

78) REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD, May 9,2024 **DRAFT**

79) Roll Call

Board Members	Present	Excused	Town Officials	Present	Excused
Supervisor Joe Denis	X		Town Clerk, Paige Phillips	X	
Councilmember Carol Dimond	X		Highway Superintendent, Jay Rust	X	
Councilmember Gina Sarazen	X				
Councilmember Angela Rust	X				
Councilmember Tom Snye	X				

Guest: Patty Reandeanu.

80) Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Town Supervisor Joe Denis.

81) Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Carol Dimond, the minutes of April 11, 2024 as presented by the Town Clerk be approved. AYES: Town Supervisor Joe Denis, Councilmembers Dimond, Snye, Sarazen, and Rust. NAYS: 0

82) Monies Received

Refuse &Garbage	\$1,316.00
Sale of Forest Products	\$29,386.66
Insurance Recoveries	\$131.68
Sales Tax	\$78,738.76
Fines, Forfeits of Bail	\$965.00

Privilege of Floor

83) Youth Center

Patty Reandeanu joined the meeting to discuss the youth center remodel. Patty has offered to paint the walls in the youth center if approved by the board; she just needs assistance taking down the large posters. Patty also mentioned some outlets that may need to be replaced. Town Supervisor Joe Denis would like to concentrate on the functionality of the outlets along with getting areas on the walls patched before any painting can commence. As for the work being done, it is still undecided if the Highway Department will have time to assist, or if the job will have to be hired out.

84) Highway Report

Throughout the month of April, the Highway Department has laid 90 ton of crusher run on Racquette Flow Road and 60 ton on Setting Pole Dam Road. Gull Pond and Racquette Flow Road have been graded. They are currently working on ditching and grading in Massawepie along with finishing the sweeping of the roads throughout town. Councilmember Carol Dimond asked if Jay was able to get an update in regards to the state DOT putting an apron down where State Highway 3 meets Racquette Flow Road. Currently Jay has not heard back, but the highway department was able to fill the area with crusher run to level it out for the time being. Councilmember Gina Sarazen would like it to be known that there are pot holes on Wood Ave and the corner of Waller Street that could use some attention. Jay plans on patching the areas as soon as they can. While speaking on the topic of road work, Councilmember Angela Rust brought up some safety concerns. One of the concerns being, with few highway employees there is not always a free hand for a flag man. Town Supervisor Joe Denis mentioned the idea of hiring someone to flag when necessary or buying the equipment that can be operated by remote or on a timer. Jay will look into the cost and where to purchase this kind of equipment.

85) Town Revamp

Patty Reandeanu and Councilmember Gina Sarazen have replaced the American flags throughout the town that have shown wear and tear. Jay will have the others replaced by Memorial Day weekend. Gina would like to see the cement and white paint on the canon touched up whenever the Highway Department has some free time to do so. Gina would also like to see a fresh coat of stain put on the outlook decking and benches. Jay believes National Grid owns the decking, but the highway crew will bring the benches in to dry and stain them when they have some downtime.

86) Fire Department

Town Supervisor Joe Denis asked Jay when the annual Fire Department Elections will be held. Jay informed the board that the elections will be Thursday May 16th. The fire department is always looking for new members, if you are interested in becoming a member contact Jay Rust at 518-359-9660.

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Old Business

87) Spend Highway Fund

Highway Superintendent Jay Rust presented the 2024 budget received from NYS DOT for road improvement reimbursement. The numbers are as follows: CHIPS \$158,472.08, PAVE NY \$38,670.93, EWR \$29,735.03, and POP \$32,250.04. With this budget, Jay offered the Town Board his agreement to spend town highway funds. His plans include installing culverts and laying gravel on the Massawepie, Gull Pond, and Setting Pole Dam roads. Conifer will get blacktopped, and work will continue on the Mt. Arab Road to prep for blacktop at a later date. On a motion by Councilmember Angela Rust, seconded by Town Supervisor Joe Denis, the spending of Highway funds be approved: AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Dimond, Sarazen, Rust, Snye. NAYS: 0 Approved.

New Business

88) CEO/Assessor Monthly Reporting

Councilmember Carol Dimond has asked that the Code Enforcement Officer present a monthly report of work done or anything of significance the Town Board would benefit from knowing. The Code Enforcement Officer has agreed to send his report before the regularly scheduled board meeting so it can be viewed by The Board and presented in the minutes.

89) Budget Transfers

RESOLUTION NO. 18-05-2024

DATED: May 9,2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF MONEY IN THE 2024 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Town of Piercefield needs to transfer money in the 2024 Budget because of increased expenditures,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following transfers be made in the 2024 budget:

General Fund					
Increase:	Description	Amount	Decrease:	Description	Amount
2652.01	Forest Income	\$9,794.86	19504.01	Fisher Act	\$9,794.86
	Total	\$9,794.86		Total	\$9,794.86

On a motion by Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, resolution #18 be approved.: AYES: Supervisor Joe Denis, Councilmembers, Sarazen, Dimond, Rust, and Snye. NAYS: 0 Approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-05-2024

DATED: May 9,2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF MONEY IN THE 2024 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Town of Piercefield needs to transfer money in the 2024 Budget because of increased expenditures,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following transfers be made in the 2024 budget:

Highway Fund					
Increase:	Description	Amount	Decrease:	Description	Amount
51302.03	HeavyEquipment	\$263,325.00	909.03	Hwy Fund Balance	\$263,325.00
	Total	\$263,325.00		Total	\$263,325.00

On a motion by Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, resolution #19 be approved.: AYES: Supervisor Joe Denis, Councilmembers, Sarazen, Dimond, Rust, and Snye. NAYS: 0 Approved.

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90) Budget Amendment

RESOLUTION NO. 20-05-2024

DATED: May 9, 2024

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT OF THE 2024 HIGHWAY FUND BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Town of Piercefield needs to amend the 2024 Highway Fund Budget because of increased expenditures and increased revenues,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following changes be made to the 2024 budget:

Increase the revenues and increase the expenditures by the attached spreadsheet.

Highway					
Increase	Description	Amount	Increase	Description	Amount
				Perm	
				Improv	
3501.03	State Aid/CHIPS	\$189,687.08	51124.03	ement	\$189,687.08
	Total	\$189,687.08		Total	\$189,687.08

A motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was made by Councilmember Gina Sarazen and seconded by Supervisor Joe Denis. The following each voted in favor of the Resolution: Supervisor Joe Denis, Councilmembers Dimond, Sarazen, Rust, and Snye NAYS: 0

91) Payment of Bills

On a motion by Town Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust the following payments be approved AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Dimond, Sarazen, Rust, and Snye NAYS: 0

General Fund:	\$19,267.07
Highway Fund:	\$273,140.62
Lighting District	\$317.56
Conifer Water:	\$1,108.10
Piercefield Water:	\$1,057.70
Trust and Agency	\$7,903.18
Total	\$302,794.23

92) Approval of Town Clerk Monthly Reports

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust, the Clerk Reports for March 2024 be approved: AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Snye, Dimond, Sarazen, and Rust. NAYS: 0

93) Adjournment

On a motion by Town Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 7:30pm.

Paige Phillips, Town Clerk

Date Approved