

94) REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD, June 13,2024 **DRAFT**

95) 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: Marlene Ashton and Tracy Burns

96) Pledge of Allegiance

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

97) Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust, the minutes of May 9, 2024 as presented by the Town Clerk be approved with corrections to lines 83 and 85. AYES: Town Supervisor Joe Denis, Councilmembers Sarazen, and Rust. NAYS: 0

98) Monies Received

Refuse &Garbage	\$1,646.00
Vital Statistics	\$170.00
Insurance Recoveries	\$131.68
Licenses & Permits	\$225.00
Fines, Forfeits of Bail	\$443.00

Privilege of Floor

- 99) Marlene Ashton came to seek the boards help on getting county nurses to cover our area. Marlene has been struggling with the task of getting county nurses in our area for years. She has contacted the St. Lawrence County Nursing System and has been told the nurses do not travel this far. Councilmembers sympathize with Marlene; many of them having experienced the same outcome when they were in need of a county nurse. Marlene stated the people of Piercefield pay taxes to the county and are not receiving any of the services they are entitled to. Supervisor Joe Denis is going to get in contact with our county legislator to see if they can support the Town with this matter.
- 100) Tracy Burns, resident of Wood Ave came to speak on behalf of herself and neighboring residents. Tracy told the board, as of recent her house has suffered major structural damage due to water run-off eroding her land and foundation. Tracy believes there are imperfections from when the road was paved that has caused an abundance of water to pool and flow straight into her property whenever there is a storm with a heavy amount of rainfall. She stated she has lived here for 25 years and has never noticed more than a trickle of water on her property. Tracy also spoke on her neighbors' behalf, stating they have expressed to her that they are also dealing with more water on their land and in their basement than usual. Tracy stated whatever mechanism is used to direct water away from her property is damaged and not working. Highway Superintendent Jay Rust informed her Wood Ave has not been paved since the 90s, so there has been no change in the level of the road. Jay also stated the sluiceway used to divert the water is still intact. In addition to the sluiceway, there is a drain at the lowest point in the road used to divert the water run-off. Jay wanted to make it known that due to the change in weather, there have been roads this year that have washed out that would normally never take on any water damage. Supervisor Joe Denis suggested she get in contact with an engineer to see exactly why this is happening to her property. In the meantime, the highway department will inspect the drain to make sure it is in full functioning order.

Old Business

101) Code Enforcement Officer Report

CEO Nicholas Snyder submitted his monthly report for May. During the month he has received several phone calls regarding questions about what is/isn't required. He completed a week-long annual training for his certification in Lake Placid. So far this year he has issued one building permit.

102) Highway Safety Equipment

Councilmember Angela Rust received a quote from OMJC for traffic control equipment. One pair of pop-up trailers was quoted for \$55,000. It was discussed to keep exploring to see what other options are available.

New Business

103) Verizon

Verizon Wireless has contacted Supervisor Joe Denis. Verizon would like to explore the option of installing a tower near the transfer station. Originally, four parcels were being scouted as a possible location for the tower, now it has been narrowed down to the transfer station. Once approved they will send paperwork with more information on what the next steps will be. On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust, moving forward with the next steps on the tower installation be approved: AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers, Sarazen, and Rust. NAYS: 0

104) Flowers

Town Clerk Paige Phillips asked for authorization to purchase hanging baskets for flowers to put outside the town office. On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust, the purchase of flowers be approved: AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Sarazen, and Rust. NAYS: 0

105) Playground Upgrades

Councilmember Gina Sarazen would like to purchase some new equipment for the playground. Gina would like to get a saucer type swing to replace the chain with one ring on it. She would also like to replace the tire swing with a regular swing. In addition, the tether ball needs to be replaced with a new one. A discussion was had on purchasing a portable and adjustable basketball net. Due to insurance purposes and the probability of the net getting broken, it was decided to replace the rims and nets on the current stationary hoops. Gina stated there are weeds growing up through the sand under the play gyms. She would like to see the area weeded and new sand put down. Highway Superintendent Jay Rust is not sure that they will have the free time to weed the area. Supervisor Joe Denis has volunteered to help if we can get the material needed. On a motion by Town Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust, the purchase of new playground equipment be approved: AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Sarazen, and Rust. NAYS: 0

106) Budget Transfers

RESOLUTION NO. 20-06-2024

DATED: June 13,2024

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
13551.01	Board of Review	\$350.00	13554.01	Assessor CE	\$350.00
19104.01	Insurance	\$1,002.00	19904.01	Contingency	\$1,002.00
	Total	\$1,352.00		Total	\$1,352.00

On a motion by Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, resolution #20 be approved.: AYES: Supervisor Joe Denis, Councilmembers, Sarazen, and Rust. NAYS: 0 Approved.

107) Approval of Town Clerk Monthly Reports

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

108) 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 Sarazen, and Rust NAYS: 0

General Fund:	\$10,675.55
Highway Fund:	\$23,157.18
Lighting District	\$298.25
Conifer Water:	\$153.21
Piercefield Water:	\$207.73
Trust and Agency	\$8,097.34
Fire Protection District	\$51,400.00
Total	\$93,989.26

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109) Adjournment

On a motion by Town Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 7:30pm.

Paige Phillips, Town Clerk

Date Approved