

**TOWN OF SARANAC  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 23, 2009, 7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL**

**Members Present:**

*Joe Gerardi (Supervisor)  
Philip Rice (Councilman)  
Robert Blair (Councilman)  
Michael Tedford (Councilman)  
Gerald Delaney (Councilman)  
Mary Bell (Town Clerk)  
Stephen Petrashune (Assessor)  
Leo Vann (Highway Superintendent)  
Mark White (Tax Collector)  
Cindy Waldron (JCEO)  
Jeff Residorf (Code Officer)  
Mark Plumadore (Dog Control Officer)*

*Also attending meeting: Michele Petrashune, Joyce Ryan, Sylvia Newman, Warren Newman, Damian Gormley, Kathy Donnery, and Joe Donnery.*

*Supervisor, Joe Gerardi opened meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Joyce Ryan led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**Resolution 28-2009**

*Consideration of the minutes, for meeting on February 23, 2009.*

*Resolved to accept minutes by: Phil Rice (C) second by: Joe Gerardi (S)*

*PHIL RICE –YES*

*BOB BLAIR-YES*

*MIKE TEDFORD-YES*

*JERRY DELANEY-YES*

*JOE GERARDI-YES*

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

*Mark Plumadore asked a question about if there is a law or rules about vehicles blocking vision for people unable to see traffic leaving conveniences store. Many times he has been unable to leave the store without taking a chance on getting in an accident because of the blind spots that these vehicles. The Town Board believes there are laws pertaining to the problem and advised Mr. Plumadore to contact the State police.*

**Correspondence:**

**Maria Frei, True Brook Road:**

*Letter from Mrs. Frei, with concern about opening forest area for public use.*

**Mary Jane Conners, Life Flight:**

*The Town received letter from Mary Jane Conners, on behalf of the citizens served by North Country Life Flight, extending sincere appreciation for the Towns support of Flight Life.*

**Supervisor's Report:**

*Financial report:           **Resolution 29-2009***

*Motion to accept Saving Account Balance:*

*By: Bob Blair (C) second by: Jerry Delaney(C)*

*PHIL RICE-YES*

*BOB BLAIIR-YES*

*MIKE TEDFORD-YES*

*JERRY DELANEY-YES*

*JOE GERARDI-YES*

**SAVING ACCOUNT BALANCE**

	<i>As of 2-28-09</i>	<i>As of 3-18-09</i>
<i>General</i>	<i>\$387,087.53</i>	<i>\$385,337.65</i>

<u>Saranac Ltg.</u>	<u>41,665.13</u>	<u>41,665.13</u>
<u>Standish Ltg.</u>	<u>5,200.26</u>	<u>5,200.26</u>
<u>General/Reserve</u>	<u>201,428.32</u>	<u>201,428.32</u>
<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>74,464.59</u>	<u>74,464.59</u>
<u>Highway</u>	<u>995,844.90</u>	<u>1,024,364.59</u>
<u>Roads/Bridges</u>	<u>185,987.89</u>	<u>185,987.89</u>
<u>Redford Water</u>	<u>86,754.66</u>	<u>91,362.01</u>
<u>Standish Water</u>	<u>15,705.61</u>	<u>17,955.61</u>
<u>Saranac Water</u>	<u>12,032.87</u>	<u>13,384.15</u>
<u>Saranac Water Filtration Project</u>	<u>\$20,098.98</u>	<u>\$ 20,098.98</u>

Expenditures in February \$138,402.16

Revenues in February 52,400.28

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

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Tax Collection Report:

Total to be Collected \$ 1,793,041.09

Collected 01-26-09 526,421.09

Collected 02-02-09 400,000.00

Collected 02-22-09 866,620.00

Left to be collected \$0.00

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Water Tax Collection Report:

	<u>To Collect</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Left to Collect</u>
<u>Redford</u>	<u>\$24,600</u>	<u>\$16,575</u>	<u>\$8,025</u>
<u>Standish</u>	<u>13,500</u>	<u>8,425</u>	<u>5,075</u>
<u>Saranac</u>	<u>17,520</u>	<u>11,315</u>	<u>6,205</u>

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Request for insurance coverage for open men’s basketball at Saranac High School:  
The Town Board received a request for insurance, for open men’s basketball, that uses the School gyms. The Town Board does not have coverage for them.

Request to use town hall for SCS students for SAT study:  
There was a request for use of the Town Hall for students to study for the SAT. They will be meeting on Monday & Wednesday nights from 4-5:30 p.m.

Sections 26 & 28 of state budget proposal:  
Mary Bell, Town Clerk reports that Governor Patterson has slipped an amendment in the state budget to change elected Town Clerk position to an appointed position. Mrs. Bell opposes the idea and has sent out several letters to senators, and assemblymen and assemblywoman for there support.  
26 & 28 proposal would permit a Town Board to convert the office of Town Clerk from an elected to appointed position, subject to a permissive referendum. This would be devastating impact on local governments and result in the direct disenfranchisement of the voters of New York State.

Back-up server for the Town’s files:  
The Supervisor is waiting for a quote to see the amount it would cost the town for back-up server.

Meeting with Alex King, 4-H educator—summer Program:

Supervisor, Joe Gerardi met with Alexa King regarding a summer program the 4-H is trying to organize. She would like to put an article in the Town Crier, looking for what interest the kids in town would like or be interested in doing this summer.

PERMA- Safety, Motivation and Behavior Workshop:

There was a meeting on March 18, 2009 Supervisor, Joe Gerardi and Councilman Phil Rice attended the meeting and Mr. Rice commented that it was very interesting meeting.

**Highway Superintendent's Report:**

Lee Vann reports:

The sides of the roads are still frozen.

