

**TOWN OF SARANAC
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2010, 7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL**

Members Present:

*Jim Facteau (Supervisor)
Philip Rice (Councilman)
Robert Blair (Councilman)
Michael Tedford (Councilman)
Gerald Delaney (Councilman)
Mary Bell (Town Clerk)
Lee Vann (Highway Superintendent)
Mark Plumadore (Dog Officer)
Mark White (Tax Collector)
Stephen Petrashune (Assessor)
Cindy Alexander (JCEO)*

Also attending meeting: Michele Petrashune, Howard Lowe, Michael Simpson, Angela Brown, Kellum Smith, Marcia Rice, Kathy Donnery, Joe Donnery, and Damian Gormley.

Supervisor (Jim Facteau) opened meeting at 7:00 p.m. The Supervisor led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Minutes of December 21, 2009 & January 4, 2010 & January 21, 2010 meetings.

Resolution 8-2009

Motion by: Philip Rice (C) second by: Jerry Delaney (C)

PHIL RICE-YES

BOB BLAIR-YES

MIKE TEDFORD-YES

JERRY DELANEY-YES

JIM FACTEAU-YES

Questions, comments, petitions from the floor:

Research Fund:

Hal Lowes and Michael Simpson from SUNY Plattsburgh is here to speak with the Town Board regarding Sub-Contract between Town of Saranac and the Research Foundation of the State University of New York. The Town Board wanted more information about the Town's responsibility in this Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Program. The grant money will be in the amount of \$106,971. The Town is not required to fund any money. The Project name is "The Wireless Clearinghouse" The project will result in a comprehensive plan that identifies potential cell phone and wireless telecommunications antenna and support facilities in or on existing structures throughout the Adirondack Park and informs community leaders of the opportunities provided by these technologies. The Town Board will be waiting for Mr. Howe to send a new contract, stating the Town of Saranac will only be the middle-man, and will have no funding responsibility. When the new contract is presented to the Board they will have the Town's attorney review the contract.

Correspondence:

Nutrition Program for the Elderly- Building Use Agreement:

Enter into Contract with the Nutrition Program:

Resolution 9-2009

Motion to Continue the Nutrition Program by: Robert Blair (C) second by: Michael Tedford (C)

PHIL RICE-YES

BOB BLAIR-YES

MIKE TEDFOR-YES

JERRY DELANEY-YES

JIM FACTEAU-YES

E-Mail- Integrity Energy Contract:

As of right now, the Town has a contract through Integrity (electricity) until December 2010. The Supervisor received an email and several phone calls from Milo Wuslich regarding Integrity Energy, wanted to extend the contract with Town of Saranac for another two years, the Supervisor has looked into the energy cost of the town, knowing

there are other companies that has cheaper prices the Town Board will wait until the contract is really to expire and see what the costs of energy is at that time.

LaBarge Agency, Inc.

The Supervisor received letter from LaBarge Insurance Company with prices for New York State Disability insurance prices. It is information for increasing premiums for employees. The Town Board will be keeping the Disability Insurance as is.

CC Youth Bureau- 2010 Funding:

The Town received a letter from Kim Crockett, Youth Bureau Supervisor, regarding the municipal funding has been cut 12.5%. Last year the Youth Program budget was 1200.00 this year it will be \$895.00.

Supervisor's report:

Assoc. of Town NYS- Feb.14-17, 2010

The annual Association of Towns meeting will be February 14-17 in New York City.

APA Hearing January 28, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall:

There will be a hearing on January 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Saranac Town Hall. The meeting is for all the public to attend. The Saranac Town Board encourages all to attend.

Financial Report:

Resolution 10-2010

Motion to except financial report by: Mike Tedford (C) second by: Bob Blair (C)

PHIL RICE-YES

BOB BLAIR-YES

MIKE TEDFORD-YES

JERRY DELANEY-YES

JIM FACTEAU-YES

SAVING ACCOUNT BALANCES

	<u>As of 12/31/09</u>	<u>as of 01/20/10</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>\$106,290.85</u>	<u>\$89,284.24</u>
<u>Saranac Ltg.</u>	<u>17,024.53</u>	<u>17,024.53</u>

