

**TOWN OF SARANAC
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL**

Members Present:

Joe Gerardi (Supervisor)
Gary Tedford (Councilman)
Phil Rice (Councilman)
Robert Blair (Councilman)
Michael Tedford (Councilman)
Mary Bell (Town Clerk)
Leo Vann (Highway Superintendent)
Mark Plumadore (Dog Officer)
Eugene Dickerman (Code Officer)
Cindy Waldron (JCEO)
Steve Petrashune (Assessor)

Also attending meeting: Michele Petrashune, Marla Perry, Carol Fessette, Sarah Rasco, and Art Rasco.

Supervisor Joe Gerardi opened meeting at 7:00 p.m. Gary Tedford led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution 75-2007

APPROVAL of MINUTES: from the November 26, 2007 meeting.

Motion to except minutes 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:

None

Correspondence:

Saranac Hollow Jammers:

The Supervisor received a card from the Tuesday night crew "Saranac Hollow Jammers." Enclosed with the thank you note was a \$100.00 donation. Thanking the Town for the use of the Town Hall on Tuesday nights.

R. Charade. Priest Road:

The Supervisor received a letter from Mr. R. D. Charade a property owner on the priest Rd. He owns property here but lives in Canada most of the time. He was complaining about someone has been making a mess up near his property. Highway Superintendent Leo Vann went up to check out the situation and found that there are beavers that are dragging sticks and brush, but he couldn't see anything else wrong.

Supervisor's Report:

Resolution 76-2006

APPROVAL OF Financial report:

Motion by: Gary Tedford (C) second by: Phil Rice(C)

GARY-YES

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JOE-YES

SAVING ACCOUNT BALANCES

	<u>As of 11-30-07</u>	<u>As of 12-12-07</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>\$207,425.21</u>	<u>204,636.68</u>
<u>Saranac Ltg.</u>	<u>32,859.85</u>	<u>32,859.85</u>
<u>Standish Ltg.</u>	<u>4,764.74</u>	<u>4,764.74</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>241,468.74</u>	<u>221,963.04</u>
<u>Roads& Bridges</u>	<u>76,020.28</u>	<u>76,020.28</u>
<u>Redford Water</u>	<u>66,837.21</u>	<u>66,837.21</u>
<u>Standish Water</u>	<u>6,328.29</u>	<u>6,328.29</u>
<u>Saranac Water</u>	<u>12,915.64</u>	<u>10,978.96</u>
<u>Expenditures in November</u>		<u>\$131,620.95</u>
<u>Revenues in November</u>		<u>45,360.16</u>

Border Documentation:

Beginning January 31, 2008, U.S. and Canadian citizens 19 years and older who enter the U.S. at land crossings will need to present government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license as proof of identity, Along with proof of citizenship, such as a Birth Certificate or naturalization Certificate, or a passport. Nexus cards will also remain valid.

The Supervisor just wanted the public to have the information, when or if they visit Canada.

Long Lake "Thank You":

The Supervisor received a letter from the Long Lake Town Supervisor (Gregg Wallace). Thanking the local government for their support.

APA- Verizon cell towers at Clinton Smokestack:

The APA has project going on, Verizon wireless panel antennas at the 122 foot level on existing 212 foot tall smokestack at Clinton County Correctional facility. That should be good news for our area for phone coverage.

Comptroller's Office- aver. Water cost \$613.00:

Letter was sent to the Supervisor from the Comptroller's office about the average cost for Water Districts per year is- \$613.00.

Adk. Ass. Of Towns- municipal infrastructure and life survey:

There is Conference on March 25 and 26th 2008. If any Employee would like to attend

Highway Superintendent's Report:

Solid waste Contract

Resolution 77-2007

The Town of Saranac will have a resolution on the approval of contract for snow and sand removal at the Saranac Convenience Station on the Ore Bed Road.

Approval for Contract: Motion by: Mike Tedford (C) second by: Bob Blair(C)

GARY-YES

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JOE-YES

Leo Vann Reports:

Ray Barber had an accident while plowing the parking lot at the Court building. A man from Tupper Lake pulled his vehicle over onto the parking lot due to his vehicle stopped running properly. While he stopped because of the failure of his vehicle, Ray was plowing and didn't see that the man had pulled in the lot, so Mr. Barber backed into the man's vehicle. The State police arrived and they ended up issuing Ray Barber a ticket. The Highway Department has been busy with the Heavy snow storm.

They have four relief drivers. 1. Joe Perry
2. Todd Perry
3. John Reyell
4. Ron Miner

They ride with the drivers so they can learn the routes. The relief driver than drives to give the guys some time to rest.

In the next few days they will be out pushing some of the high snow banks, for better vision for the driver.

