

24) REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD, February 9, 2023
25) A regular board meeting of the Town of Piercefield was held on February 9, 2023 at 7:30 PM at the Piercefield Town Hall with the following members present:

- Acting Supervisor Joe Denis
- Councilmember Gina Sarazen
- Councilmember Carol Dimond
- Councilmember Karl Pryce

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Clerk Christielee Geiger, Deputy Town Clerk Paige Phillips, Jeff, Jill and Josh Trudeau, Sam Black, Creighton Manning Representatives: Angela DePaul and Chris Geroux, Brian Baxter with Department of Transportation, and Honorable Jonn Kopp.

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

27) Approval of Minutes
On a motion by Councilmember Carol Dimond, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, the minutes of January 12, as presented by the Town Clerk with suggested corrections be approved. AYES: Acting Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Dimond, Sarazen, Pryce. NAYS: 0

28) Monies Received

<u>General</u>	
Transfer Station Fees	\$1663.00
Building Permits	\$1027.50
Vital Stats	\$50.00
Sales Tax	\$44,729.22
<u>Highway</u>	
Sales Tax	\$44,729.22

Privilege of Floor

29) Highway
No Highway report this month

30) Highway Rehabilitation Project
Creighton Manning Engineering representees Chris Gerox P.E, Angela DePaul alongside NYSDOT Region 7 Representee Brian Baxter came to the Town Board to discuss the NY Route 3 Highway Rehabilitation Project. They invited the landowners whom would be most affected by this road work and also left material for further review to anyone who would like more information about the project. This presentation can also be found on our website. Their agenda included: the project overview, funding, purpose and impacts. They plan to improve existing issues such as slope failure and proper signage. Some work will include pavement rehab and ditch reconstruction, culvert replacements and reinforced slope repair. It has an estimated cost of 5 million dollars and will begin Summer of 2024 and end in Summer 2025.

Landowner Sam Black questioned about the ditching due to the proximity of his driveway. They assured him that anything that was originally in place when project begins, will be fixed or replaced if effected during the rehabilitation process.

The Town Board also informed them of the Tin Man, the triathlon that crosses through Piercefield from Tupper Lake to Cranberry Lake by bicycle. They noted their records.

31) Court Clerk
Honorable Jonn Kopp addressed the Town Board this evening, informing them after losing Court Clerk Bridgett LaPierre, filling her position has had some trials and errors. He has since found Sherri Snyder, who is a full-time Court Clerk in The Town of Potsdam, she has held this position for 12 ½ years and she comes highly recommended. He first requested the Town Board make a resolution to hire Sherri as Piercefield Court Clerk. Secondly, he requested a pay raise for that position. The miles Sherri travels to get to Piercefield will not equate to the monthly wage. He has already seen many ways she can assist the Town Court, finding and obtaining money recuperated from outstanding fines. She has educated him on some of these items and Judge Kopp believes she will have a positive impact for our town. Acting Supervisor Joe Denis said he will discuss finances with the Town Bookkeeper and from there have discussions with the Town Board.

Motion to hire Sherri Snyder as Piercefield Court Clerk made by Acting Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Councilmember Carol Dimond. AYES: Acting Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Dimond, Sarazen, Pryce. NAYS: 0

Old Business

32) Mini Excavator

REVISED Resolution 01-05-2023

February 9, 2023

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE NEW ESCAVATOR

WHERE AS, The Highway Superintendent would like to spend his CHIPS fund money on an K Series Mini Excavator (KX040R3TP) with attachments such as; Grading Bucket, Trenching Bucket, Canopy Work Light Kit, Hydraulic Thumb Kit, and Mechanical Quick Coupler.

WHERE AS, The Highway Superintendent brought up to the board the pros and cons of needing a mini excavator, mainly the amount of money it will save the town by owning their own VS renting.

WHERE AS, The Town Board originally approved this purchase with the cost of \$69,541.17 for the Mini Excavator, but the price has increased by \$3,509.44, a new total of \$73,050.61.

RESOLVED, that The Town of Piercefield will purchase a K Series Mini Excavator (KX040R3TP) with attachments such as; Grading Bucket, Trenching Bucket, Canopy Work Light Kit, Hydraulic Thumb Kit, and Mechanical Quick Coupler for a total value of \$73,050.61. The \$73,050.61 will be paid to Kubota out of the Highway Funds, and will be replenished once the CHIPS money is returned in March, 2023.

A motion to adopt the revised resolution was made by Acting Supervisor Joe Denis and seconded Councilmember Karl Pryce.

33) Dog License

The Town Board pushed the Dog License Resolution from last month to this month, in hopes to further research what other towns have set as a standard rate. Acting Supervisor Joe Denis has a meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 with Janet from Algaculture & Markets and Kim Kopp our Dog Control Officer. He wishes to push the resolution for one more month, so he may ask them questions regarding how much we can charge and what expectations we should have on penalties, etc. The Board agreed and this subject will be tabled until March 9th's Board Meeting.

New Business

34) Youth Center

The Youth Center will be closing on March 22nd, 2023

35) Cleaning Employees

Patty Reandeau informed the Town Board that she will be having surgery at the end of March and will have to put cleaning duties on hold until she recovers. She requested Allen Hurteau be hired to assist Makalya LaRose with the cleaning duties. On a motion made by Councilmember Karl Pryce, seconded by Councilmember Carol Dimond, the Piercefield Town Board approves to hire Allen Hurteau as a cleaner for the Town of Piercefield receiving a pay of fifty cents over minimum wage per hour. AYES: Acting Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Dimond, Sarazen, Pryce. NAYS: 0

36) Finance Training

The Town Board will meet on March 2nd at 6pm with William Deshnaw. Town Clerk Christielee Geiger will put an ad in the paper notifying the town of Piercefield of the meeting.

37) Payment of Bills

On a motion by Councilmember Carol Dimond, seconded by Councilmember Karol Pryce, the following payments be approved AYES: Acting Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Dimond, Sarazen, Pryce. NAYS: 0

General Fund:	\$11,007.30
Highway Fund:	\$30,712.72
Fire Protection Service	\$51,400.00
Lighting District	\$146.26
Conifer Water:	\$120.83
Piercefield Water:	\$853.71
Trust and Agency Fund:	\$748.40

38) Approval of Town Clerk Monthly Reports

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Karl Pryce, the Clerk Reports for January 2023 be approved: AYES: Acting Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Dimond, Sarazen, Pryce. NAYS: 0

39) Adjournment

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Carol Dimond, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm. Next regular meeting Thursday, March 9, 2022 at 7:30pm.

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Christielee Geiger, Town Clerk

Date Approved