The men are out cutting trees along the sides of the road, The Superintendent asked if anyone has trees down or hanging hazards, please call the town garage so they can take care of the problem.

The Superintendent is looking into using a lift for tree removal, this comes in with shared services with other towns.

There will be a meeting next week with the Insurance Adjuster. ( Waiting for more details on out come)

The lunch room and office at the garage has been making a little head way, there was water damage, due to water pipe broke, so clean up is in process now.

The Highway has been putting white markers on the road, (Ganong Drive) for one, looking for core samples.

Ganong Drive has a lot of drainage issues that the Superintendent will be looking into repairing.

The Supervisor thanked Mr. Vann (Highway Superintendent) for coming to all the Town Board meetings. He commented that some Superintendents from other towns aren't present at meetings.

**Water Reports:**

Water Districts

**Redford Water:**

Bob Blair reports:

*The AWQR was accepted by the Clinton County Health Department*

**Standish Water:**

Jerry Delaney reports:

*The AWQR was accepted by the Clinton County Health Department-*

**Saranac Water:**

Mike Tedford reports:

*The AWQR was accepted by the Clinton County Health Department-*

*Stimulus grant applied for online.*

*The Town has applied online for grant money for Saranac and Standish Water Districts and is waiting for response.*

Engineer's latest updates:

*Andrew C. Abdallah, (Engineer) sent letter to a New York State Department of Health (Steve Marshall) with plans- design, regarding the filtration project that needs to be done for the Saranac water district. The engineer is now waiting to hear back from Steve Marshall (New York State Department of Health).*

Town Hall:

*Is now a water system.*

**Code Officer's Report:**

Jeff Reisdorf reports:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Structure</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<i>LaVarnway Construction</i>	<i>Tedford's 3440 RT #3</i>	<i>Store Bldg.</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
<i>Craig &amp; Anne Patterson</i>	<i>Town Line Rd.</i>	<i>Storage Bldg.</i>	<i>\$39.00</i>

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**Dog Control Officer's Report:**

*Report is attached to these minutes.*

**Community Outreach Center:**

*Cindy Waldron reports:*

*(February 23-09—March 20-09)*

*121 # Visits to center for all services including clothes, toys, books, household items.*

*7 # Rides coordinated to medical appointments.*

*10 # Households received emergency food.*

*18 # Purchased monthly Co-op.*

*30 # Volunteer hours given to center.*

*18 # Information & referral (health insurance, senior programs, weatherization, and housing)*

*11 # HEAP applications.*

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**Recreation:**

*Bob Blair reports:*

*Nothing at this time.*

**Assessor:**

*Steve Petrashune reports:*

*Annual Aid- \$5,806.50 was received for a successful completion of an annual reassessment on our 2008 assessment roll.*

*Steve is working on tentative roll now.*

**Appoint two members to Board of Assessment Review:**

*Ed Liberty –vacancy to fill until 09-03-09*

*Robert LeClair vacancy term until 09-30-2013*

*Gary Tedford will be new member*

*Harold Ryan will be new member*

**Resolution 30-2009**

*Motion to accept Mr. Tedford to fill Ed Liberty's vacancy by: Jerry Delaney (C) second by: Bob Blair (C)*

*PHIL RICE-YES*

*BOB BLAIR-YES*

*MIKE TEDFORD-YES*

*JERRY DELANEY-YES*

*JOE GERARDI-YES*

**Resolution 31-2009**

*Motion to accept Mr. Ryan to fill Robert LeClair's vacancy by: Phil Rice (C) second by: Bob Blair (C)*

*PHIL RICE-YES*

*BOB BLAIR-YES*

*MIKE TEDFORD-YES*

*JERRY DELANEY-YES*

*JOE GERARDI-YES*

**Planning Board:**

*Jerry Delaney reports:*

*There will be a meeting on March 25, 2009, Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.*

*One topic will be about starting of the Advisories Committee.*

**Senior Citizens:**

*Phil Rice reports:*

*Nothing at this time.*

**Saranac Fire Department:**

*Mike Tedford reports:*

*Nothing at this time.*

**Building:**

*Bob Blair reports:  
Nothing at this time.*

**Newsletters, Website, Saranac Central School:**

*Mrs. Joyce Ryan (Editor) of the Town Crier comments that the next Crier will be coming out in May.*

**Historian:**

*Jan Couture reports:  
Nothing at this time.*

**Attorney**

*Frank is not present at this meeting, however Supervisor (Joe Gerardi) reports that the case of Town of Saranac vs. Reed will be held in Black Brook Town Court, The trial is scheduled for March 25, 2009.*

**Unfinished Business:**

**Poff vs. Town of Saranac:**

*The Town received letter regarding the lawsuit from the Poff's vs. the Town of Saranac. The letter states that the case has been ruled in favor of the Town.*

**Web video update:**

*The college students that are putting together the web video will be taping the Tuesday morning children's group. Also they will be going to Redford to tape the 100 year old carousel.*

**New Business:**

**Project Advisory Committee for LWRP:**

*The Town Board is looking for volunteers to serve on the Project Advisory Committee.*

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

*Mr. Gormley would like to get the some Scouts to participate, with clean up day for Earth day. The Highway Superintendent has orange vests for the scouts to wear and some equipment they may use. Mr. Gormley will get together with the Superintendent to go over details of the event.*

**Authorization to Pay Audited Warrants:**

*Pay Warrants:*

**Resolution 32-2009**

*Motion to pay bills by: Jerry Delaney (C) second by: Phil Rice (C)*

*PHIL RICE-YES*

*BOB BLAIR-YES*

*MIKE TEDFORD-YES*

*JERRY DELANEY-YES*

*JOE GERARDI –YES*

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. The next board meeting will be on April 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mary Bell*

*Town Clerk*