

111) 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: Loren Bailey, Monica Bartoszek, Keith Merrill, Marlene Ashton

112) Pledge of Allegiance

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

113) Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Carol Dimond, the minutes of June 13, 2024 as presented by the Town Clerk be approved. AYES: Town Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Sarazen, Rust, Dimond, Snye. NAYS: 0

114) Monies Received

Refuse &Garbage	\$1,453.00
Insurance Recoveries	\$131.68
Licenses & Permits	\$311.50
Real Property	\$1,820.68

Privilege of Floor

115) Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Jay Rust reported tasks the Highway Department completed for the month of June which are as follows:

- Installed the new playground equipment
- Painted picnic tables and stained benches
- Mowing
- Ditched on the Gull Pond Road
- Blacktopped the ditching off Park Ave and Main Street
- Paved In front of the Fire Department where it was torn up from water line work

A new backboard is needed for the basketball hoop at the playground. The Town Clerk will order one for the Highway Department to install. Councilmember Carol Dimond asked if Jay was able to contact Gary Lutz, Head of DOT about putting an apron down where Racquette Flow meets Route 3. Jay was informed the DOT no longer has a paver, but there is money in the budget for an apron. There is a possibility they can come lay an apron down when they get free time to do so.

116) MAPA

Loren Bailey former President of MAPA, came to thank Superintendent Rust for fixing the pot holes he had informed him about in a very timely manner. Loren’s main reason for coming to the meeting was to introduce the new MAPA President, Monica Bartoszek and Vice President, Keith Merrill. Monica is the Co-Owner of a property on Mt. Arab and has been visiting the area every summer since she was a child. Monica’s biggest concern is with the Mt. Arab Road, she has asked Superintendent Rust what his plans are for road work this year. Jay informed her the Highway Department plans on tearing up the rest of the road starting from where they left off last year. Jay wanted to begin work on the Mt. Arab Road last month, but the recent weather has caused some setbacks. All the material has been hauled to begin the work as soon as they can. Monica believes there is an agreement that the milkweeds on the Mt. Arab Road are not to be mowed down, but this year they were mowed. Jay confirmed they have agreed not to mow them but had to make one pass this year due to overgrowth causing a hazard for drivers.

117) Nursing Shortage

Marlene Ashton came to see if the Town Supervisor had any updates on the county nurse situation. Supervisor Denis made calls to county legislators that have gone unanswered. Joe also made a call to the head of the medical department for St. Lawrence County. Mary, the head of the medical department told him county nurses stopped 10 years ago. They now work with Northern Lights and Health Services of Northern NY to provide nurses at the cost of the patient. These agencies are also having trouble finding nurses willing to travel the distance to Piercefield. Marlene expressed her

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concern for the Town. She stated “There are over 20 houses in Piercefield with residents over 60 years old.” This service is needed and she will do whatever she can to help the residents of Piercefield. If anyone is in need of a home nurse you can contact Norther Lights at 315-714-3135 or Health Services of Northern New York at 315-265-4065. Marlene will share any updates she gets on this process.

118) Code Enforcement Officer Report

CEO Nicholas Snyder submitted his monthly report for June. His report includes 6 building permits that he has issued so far in 2024. He also receives calls throughout the month regarding properties and if/when a permit is needed.

Old Business

119) Verizon

Verizon Wireless sent Town Supervisor Joe Denis a template Land Lease Agreement for the cell phone tower. Joe sent the agreement to the Town Attorney to review. Verizon will schedule a site walk/design visit if approved. Town Clerk will update with any new information next month. On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust, proceeding with the plans be approved pending Town Attorneys approval. AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers, Rust, Sarazen, Snye, Dimond. NAYS: 0

New Business

120) Annual Raise

Town Supervisor Joe Denis has asked the Councilmembers to review employee salaries to see what increases need to be made. Joe would like to have updated figures for the bookkeeper at the next board meeting.

121) Water Rent

Town Supervisor Joe Denis has advised that the water rent for Piercefield and Conifer will have to be increased for 2025. The Highway Department is now responsible for checking the water 7 days a week which creates increased expenses. Information on how much of an increase is needed should be available next month.

122) Cranberry Lake Bike Trail

Councilmember Angela Rust brought up the topic of the bike trail in Cranberry Lake that has plans to go through Conifer to the Mt Arab Road. Angela will formally invite Suzane Smith who is working on this project to a meeting so she can further explain the plans to the board members.

123) Approval of Town Clerk Monthly Reports

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

124) 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, Rust, Snye, Dimond NAYS: 0

General Fund:	\$10,322.82
Highway Fund:	\$61,473.14
Lighting District	\$285.30
Conifer Water:	\$158.77
Piercefield Water:	\$208.62
Trust and Agency	\$14,775.80
Total	\$87,224.45

125) Adjournment

On a motion by Town Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 7:30pm.

Paige Phillips, Town Clerk

Date Approved