay Rust effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Motion to raise The Highway Superintendent Salary from 53,800.00 to 56,000.00 made by Acting Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Carol Dimond. The Board approved with reservations, as a whole they would like to see more involvement from The Highway Superintendent with the Board Members on money spent, projects completed and meetings attended. All in favor AYES, NAYS-0.

176) **RESOLUTION No.: 22-10-2022 DATED: OCTOBER 13, 2022**

**CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE DEPUTY TOWN CLERK FROM AN HOURLY WAGE TO SALARY**

**WHEREAS**, Paige Phillips, Piercefield Deputy Town Clerk receives an hourly wage of 13.75 per hour,

**WHERE AS**, The Deputy Town Clerk personal salary budgeted for 2023 is \$5,000

**WHERE AS**, at the request of Deputy Town Clerk Paige Phillips to move from an hourly rate to a salary of \$5,000 per year,

**RESOLVED**, That the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield hereby authorizes the pay rate for the Deputy Town Clerk to change from an hourly rate to a salary of \$5,000 per year

**RESOLVED**, That the sum of \$5,000.00 is hereby appropriated to the payroll budget to the Deputy Town Clerk, Paige Phillips effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Motion to pay the Deputy Town Clerk Salary VS Hourly. Salary of \$5,000.00 per year. A motion made by Councilmember Carol Dimond, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen AYES: Acting Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Sarazen NAYS: 0. Therefore, it is approved.

177) **RESOLUTION TO OVERRIDE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-C**

**WHEREAS**, local law number 1 of 2022 was duly introduced to the Town Board on September 15, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, legal notice of the Public Hearing regarding the proposed local law was published and advertised and copies of the proposed local law were made available at the Town Clerk's office for public review; and

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing on the proposed law was held on October 13, 2022 at 7:30 PM at the town of Piercefield Town Hall, with 0 public comments being offered; and

**WHEREAS**, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the enactment of a local law in the Town of Piercefield, such that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) with respect to the proposed enactment of said Local Law, with the result that the Town Board has acted as lead agency in this matter; and

**WHEREAS** the adoption to said Local Law is an unlisted action for purposes of environmental review under SEQR; and **WHEREAS**, the Town Board has determined that a short environmental assessment form (EAF) shall be required in connection with this matter; and

**WHEREAS**, the said EAF has been prepared and has been reviewed by the Town Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has considered the adoption of said Local Law, has considered the criteria contained in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617.7 and has compared the impacts which may be reasonably expected to result from the adoption of said Local Law against said criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to meet contractual obligations, bond payments, increase facilities, fund health insurance expenses, fund pension contribution payments, fund the cost of increasing commodities and other town purposes; and

**WHEREAS** this resolution is adopted pursuant to subdivision five of Gen. Municipal Law section 3-C, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a resolution approved by vote of 60% over the Town Board;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved as follows:

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED** that the enactment of proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2022 is an unlisted action, there are no other involved agencies, and this Board acts as lead agency in this matter for purposes of SEQR review; and it is further

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED** that the Town Board has determined this action shall have no significant adverse impact on the environment; and that, accordingly, an environmental impact statement (EIS) shall not be required; and that this resolution shall constitute a negative declaration under SEQR; and it is further

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield, St. Lawrence County, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2023 on behalf of the Town of Piercefield that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law section 3-C; and it is further

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby adopts Local Law No. 1 of 2022 titled "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law section 3-C."

Motion to ensure that the Law created has no environmental impact based on SEQR regulations made by Acting Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Councilmember Carol Dimond, AYES: Acting Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Sarazen NAYS: 0. Therefore, it is approved.

