

**TOWN OF SARANAC
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 26, 2007 at 7 PM TOWN HALL**

Members Present:

*Joe Gerardi (Supervisor)
Gary Tedford (Councilman)
Philip Rice (Councilman)
Robert Blair (Councilman)
Michael Tedford (Councilman)
Mary Bell (Town Clerk)
Leo Vann (Highway Superintendent)
Cindy Waldron (JCEO)
Mark Plumadore (Dog Control Officer)*

Also attending meeting: Gary Gambadora, Martha Gambadora, Michele Petrashune, Warren Newman, Sylvia Newman, Joe Donnery, and Gerald Delaney.

Supervisor (Joe Gerardi) opened meeting at 7:00 P.M. Michele Petrashune led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution 71-2007

APPROVAL of MINUTES from: October 22, 2007 meeting:
Motion to approve by: Gary Tedford (C) second by: Bob Blair (C)
GARY-YES
PHIL-YES
BOB-YES
MIKE-YES
JOE-YES

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the floor:

Diane Acey from Route #374 her home is on the Dannemora/ Saranac town line. She wanted to address the Council on an on going problem she has been dealing with for over five years. The Town of Dannemora put in a sewage pump station, which over flows a few times a year and goes into Mrs. Acey's driveway and also her garage floor.

Joe Donnery, town resident, also a member of our Town Planning Board addressed the Council on information he has been looking into, energy saving Solar Panels for the Town Hall. The estimate was from Electrical Systems, Inc from Plattsburgh. The amount was around \$50,000. Mr. Donnery just wanted to inform the Council about the estimate the Planning Board received.

Correspondence:

Bonnie Pellerin, Key Bank:

The Town received a letter from Bonnie Pellerin from the Key Bank in Dannemora NY, Thank you letter for the Town, for doing business with there bank.

Thomas LaBombard, PE:

Town of Saranac Sand Mine Multi Sector General Permit 0-06-002 Application, Engineers Project Number 07751. The Town of Saranac Highway Department is in the process of getting a Permit for the use of the sand pit.

National Alliance on Mental Illness:

CYPH claims its losing too much money running the Adult and Child/Adolescent Mental Health Units. Come share your concerns.

There will be a meeting at Plattsburgh High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 27, 2007.

APA Local Government Day:

There will be Conference on March 25-26, 2007 in Ray Brook NY, anyone interested can fill in the forms and mail them to P.O. Box 99 Ray Brook NY 12977.

Supervisor's Report:

Resolution 72-2007

Approval of Financial Report: Motion by: Bob Blair(C) second by: Phil Rice (C)

GARY-YES

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JOE-YES

SAVING ACCOUNT BALANCES

	<i>As of 10-31-07</i>	<i>As of 11-21-07</i>
<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>\$ 201,201.98</u>	<u>\$200,463.74</u>
<u>SARANAC LTG.</u>	<u>35,549.53</u>	<u>35,549.53</u>
<u>STANDISH LTG.</u>	<u>5,024.50</u>	<u>5,024.53</u>
<u>GENERAL/RESERVE</u>	<u>191,243.06</u>	<u>191,243.06</u>
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	<u>101,224.30</u>	<u>101,224.30</u>
<u>HIGHWAY</u>	<u>302,023.76</u>	<u>292,855.42</u>
<u>ROADS/BRIDGES</u>	<u>75,833.08</u>	<u>75,833.08</u>
<u>REDFORD WATER</u>	<u>67,541.08</u>	<u>67,541.08</u>
<u>STANDISH WATER</u>	<u>6,750.89</u>	<u>6,750.89</u>
<u>SARANAC WATER</u>	<u>13,489.24</u>	<u>13,282.00</u>
<i>Expenditures in October</i>		<i>\$ 136,850.28</i>
<i>Revenues in October</i>		<i>7,794.87</i>

Bruce Kilgore presentation TBA:

Bruce is the home owner that has just put up the wind tower on his property on the Nashville Road in Saranac. He has spoke with the Supervisor about coming to speak with the town and do a 10-15 minute presentation about the wind mills.

Dr. Schultz presentation well attended:

Peter Schultz came to the Town Hall in October to do a presentation on Broadband. There was over 60-70 people that attended the Presentation. It was a good turn out.

United Way:

4 employees for the Town have participated in the United Way Campaign.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

Lee Vann reports:

On October 30th they attended training course given by the Clinton County Highway Services. Some of the other towns that attended the training were Altona, Plattsburgh, and Peru.

Saranac Central School (Key Club) has adopted the True Brook Road for maintaining and keeping clean up on the Road sides.

Quote for cutting edges for the plows: \$211.00 - \$362.00 four years ago they were \$104.00 each.

The Superintendent is preparing the Spec's for the new single axel truck that the Highway is looking into purchasing.

The winter storms have been hard on the overtime for the Highway employees. Lee will be watching the budget, because last year at this time they were \$6,000 over budget.

There were trees down which the highway workers needed to remove.

Also the Superintendent was hit by a deer with the pick up truck. He will get estimate for repairs to the pick up.

Water Districts Reports:

Redford Water:

Bob Blair reports:

Nothing at this time.

Standish Water:

Gary Tedford reports:

Nothing at this time.

Saranac Water:

Mike Tedford reports:

Update on generator:

Just waiting for heater for warming up the propane to come in and than the generator will be up and working.

Julie Johnson is maintaining her water treatment operator license so she can cover for Glen Hamel if he goes on vacation or needs time off.

Code Officer's Report:

Eugene Dickerman reports:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10/29/07	Michael Clancy	106 Cringle Rd.	Shed	\$ 25.00
11/08/07	Brian Kelley	272 Burnt Hill Rd.	Garage detached	\$ 33.40

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<i>TOTAL</i>				<i>\$58.40</i>
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Clark Hill Rd Property – Posted as unsafe Building.

