

207) 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 :

208) Pledge of Allegiance

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

209) Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Councilmember Carol Dimond, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, the minutes of November 14, 2024 as presented by the Town Clerk be approved. AYES: Town Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Rust, Dimond, Sarazen. NAYS: 0

210) Monies Received

Refuse &Garbage	\$1,549.00
Insurance Recoveries	\$3,386.60
Fines, Forfeits,Bail	\$649.00
Licenses & Permits	\$45.00
Non-Property Tax	\$41,145.75
Vital Stats	\$10.00
State Aid	\$5,235.48

Privilege of Floor

211) Highway

Highway Superintendent Jay Rust was unable to attend the meeting. Councilmember Angela Rust reported on his behalf. The crew has been busy plowing/sanding the roads. Any down time has been used to perform maintenance on the vehicles. Councilmember Gina Sarazen reported the stop sign at the corner of Wood Ave and Main Street is down. Councilmember Carol Dimond also reported the street sign where Racquette Flow and Setting Pole Dam meet is missing. Town Clerk will relay the findings to Jay so they can be corrected.

212) Code Officer Report

Nicholas Snyder sent in his report for the month of November. He has issued 3 new building permits, performed 2 site inspections, received 7 phone calls, attended a planning board meeting for a new structure being placed which was approved, and met with a building code grader. It has been over 5 years since the towns last scoring.

Old Business

213) Freedom Energy Logistics

Town Supervisor Joe Denis will invite a representative from Freedom Energy Logistics to the meeting in February. The representative will be able provide more information on solar panels and how they may be more cost effective for the town.

214) Youth Center

Councilmember Carol Dimond asked if the Highway Department has been able to do any work on the Youth Center. The Highway Department still has not had any downtime to begin the work. Councilmember Gina Sarazen has heard there may be people in town that are willing to donate their time to help fix what needs to be done. While the help would be appreciated, Supervisor Denis will first check with the insurance company to see if it's feasible.

New Business

215) Fire Department Contract

A new contract effective February 15, 2025 was presented to the Town Board equal to the current contract with the addition of the Fire Department needing to maintain a minimum of 7 active members. A public hearing will be scheduled for 7:00 pm on January 9, 2025. Town Clerk will post an ad in the Tupper Lake Free Press.

206) REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD, December 18,2024 **DRAFT**

216) Board Meeting Time Change for 2025

Council member Gina Sarazen proposed holding the regularly scheduled board meetings at 7:00pm in the year 2025 as oppose to 7:30pm. Town Supervisor Denis along with Council members Dimond and Rust approve for the regularly scheduled meetings to be held at 7:00pm starting January 9,2025.

217) Transfer Station Holiday Hours

The Transfer Station will be closed Christmas Day December 25th and New Years Day January 1st. The Transfer Station will reopen Thursday December 26th from 8:00-4:00 and Thursday January 2nd from 8:00-4:00.

218) Town Attorney Agreement

RESOLUTION NO.: 36-12-2024

Dated: December 18, 2024

TOWN ATTORNEY RETAINER AGREEMENT

The Firm of Kirk Gagnier, Attorney has agreed to perform legal services for the Town of Piercefield for the year 2025 for the sum of \$3,600.00 (\$300.00 per month). Services are described as follows:

1. Consultations as needed with the Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor, and Board Members.
2. Attendance at Town Board Meetings only when necessary to consider legal issues and when requested by the Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor. We have agreed that you will place legal matters and executive sessions as early items on the agenda, to the extent that you are able to do so.
3. Preparation of various documents for the Town, including bonds, notes, resolutions, contracts, leases, deeds, road dedications and related documents, ordinances and local laws, other than district law; and other usual documents required by the Town in ordinary course of business.
4. We will handle enforcement proceedings in the Town Justice Court, but more extensive litigation, collection matters, disputes or matters in the County Court or Supreme Court, are not included herein and, will not be required of us under this arrangement but can be contracted separately.
5. This Agreement does not include consultations with the Planning Board. It also expressly excludes any matters regarding tax assessment, tax grievances or related matters. Nothing in the Agreement shall prevent our firm from handling matters such as tax grievances or subdivisions on behalf of private persons and the parties agree that no confidential information regarding such matters shall be shared.
6. We will continue to provide Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes and consultations with the Town Board with regard to existing Town financing matters. However, the establishment, modification, and financing of improvement Districts or new facilities within existing Districts related to any districts would not be included in this arrangement. Those matters can be contracted separately and paid for by the property owners within the districts.