<u>Standish Ltg.</u>	<u>2,828.74</u>	<u>2,828.74</u>
<u>General/Reserve</u>	<u>202,280.00</u>	<u>202,280.00</u>
<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>75,775.00</u>	<u>75,775.00</u>
<u>Highway</u>	<u>261,165.16</u>	<u>223,648.43</u>
<u>Roads/Bridges</u>	<u>186,576.85</u>	<u>186,576.85</u>
<u>Redford Water</u>	<u>87,566.69</u>	<u>87,170.21</u>
<u>Standish Water</u>	<u>8,234.37</u>	<u>7,965.51</u>
<u>Saranac Water</u>	<u>9,953.47</u>	<u>9,841.47</u>
<u>Saranac Water Fil.Project</u>	<u>\$20,162.62</u>	

Expenditures in December \$157,282.42
Revenues in December 43,183.07

Saranac Water Owes General Fund \$20,000 for Filtration Project

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Highway Superintendent's report:

January has been a mild month for the Highway Department. There have been a few calls from Standish regarding the black ice on roads, a few accidents, and other minor issues. The superintendent has been around checking all the brooks and streams and all water levels seem to be good, so there is no flooding issues. The sand is holding up good.

Water Districts:

Redford Water:

Nothing at this time.

Standish Water:

Nothing at this time.

Saranac Water:

Mike Tedford reports:

He will be calling Walt Gray (Plumber) to start the plumbing.

Code Officer's report:

No report this month.

Dog Control Officer's report:

The report is attached to these minutes.

Community Outreach Center:

December 28-09—January 22-10

Cindy Alexander reports:

186 # Total visits to the Center.

116 # Visits to center for all services, including clothing, toys, & household items.

14 # Trips were coordinated for medical appointments.

13 # Families utilized the food pantry.

26 # Purchases were made through the monthly food Co-op.

45 # Volunteer hours were givens to the center.

42 # Calls for referrals and information were received.

14 # Families applied for HEAP

9- Regular HEAP

5- Emergency HEAP

The Outreach Center would like to thank Saranac Central School for the donations received through a toy and food drive. We would like to thank St. James Minor Church, Cadyville Wesleyan Church, and Assumption of Mary Church, the Saranac Jammers and the Saranac Fiddlers for their continuous support of the Food Pantry.

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Recreation:

There are five teams involved in our basketball program, which takes place at the Saranac Elementary School and at the Assumption of Mary. Besides scheduling problems, the program is going well.

Assessor:

Everything is going good.

Planning Board:

Nothing at this time.

Senior Citizens:

The Fiddlers along with the Senior Citizens has donated \$25.00 for the regional spelling bee, which each year one of the students is sent to Washington to compete in the regional tournament. The donation is helpful for the families cost of the trip.

Saranac Fire Department:

Nothing at this time.

Building:

Nothing at this time.

Newsletter, Website, SCS:

The Supervisor will have the website updated soon.

Historian:

Nothing at this time.

Attorney

Nothing at this time.

Unfinished Business

Resolution 11- 2010

The Town of Saranac has had Contract Agreements in the past with the Elmore SPCA, Inc. for the use of providing shelter for seized dogs that the Dog Control Officer has to bring to them when the owners are not found. This year the amount of the Contract is \$4,836 for 1 year. The Saranac Town Board has decided to like elsewhere that provides the same contract.

Tri-Lake Humane Society, Inc. has sent the Town a proposed Shelter Service Contract to review.

The Contract is the same guide line has the Elmore's, but the price is different.

\$3,000 is the amount the Tri-Lake will charge for the one year contract.

The Saranac Town Board has decided to go with the Tri-Lake Humane Society, Inc. For the year 2010, the amount of \$3,000.

*Motion to except the Contract for **Tri-Lake** by: Philip Rice (C) second by: Robert Blair(C)*

PHILIP RICE-YES

ROBERT BLAIR-YES

MICHAEL TEDFORD-YES

GERALD DELANEY-YES

JIM FACTEAU-YES

New Business:

Review Court Records of 2009-Section 2019-a Uniform Justice Court Act:
Resolution 12-2010

Motion by: Robert Blair (C) second by: Jim Facteau(S)

PHILIP RICE-YES

ROBERT BLAIR-YES

MICHAEL TEDFORD-YES

GERALD DELANEY-YES

JIM FACTEAU-YES

Whereas Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act requires that town and village justices annually provide their court records and dockets to their respective town boards, and

Whereas, The Unified Court System's Action Plan for the Justice Courts announced last November listed initiatives to improve accountability and controls over Justice court finances and records, and

Whereas, among the initiatives is increased monitoring of Town Board compliance with section 2019-a, and

Whereas, Ann Pfeu, Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York Unified Court System has requested a copy of the Town of Saranac's most recent examination of our local court's records and a copy of our board resolution acknowledging that the required examination was conducted,

Be it resolved, that at this regularly scheduled January 25, 2010, Town of Saranac board meeting, after having examined the 2009 records and dockets of Justices Karen Waldron-Munson and Jill Myers, the Town Board has found them to be in order, and furthermore

Be it resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Chief Administrative Judge Pfau.

