

**TOWN OF SARANAC  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 26, 2007, SARANAC TOWN HALL @ 7 PM**

Members Present:

Joe Gerardi (Supervisor)  
Gary Tedford (Councilman)  
Phil Rice (Councilman)  
Robert Blair (Councilman)  
Michael Tedford (Councilman)  
Mary Bell (Town Clerk)  
Lee Vann (Superintendent of Highways)  
Steve Petrashune (Assessor)  
Cindy Waldron (JCEO)  
Ken Carter (Rec. Manager)

*Also attending meeting: Larietta Hamel, Charlotte Patnode, Lib Rizzie, Michele Petrashune, Craig Von Bargen, Sylvia Newman, Joe Staley, Kathy Donnery, Joe Donnery, Damian Gormley, and Monica Clark.*

*The Town Council ask for a moment of silence to honor Gerald Delaney who past away on February 24, 2007. Gerald serviced on our Town Council for 16 years. He was very active over the years throughout the town. Our prayers and thoughts are with his family.*

Supervisor- Joe Gerardi opened meeting at 7:00 pm. Phil Rice led the Town Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution 22-2007

**APPROVAL of MINUTES: January 22, 2007 meeting.**

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

GARY – YES

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JOE-YES

**Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Floor:**

*Lib Rizzie & Charlotte Patnode came before the Board tonight asking their approval on usage of the Town Hall on Tuesday nights from 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm for the purpose of entertainment with live music. After discussion on some important issues, such as insurance purposes, the number of occupancy (87 people) allowed in the hall at one time. The Town Board decided to approve their request. (Saranac Hollow Jammers ) is their name.*

**Correspondence:**

**Charter Rate Increase:**

*Received letter from Charter Communications informing that any customer in the town of Saranac that their prices will be going up March 1, 2007.*

**Al Rascoe- Pickett's Corners speed limit:**

*The Town received a letter from Mr. Rascoe (Clinton County Highway Superintendent) on the Amendment notice of order relative to the school speed zone on the Pickett's Corner Road. They have amended the existing 40 MPH Linear Speed Zone so that it now is 0.45 miles long and includes all of the new School Speed Zone.*

**Rodney Brown- Hazard Mitigation Application:**

*This program provides 75% funding for eligible projects whose purpose is to reduce the future occurrence of damages from natural disasters. The 25% local share requirement may be satisfied by in-kind funding. The Council will discuss this matter further.*

**C.J. Madonna- Beekmantown Zoning Board of Appeals.**

*Beekmantown Board of Appeals –wants to keep the area Towns updated on the Wind farm on 800 acres in the northwest corner of the Town of Beekmantown. The Zoning Board of Appeals, as lead agency, has determined the proposed action does not have significant environmental impact. The project includes the construction of a maximum of 13 wind turbines, access roads and electric transmission facilities.*

Mary Matiila, RPC request:

The Supervisor received a letter from Mary Mattila, regarding the Centennial House on Ganong Drive. The Rural Preservation Company of Clinton County is requesting an application for funds to rehabilitate the House. She is asking the Town Council to write a letter of support of this project. The Town Board agreed to support the request.

Supervisor's Report:

Resolution 23-2007

APPROVAL of Financial Report: Motion by: Bob Blair (C) second by: Mike Tedford (C)

GARY-YES

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JOE-YES

SAVING ACCOUNT BALANCES

	<u>As of 1-31-07</u>	<u>As of 2-22-07</u>
<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>\$ 174,943.54</u>	<u>\$462,375.72</u>
<u>SARANAC LTG.</u>	<u>57,511.86</u>	<u>57,511.86</u>
<u>STANDISH LTG</u>	<u>7,276.91</u>	<u>7,276.91</u>
<u>GENERAL/RESERVE</u>	<u>186,553.32</u>	<u>186,553.32</u>
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	<u>96,386.57</u>	<u>96,386.57</u>
<u>HIGHWAY</u>	<u>230,879.08</u>	<u>979,100.21</u>
<u>ROADS/BRIDGES</u>	<u>74,150.52</u>	<u>74,150.52</u>
<u>REDFORD WATER</u>	<u>60,790.08</u>	<u>67,330.25</u>
<u>STANDISH WATER</u>	<u>5,413.06</u>	<u>7,717.76</u>
<u>SARANAC WATER</u>	<u>8,696.47</u>	<u>12,234.44</u>

Expenditures in January \$185,148.38

Revenues in January 9,043.17

TAX COLLECTION REPORT

Total to be collected \$ 1,673,667.32

Collected 1/29/07 648,229.44

Collected 2/22/07 1,025,437.88

Left to be collected \$ 0.00

WATER TAX COLLECTION REPORT:

	<i>To Collect</i>	<i>Collected to date</i>	<i>Left to Collect</i>
<i>Redford Water</i>	<i>\$21,190.00</i>	<i>\$6,825</i>	<i>\$14,365</i>
<i>Standish Water</i>	<i>\$11,340.00</i>	<i>\$2,520</i>	<i>\$ 8,820</i>
<i>Saranac Water</i>	<i>\$ 11,280.00</i>	<i>\$ 3,760</i>	<i>\$ 7,520</i>

*Insurance:*

*Supervisor Joe Gerardi & Councilmen Gary Tedford had a meeting with Brian LaPier From Northern Insuring Company. They reviewed & updated all the current coverage the town has. The Premium Cost for the 2006/07 was \$43,766.88 this year 2007/08 will be \$45,201.69.*

*Taxes-* *In the January (Today) article regarding 2007 town budgets- all towns in the report (Plattsburgh, Peru, Beetmantown, Schuylar Falls, & Dannemora) show increases from 2006 more than Saranac's.*

*The Supervisor wanted to point out the Town's total new money went up 3.3%. The second lowest in our area.*

*Zurlo- Dog Licenses-*

*The amount of \$496.98 was sent by the Clinton County Treasurers Office for the year of 2006 for the Dog licenses that the Town Clerk collects throughout the year. That is a percentage of the total revenue for the year 2006.*

*Advantage Energy account:*

*There are 13 Utility Accounts in all. The Town has been getting bills from both Advantage Energy & NYSEG, two different accounts. As of right now the Town has a fixed rate until the end of this year, with Advantage as the supplier. At the end of the year the Supervisor will look into which company has the better rates.*

***Highway Superintendent's Report:***

*Lee Vann reports:*

*They are in the process getting mining permits for the Lamkins pit and the pit up on the Nashville Road. A survey needed to be done and new maps drawn up for the mining plan. In the past the Highway Department has run into clay & water, so they switched directions.*

*So that's where the new maps are needed. As of now, the department is just waiting on the permits to be issued.*

*Lee has had some complaints about mailboxes being hit. The Highway Superintendent asks anyone with a complaint, comments or any issues to please call him. The Highway workers do not hit the mailboxes intentionally.*

*Beth Stevens from the Key Club at Saranac Central School is looking into the club adopting one of the Towns roads (True Brook Rd). The Highway department will have to supply them with hard hats, and garage bags. Further review in the months to follow.*

**Reports:**

**Water Districts:**

**Redford:**

*Bob Blair reports:*

*A meeting with Greg Timmons of Peru, Certified WTPO-*

*Greg has agreed to sign all Redford Water's report, if need be.*

*He is certified Water Treatment Operator in the Town of Peru.*

*Meeting with John Karnoza of CCHD-*

*Waiting to get information from the Engineer on what will be done on Elm Street & Spruce Street because of the pressure issue. They are talking about putting in a small pump. For further review.*

**Standish:**

*Gary Tedford reports:*

*Regarding water unit- Supervisor comments on the Advisory Board updating their by-laws, so Patti his secretary will know the rules about the units and what to tell the customers when they come in to pay their bill, or she receives a call.*

**Saranac:**

Mike Tedford reports:

Glenn Hamel has been working along side of Julie Johnson.

He is close to getting his license for Water Treatment Operator.

**Code Officer's report:**

Eugene Dickerman reports:

February 2007

<u>Date</u>	<u>name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of Const.</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Fee</u>
2/2107	Pamlea Brothers	Route #374	Rehab HSE	\$15,000	\$64.00
2/25/07	Keith Smith	2 Maple Street Redford	Garage	\$ 14,000	\$ 51.25
TOTAL				\$ 29,000	\$ 114.25

35 Calls while on vacation

**Dog Control Officer's reports:**

Report is attached to these minutes.

**Community Outreach Program:**

Cindy Waldron reports:

Month of January (1-22-2007-2-23-2007)

163 # Visits to center for all services including clothes, toys, household goods items.

18 # of trips coordinated to medical appointments.

26 # household received Emergency Food.

19 # monthly Food Co-op purchased.

44 # Volunteer hours were given to the center.

9 # Information & referral.

31 # HEAP applications.

ARP tax Assistance Preparation 2007 schedule:

MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> thru MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> – Wed & Thur 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Fri & Sat 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> thru APRIL 13<sup>th</sup> Wed & Thur 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Senior Citizens Council, 5139 North Catherine Street, No appointments- First come first served basis only!

**Recreations:**

Bob Blair reports:

Everything is going well.