Lee has had several calls on mail boxes being down. He wants everyone to know that the drivers don't intentionally hit the boxes and that the same driver does replace any box they push down. When time permits!

Michael Tedford (Councilman) Thanked Mr. Lee Vann (Highway Superintendent) and the Driver which he rode with.

Water Reports:

Redford Water:

Melvin Terry spoke with Joe Gerardi (Supervisor) about him resigning from the Redford Water District in the spring time.

Standish Water:

Received phone call from Pat Chase stating that he thinks that there is a problem with the circuit breaker. They will be looking into this issue.

Saranac Water:

Generator update:

The generator is up and running.

Improvement on System:

The Town received a letter from Clinton County Health Department regarding the Saranac Water. The Saranac Town water system needs to be improved. Improvement will be done either by adding filtration to our current system or drilling a well or wells for a new water source. The Town has hired Engineer Abdallah to do an initial cost assessment comparing the strengths/weaknesses of a filtration response versus drilling a well or wells.

A meeting was held on 12/13/07 at the Supervisor's Office. Some of the Discussions at the meeting were, hiring the engineer, determining our eligibility for grants to cover cost of system. Further information on months to follow.

Code Officer's Report:

December 04/07 – December 17/07

<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<u>12/04/07</u>	<u>Adam Friel</u>	<u>Modular Home</u>	<u>Elm St. Redford</u>	<u>\$120,000</u>	<u>\$85.94</u>

Inspections- 15

C/O -3 Total \$85.94

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Dog Control Officer's Report:

No report this month will have both reports for the January meeting.

Community Outreach Program:

Monthly report from Cindy Waldron:

Monthly (November 26, 07- December 14, 07)

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

10 # trips coordinated to medical appointments

7 # Household received Emergency Food.

18 # Monthly Food Co-op purchased.

38 # Volunteer hours given to the center.

24 # information & referral.

24 # Christmas Bureau Applications.

72 # Children received gifts.

17 # HEAP applications.

Cindy will be picking up the Christmas gifts on 12/13/07 and giving them out.

We have received many wonderful donations of toys and food so no one will be turned away.

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Recreation:

*Bob Blair reports:
Nothing at this time.*

Assessor:

Steve Petrashune reports:

Veterans Service letter:

Governor Spitzer recently signed the Cold War veteran's exemption bill into law. This bill amends the real property tax law by adding a new section 458-b.

Each County, City, Town, or Village may adopt the law to provide qualified residents real property tax exemption.

Either \$8000.00 or \$12,000.00 exemption

Those people receive tax exemption under Section 458 or 458a are not eligible for this exemption.

Steve Petrashune recommends no action should be taken at this time.

Planning Board:

*Mike Tedford reports:
Nothing at this time.*

Senior Citizen:

*Phil Rice reports:
Nothing at this time.*

Saranac Fire Department:

Gary Tedford reports:

They had there Annual Election was on December 11, 2007 purpose of electing one Commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2012. Hunt True will be Commissioner for the 5 year term.

Congratulations.

Building:

Bob Blair reports:
Nothing at this time.

Newsletter, Website, Saranac Central School:

Joe Geradi (Supervisor) reports: *The Town Crier* will be coming out sometime in the next few weeks.
Also the New Artwork will be on display soon.

Historian:

Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

Nothing at this time.

Unfinished Business:

Census:

Phil Rice reports:
Gathering information, there is still time before the Census needs to be taken.

Agreement with the Stow Family:

The Stow Family has signed the agreement with the Town, so they are in agreement with the insurance and the Town no fault.

286 Clark Hill Rd. - January 28-2008, 6:30 hearing:

The Board will hold another public hearing on January 28, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. for Mr. Joseph Reed has an opportunity to appear and address the issue at hand.

Grants update:

The grants are almost ready to be applied.

Reed Case:

Town of Saranac vs. Diane Reed and Jesse Reed.

The Reeds lawyer (James Morgan) filed a Motion to dismiss the case.

The Reeds are charged by formal complaint on July 15, 2005 with committing acts in violation of the Town of Saranac Local Law.

Judge Myers denied the motion to dismiss the case.

New Business:

Elmora SPCA, Inc. contract:

Resolution 78-2007

Resolved to approve contract by: Phil Rice(C) second by: Gary Tedford (C)

GARY-YES

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JOE-YES

Agreement made this December 2007, pursuant to the provisions of Section 115 and 116 of the Agriculture and Markets Law, by and between Town of Saranac, a municipal corporation having its principal office and place of business at 3492 Rt. 3 Saranac, NY 12981, party of the first ("municipality"), and Elmore SPCA, Inc., a corporation in the State of New York, with office and place of business at Peru, Clinton County, New York, party of the second part. ("Elmore")

Cherry Hill Request:

Gregory Gibbons sent a letter to Lee Vann (Highway Superintendent) regarding Roadway of Standish Rd. and Route 3. He wants to turn over primary paved road over to the Town of Saranac. No action was taken.