Dog Control Officer's Report:

Mark Plumadore reports:

Report is attached to these minutes.

Ag & Markets- Elmore's "Out of Compliance" status now "in compliance"

The Town received a letter (report) from Agriculture and Markets Division of Animal industry in Albany New York regarding Elmore's conditions. Everything at the shelter is in compliance with Article 7 of the Agriculture and Markets Law.

Community Outreach Program:

Cindy Waldron reports:

(October 22, 2007- November 21, 2007)

206 Visits to center for all services including clothes, toys, and household items.

12 of trips coordinated to medical appointments.

15 households received Emergency Food.

10 monthly Food Co-op purchased.

36 Volunteer hours were given to the Center.

14 Information & referral

21 Thanksgiving Baskets.

11 Christmas Bureau applications to date.

27 HEAP applications.

Saranac Key Club donated 20 Thanksgiving Baskets. They collected, put together and brought them to the center. They did a wonderful job.

Thank you to Saranac Elementary FSO, Saranac Fiddlers, Saranac Jammers, St. James Church, Assumption of Mary, Saranac/Dannemora Girl Scouts, Bankers Orchard.

Recreation:

Bob Blair reports:

There were Basketball sign up last week.

Assessor:

Nothing at this time.

Planning Board:

Mike Tedford reports:

There will be a meeting on December 19, 2007, no meeting was held in the month of November because of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Senior Citizens:

Phil Rice reports:

Nothing at this time.

Saranac Fire Department:

Gary Tedford reports:

There will be voting on December 11, 2007 for election for 1 Fire Commissioner for a five year term. Voting will be 6:00- 9:00 p.m. at both Saranac Fire Station and Redford station.

Building:

Bob Blair reports:

The new doors have not been installed yet. Will be soon.

Newsletter, Website, SCS

Joe Gerardi reports:

Website is being updated regularly.

The Town Crier will be going out sometime in December.

New artwork will be displayed after the Holidays.

Historian:

Jan Couture reports:

Jan wasn't at meeting but sent the Supervisor an email letting him know she attended the APNYS meeting. The historians of Clinton County really don't have any firm plans yet for the up coming events in 2009.

Attorney:

Nothing at this time.

Unfinished Business:

Census:

The U.S. Census Bureau has invited the Town of Saranac to participate in the 2010 Decennial Census Local Update of Census Addresses program. (LUCA)
It's a program gives tribal, state, and local government officials and opportunity to review and comment on the list of addresses the U. S. Census Bureau will use to deliver census questionnaires for the 2010 Census. Having an accurate and complete address list is a critical step in ensuring a complete count of the U. S. population in the 2010 Census. (Councilman) Philip Rice will be looking into this further.

Soper Road speed limit letter from County:

Al Rascoe the Clinton County Highway Superintendent received our request for the speed limit reduction on Soper Road. He has forwarded the request to the State. We are waiting for the state's decision.

286 Clark Hill Road- hearing results:

The Town has sent Mr. Joe Reed a certificated letter. The letter has not been opened with four attempts from the post Office for him to come to the hearing tonight. He was not present at the public hearing, so next step will be for the Town's attorney to send Mr. Reed a letter stating that the burnt building on his property is unsafe, and needs to be removed. For further information at next meeting.

Grants update:

1. Letters of support received from the Senator Little, Assemblywoman Janet Duprey, Legislator Robert Butler, Saranac Planning Board, Rural Preservation Company of Clinton County, Chamber of Commerce, Kellum Smith, Flat Water Challenge.

Resolution 73-2007

Smart Growth Grant

The resolution will be given to Melissa McManus for her to start the grant process.

Motion by: Robert Blair

Second by: Gary Tedford

GARY TEDFORD-YES

PHILIP RICE-YES

ROBERT BLAIR-YES

MICHAEL TEDFORD-YES

JOE GERARDI-YES

WHEREAS residents of the Town of Saranac gathered on October 1, 2007 to share their thoughts on their community and its future; and

WHEREAS the opinions shared by Town of Saranac residents were used to prepare a community Action Plan, adopted by the Town Board, which includes conducting community visioning and development of a local revitalization strategy as next steps, and

WHEREAS the Department of Environmental Conservation is soliciting grant applications for the Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Grants Program from Municipalities located wholly or partially within the Adirondack park, and

WHEREAS this resolution authorizes the signing of a grant application in connection with the Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Program,

NOW HERE BE IT RESOLVED:

That Joseph Gerardi, as Supervisor of the Town of Saranac, or such person's successor in office, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Grants Program of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the Department of Environmental Conservation for such financial assistance to the Town of Saranac for Community Visioning and Development of a Revitalization Strategy.

That one certified copy of this Resolution be prepared and sent to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York, 12233, together with the application for State Assistance.

The attached Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I, Mary L. Bell, the duly qualified Clerk of the Town of Saranac, New York, do hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Town of Saranac Board held on November 26, 2007, and is incorporated in the original minutes of said meeting, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

Reed Property:

The trial Reeds vs. Town of Saranac has been postponed. Right now the Reed's lawyer is asking for dismissal of the case. Judge Myers is in charge of the case. For further review.

Questions, Comments, petitions from the floor:

Lee Vann comments on people have been throwing old tires out on some of our roads, Duquette Rd, Collins Rd, Bucks Corners Rd, to name a few. There will be something in the Town Crier about the problem.

Resolution 74 -2007

Pay Audit Warrants:

AUTHORIZATION to PAY WARRANTS:

Resolved to Pay Warrants by: Gary Tedford (C) second by: Phil Rice (C)

GARY-YES

PHIL_YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JOE-YES

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Next regular board meeting will December 17, 2007, at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Bell

Town Clerk