**Assessor:**

Steve Petrashune reports:

NYS real property selling rate- based on 34 homes is 93.44%

From the past 2-3 years the homes that were sold in the town were on the average higher than what their assessments were.

Special franchise full value notice-

1 million dollar value. That is the value of all the right a ways of the town. Meaning- poles, wires, road ways, and more.

Need to name member to Board of Review

There are three people on the review board as of now

Mr. Robert LaClair, Mr. Edward Liberty, Jr. & Mr. Kevin Lutzky.

Mr. Lutzky will no longer be able to be on the Board so the Town Board needs to appoint one new member.

The Town Board has to appoint a member for the Board of review.

**Resolution 24 -07**

Ellen Lamora as Board of Review member-

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

GARY-YES

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JOE-YES

**Planning Board:**

*Mike Tedford reports:*

*Planning Board had meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February. Craig Von Barga (Planning Board member) reported to the Town Board about a few topics that were discussed at the meeting. Solar panels, looking into visiting local business, putting a report in the Town Crier letting the public be aware of all the new ideas and special activities the Planning Board is looking to have available for the coming future. Craig Von Barga & Cindy Waldron will be attending a Planning Board meeting in the Town of Plattsburgh in the month of March.*

**Senior Citizens:**

*Phil Rice reports:*

*He plans on trying to meet with them monthly. To listen to any ideas or issues they might have.*

**Saranac Fire Department:**

*Gary Tedford reports:*

*They had their banquet on February 10, 2007.*

*They opened bids (fire truck) – received 2 bids and will be deciding on Wednesday night which one they will be purchasing.*

**Building:**

*Bob Blair reports:*

*Heat problem over at the Town Court building*

*Glen switched the thermometer. Its seem to be working better.*

**Newsletter, Website, Saranac Central School:**

*Joe Gerardi reports:*

*New art work is up in the Town Hall, from the Elementary School students.*

*Website is under construction.*

*The supervisor's secretary updated all the mailing labels for the Town Crier.*

**Historian:**

*Jan Couture reports:*

*Jan wasn't at meeting. No report at this time.*

**Attorney:**

*Frank Zappala reports:*

*Frank wasn't present at meeting.*

*Supervisor (Joe Gerardi) has given the Town's attorney five different town matters for him to look over after which time; action will take place on the issues at hand.*

**Unfinished Business:**

*Historical Markers:*

*Cindy Waldron reports:*

*Everything is going well and they are continuing to work on them.*

*Church Street Property:*

*Rocky Wood's property*

*The information is in the hands of the attorney.*

*More information next meeting.*

**New Business:**

*Councilmen Goals for 2007 year:*

*Phil Rice- would like to see about getting a social hour or coffee break for the younger families, people that don't get out much or unable to socialize with different people.*

*Like a play date with different local residents & kids.*

*Gary Tedford- would like to see a shed or lean-to built down at the Town garage, so that some of the heavy equipment could be kept out of the bad weather.*

*Mike Tedford- would like to see two nice welcome signs on each end of the town.*

*Tax Collector discussion:*

*Shirley Otten will not be running for the Tax Collector in the up coming elections.*

*The subject was brought up to combine the Town Clerk/Tax Collector together.*

*There are nine other towns in our county that have this position and four towns where the jobs are kept separate. After some discussion on the matter the Town Council decided to take no action at this time.*

2010 Census – three options for the town:

Phil Rice & Gary Tedford went to the meeting down in New York City.  
Phil Rice will be attending meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>. For further review.

HAVA update:

A new ramp for the Handicap access to the Town Hall for voters will be built in the spring to meet the requirements needed.

Chamber of Commerce:

Champlain, Black Brook, Peru, Plattsburgh, and Beekmantown.  
The supervisor would like to have the Town of Saranac become members of the Chamber of Commerce. \$150.00 to become member. All Board members agreed to the idea.

**Questions, Comments, Petitions from the floor:**

Damian Gormley and Monica Clark –are members of the Adirondack Farmer's Market Cooperative and Heifer International's Northern New York Farmer's Partnership. They will be opening a Farmer's Market / Store, which will be located on Route #3 where the Historical Ansen's Store used to be. They plan to consign space for produce, crafts, flowers, herbs, meat, and dairy from local farmers. The Property is owned by Charles Brienza. Preparing to open will be roughly in the month on May.  
More information will be in the next Town Crier.

**Resolution 25-2007**

**Pay Audit Warrants:**

**AUTHORIZATION to PAY WARRANTS:**

Resolved to Pay Warrants by: Bob Blair (C) second by: Phil Rice (C)

GARY-YES

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JOE-YES

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm

Next regular board meeting will be March 2, 2007, at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Bell  
Town Clerk