Approve Handbook:

Employee Handbook Effective- 1/1/08- 12/31/08

The Town Board will approve the Employee Handbook for the 2008 year.

Resolution 79-2007

Motion by: Gary Tedford(C) second by: Bob Blair(C)

GARY-YES

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JOE-YES

Association of Towns meeting:

The annual Conference is in New York City on February 17-20 Information is here at the Town Hall if anyone is going.

Handicapped Bathroom Request:

The bathrooms at the Town Hall are not big enough for wheelchair access. The idea would be to remove one stall and make the restroom bigger and have both restrooms unisex.

They will be looking into this in the up coming year.

DEC Smart Growth for Broadband:

Wireless Clearinghouse:

Resolution 80-2007

Motion to approve resolution by: Gary Tedford (C) second by: Robert Blair(C)

GARY TEDFORD- YES

PHILIP RICE-YES

ROBERT BLAIR-YES

MICHAEL TEDFORD-YES

JOE GERARDI-YES

WHEREAS the Town of Saranac supports the goal of the Technical Assistance Center at SUNY Plattsburgh provide services which lead to improved and expanded wired and wireless broadband access for Town residents and residents of all Adirondack communities; 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 the Research Foundation of SUNY, working through and on behalf of the Technical Assistance Center at SUNY Plattsburgh, and in partnership with the Adirondack North Country Association, requests the sponsorship of the Town of Saranac

in order to apply for a Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Grant for the Wireless Clearinghouse project, 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 under the "Park-wide" project type in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 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 and to enter into and execute a subcontract agreement with the Research Foundation of SUNY for 100% of any Department of Environmental Conservation Smart Growth grant funds to complete the Wireless Clearinghouse project.

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 December 17, 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.

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Budget Transfer

Resolution 81-2007

Motion to approve the Budget Transfer by: Mike Tedford(C) second by: Phil Rice

- (C)
- GARY-YES
- PHIL-YES
- BOB-YES
- MIKE-YES
- JOE-YES

<u>General (Debit) to:</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
A10104 Town Board Contractual	1,210.00	
A13304 Tax Collection Contractual	261.00	
A36202 safety Inspection, Equipment	175.00	

A36204	Safety Inspection Contractual	340.00	
A50104	Superintendent of Hwy's Cont.	950.00	
A64100	Publicity	1,730.00	
A67724	Programs for Aging	769.00	
A73104	Youth Programs Contractual	15.00	
A80204	Planning Contractual	1,820.00	
A90408	Workers Compensation	1,013.00	
Total:	General	8,283.00	8,283.00

Highway Fund

51101DB	General Repairs Per/ser.	10,551.00	
51104DB	General Repairs Contractual	62,621.00	
51122DB	Permanent Improvements		66,000.00
51302DB	Machinery Equipment	5,680.00	
51304DB	Machinery Eq. Contractual		6,200.00
51421DB	Snow Removal Per. Ser.	2,860.00	
90108DB	State Retirement		3,852.00
90608DB	Hospital & Med. Insurance		5,660.00
Total:	Highway	81,712.00	81,712.00

Redford Water

19904SW1	Contingent Account		2,685.00
83104SW1	Water Admin. Contractual	2,685.00	
Total:	Redford Water	2,685.00	2,685.00

Standish Water

19904SW2	Contingent Account		470.00
83304SW2	Purification Contractual	470.00	
Total:	Standish Water	470.00	470.00

Saranac Water

19904SW3	Contingent Account		3,650.00
83104SW3	Water Admin Contractual	3,650.00	
Total:	Saranac Water	3,650.00	3,650.00

Thank you to Gary Tedford and Shirley Otten:

On behalf of all the Town of Saranac the Supervisor wanted to thank Gary Tedford for all the years he has been Town Councilman. Also a Thank you to Shirley Otten for Tax Collector. The Supervisor presented Gary Tedford a Plaque for the years he served the Town and he will hand deliver Shirley Ottens plaque because she wasn't at meeting.

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the floor:

Leo Vann (Highway Superintendent) asks if the Town will be keeping the Tax Collector's (Mark White) driveway cleared, for the Tax payers going to pay their taxes. The Board suggests he speak with Mark White (Tax Collector) on the matter.

Authorization to Pay Audited Warrants:

Resolution 82-2007

Motion 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 7:58 p.m.

Next regular Board meeting will be January 28, 2008, at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

The Organizational Meeting will be held on January 7, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Bell

Town Clerk