Notwithstanding that this contractual arrangement will be for the 2025 year, we agree that either of us may terminate this agreement upon thirty (30) days' written notice, provided of course, that we will complete any matters that may be pending upon such a termination if the Board wishes us to do so.

RESOLVED: That the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into this agreement as outlined above.

A motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was made by Councilmember Angela Rust. and seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen,

The following each voted in favor of the Resolution: Town Supervisor Joe Denis, Councilmembers Sarazen, Dimond, Rust

219) Dog License

RESOLUTION 37-12-2024

DATED: December 18, 2024

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING DOG CONTROL CRITERIA

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield, St. Lawrence County, New York establishes the following for dog control for the year 2025 pursuant to Local Law No. 1 of 2012 and New York State Ag&Mkts Law:

- All dog licenses expire on August 31, 2025 and must be renewed within 30 days, fees payable as described below:
- Statutory Purebred Fee 1-10 dogs \$25.00
- Statutory Purebred Fee 11-25 dogs \$50.00
- Spayed/Neutered Dog Local Fee: \$5.00
- Spayed/Neutered Dog State Fee: \$1.00
- Unspayed/Unneutered Dog Local Fee \$13.00
- Unspayed/Unneutered Dog State Fee \$3.00
- Dog License Tag Fee \$1.00
- Lost Tag Replacement Fee \$2.00

Should the Town Board order the Dog Control Officer to conduct a Town-wide Dog Enumeration (Census), the Local Fees shall be increased by \$5.00 for previously licensed dogs and \$10.00 for previously unlicensed dogs.

On a motion by Councilmember Carol Dimond, seconded by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, resolution establishing dog control criteria be approved: AYES: Town Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers Dimond, Sarazen, Rust NAYS: 0 Adopted.

220) Budget Transfers

RESOLUTION NO. 38-12-2024

DATED: December 18,2024

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:

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust, resolution #38 be approved.: AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers, Dimond, Rust, Sarazen. NAYS: 0 Approved

General Fund					
Increase:	Description	Amount	Decrease:	Description	Amount
19204.01	Dues	\$50.00	19904.01	Contingency	\$829.81
71104.01	Parks	\$403.40			
88104.01	Cemetery	\$116.91			
90558.01	Disability Ins	\$309.50			
	Total	\$829.81		Total	\$829.81

RESOLUTION NO. 39-12-2024

DATED: December 18,2024

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
97896.01	Debt Serv Principle	\$25,000.00	909.01	Fund Balance	\$26,899.07
97897.01	Debt Interest	\$376.70			
90608.01	Health Ins	\$1,522.37			
	Total	\$26,899.07		Total	\$26,899.07

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust, resolution #39 be approved.: AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers, Dimond, Rust, Sarazen. NAYS: 0 Approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 46-12-2024

DATED: December 18,2024

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					
Increase	Description	Amount	Decrease	Description	Amount
51302.03	Machinery EQ	\$2,507.98	51124.03	Perm Improv ement	\$28,141.23
51304.03	Machinery CE	\$1,145.74			
51421.03	Snow PS	\$313.14			
51424.03	Snow CE	\$10,164.52			
90608.03	Health Ins	\$16,517.83			
	Total	\$28,141.23		Total	\$28,141.23

206) REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD, December 18,2024 **DRAFT**

On a motion by Councilmember Gina Sarazen, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust, resolution #46 be approved.:
 AYES: Supervisor Denis, Councilmembers, Dimond, Rust, Sarazen. NAYS: 0 Approved.