Request for Audit for the Town:

The Supervisor would like to have an audit done for the Town of Saranac. He will be looking to have a state audit done. All Town Board members agree for the Supervisor to check in to having a state audit done, and the amount of money it will cost. The supervisor will be looking into this matter.

Request for Street Light –Wilson Road:

The Town of Saranac has received a request from Mr. Thomas Pelletier for a street light to be put up on 46 Wilson Road. The Supervisor has inspected the site, in which the light would be put up. There is no intersection near the site and found there's no hazard area where the light would be put up. The Town has guidelines and a Resolution to determine Which areas there should be lighting. The Town has sent Mr. Pelletier a copy of Resolution 105-88.

North Country Life Flight Contract:

Resolution 13-2010

The Town of Saranac enter into contract with North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc for the purpose of operating the medical component of the medical program, which will serve its residents and visitors, and paying the amount of \$250.00 which will presents the Town's share for 2010.

\$250.00- Donation from the Town of Saranac:

Motion by: Philip Rice(C) second by: Robert Blair(C)

PHILIP RICE-YES

ROBERT BLAIR-YES

MICHAEL TEDFORD-YES

GERALD DELANEY-YES

JIM FACTEAU-YES

JCEO Contract:

Resolution 14-2010

An agreement between the Joint Council for economic Opportunity of Clinton and Franklin Counties. Inc. A non-profit corporation, with the Town of Saranac. Cindy Alexander is the Outreach worker.

Motion by: Robert Blair (C) second by: Gerald Delaney (C)

PHILIP RICE-YES

ROBERT BLAIR-YES

MICHAEL TEDFORD-YES

GERALD DELANEY-YES

JIM FACTEAU-YES

Twin State Agreement:

Resolution for having Twin State Telephone Company Service the Phones for the Town of Saranac.

Resolution 15-2010

Motion by: Robert Blair(C) second by: Michael Tedford (C)

PHILIP RICE-YES

ROBERT BLAIR-YES

MICHAEL TEDFORD-YES

GERALD DELANEY-YES

JIM FACTEAU-YES

Insurance Quotes

Resolution 16-2010

4 Insurance quotes:

1. Northern Selective \$40,118.00

2. Northern NYMIR \$40,516.60

3. Latremore Argonaut \$28,685.58

4. Agency Ins. \$29,891.36

The Town of Saranac hired Lita Pierce (Consultant) from Norton Insurance for \$1,500 To oversee insurance quotes from different insurance companies. There was a Special meeting held on January 21, 2010 at the Town Hall to review quotes from Insurance

Companies. The Saranac Town Board reviewed all four quotes and has decided to go with Latremore's Insurance.

\$28,685.58 & the Umbrella \$460.00

Motion to have Latremore Insurance for the Town of Saranac's Insurance Company by: Jim Facteau (S) second by: Gerald Delaney (C)

PHILIP RICE-YES

ROBERT BLAIR-YES

MICHAEL TEDFORD-YES

GERALD DELANEY-YES

JIM FACTEAU-YES

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the floor:

Michael Tedford wanted to Thank (Hunt True) for recommending the Town get a Consultant for foreseeing the comparison of different insurance's and getting the correct coverage for the Town.

Phil Rice commented on the petitions he has out throughout the community has had a good amount of signatures with support for the Wild Forest Preserve.

Authorization to Pay Warrants:

Resolution 17-2010

Motion to pay Warrant by: Mike Tedford(C) second by: Bob Blair (C)

PHILIP RICE-YES

ROBERT BLAIR-YES

MICHAEL TEDFORD-YES

GERALD DELANEY-YES

JIM FACTEAU-YES

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held on February 22, 2010 at 7: 00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Bell

Town Clerk

January 25, 2010