221) Budget Amendments

RESOLUTION NO. 40-12-2024

DATED: December 18, 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
1120.03	Sales Tax	\$60,552.72	97896.03	Debt Plow Truck	\$43,593.97
			97896.03	Debt Chevy	\$7,500
			97897.03	Interest Plow Truck	\$361.97
			97896.03	Interest Chevy	\$13.85
			51421.03	Snow Personal	\$7,521.46
			90608.03	Health Insurance	\$1,561.47
	Total	\$60,552.72		Total	\$60,552.72

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

RESOLUTION NO. 41-12-2024

DATED: December 18, 2024

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT OF THE 2024 STREET LIGHT BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Town of Piercefield needs to amend the 2024 Street Light 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.

StreetLight					
Increase	Description	Amount	Increase	Description	Amount
51824.07	Street Lights	\$1,145.75	1001.07	Street Lights	\$1,145.75
	Total	\$1,145.75		Total	\$1,145.75

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

222) Proposed Local Law #1 of 2025

A public hearing for proposed Local Law No.1 will be held on January 9, 2025 at 7:00pm.

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF THE YEAR 2025

TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD, COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE A LOCAL LAW REPEALING TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD LOCAL LAW NO 1 OF 2024 (A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C)

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield as follows:

Section 1.

Town of Piercefield Local Law No 1 of 2024 (“A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c in the Town of Piercefield”) is hereby repealed in its entirety

Section 2. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State

223) Authorize to Pay off Outstanding Loans

RESOLUTION No.: 43-12-2024

DATED: December 18, 2024

AUTHORIZATION TO PAYOFF OUTSTANDING LOAN BALANCE

WHEREAS, The Town of Piercefield has an outstanding roof loan in the amount of \$25,000.00

RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield hereby authorizes payment of \$25,000 plus interest and fees to pay off the roof loan.

Motion Offered by: Town Supervisor Joe Denis

Seconded by: Councilmember Gina Sarazen

Vote: AYES: Town Supervisor Joe Denis NAYS: None
Councilmember Carol Dimond
Councilmember Gina Sarazen
Councilmember Angela Rust

RESOLUTION No.: 44-12-2024

DATED: December 18, 2024

AUTHORIZATION TO PAYOFF OUTSTANDING LOAN BALANCE

WHEREAS, The Town of Piercefield has an outstanding loan for the 2021 Chevy pick-up truck in the amount of \$7,500.00

RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield hereby authorizes payment of \$7,500 plus any interest and fees to pay off the 2021 Chevy pick-up truck.

Motion Offered by: Town Supervisor Joe Denis

Seconded by: Councilmember Gina Sarazen

Vote: AYES: Town Supervisor Joe Denis NAYS: None
Councilmember Carol Dimond
Councilmember Gina Sarazen
Councilmember Angela Rust

RESOLUTION No.: 45-12-2024

DATED: December 18, 2024

AUTHORIZATION TO PAYOFF OUTSTANDING LOAN BALANCE

WHEREAS, The Town of Piercefield has an outstanding loan for the 2019 Western Star Plow truck in the amount of \$43,594.00

RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield hereby authorizes payment of \$43,594 plus any interest and fees to pay off the 2019 Western Star Plow truck.

Motion Offered by: Town Supervisor Joe Denis

Seconded by: Councilmember Gina Sarazen

Vote: AYES: Town Supervisor Joe Denis NAYS: None
Councilmember Carol Dimond
Councilmember Gina Sarazen
Councilmember Angela Rust

224) Approval of Town Clerk Monthly Reports

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

225) 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 Rust, Dimond, Sarazen NAYS: 0

General Fund:	\$5,264.58
Highway Fund:	\$15,523.97
Lighting District	\$0.00
Conifer Water:	\$173.29
Piercefield Water:	\$218.36
Trust and Agency	\$0.00
Total	\$21,180.20

226) Adjournment

On a motion by Town Supervisor Joe Denis, seconded by Councilmember Angela Rust the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 7:00pm.