

*TOWN OF SARANAC
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 24, 2008, 7:00 PM TOWN HALL*

Members present:

*Joe Gerardi (Supervisor)
Philip Rice (Councilman)
Robert Blair (Councilman)
Michael Tedford (Councilman)
Gerald Delaney (Councilman)
Leo Bell (Deputy Town Clerk)
Leo Vann (Highway Superintendent)
Cindy Waldron (JCEO)
Steve Petrashune (Assessor)*

Also attending meeting: Michele Petrashune, Todd Perry, Marla Perry, Nancy Dow, Bruce Kilgore, Barton Charland, Sylvia Newman, Michael Hynes, Samantha Dashnaw, Damian Gormly, Monica Clark, Cody Plumadore, Alexie Haley, and Mark White.

Supervisor (Joe Gerardi) opened meeting at 7:00 p.m. Cody Plumadore led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of silence for Eugene Dickerman (Code Enforcement Officer) Gene passed away Friday March 14, 2008. Gene was a pure gentleman and served the Town for over 14 years, he will be missed.

Consideration of Minutes of February 25, 2008 meeting.

Resolution 19-2008

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by: Bob Blair(C) second by: Phil Rice(C)

PHIL- YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JERRY-YES

JOE-YES

<i>Building Fund</i>	<i>101,224.30</i>	<i>101,224.30</i>
<i>Highway</i>	<i>942,779.07</i>	<i>961,336.18</i>
<i>Roads & Bridges</i>	<i>133,385.09</i>	<i>133,579.03</i>
<i>Redford Water</i>	<i>78,186.28</i>	<i>83,866.40</i>
<i>Standish Water</i>	<i>10,764.72</i>	<i>15,384.72</i>
<i>Saranac Water</i>	<i>15,075.96</i>	<i>19,384.28</i>
<i>Expenditures in February</i>		<i>\$ 133,520.89</i>
<i>Revenues in February</i>		<i>\$ 5,580.44</i>

TAX COLLECTION REPORT:

<i>TO COLLECT:</i>	<i>\$ 1,694,646.00</i>
<i>COLLECTED (1-28-08)</i>	<i>\$ 499,575.15</i>
<i>COLLECTED (2-22-08)</i>	<i>\$ 1,194,770.85</i>
<i>LEFT TO BE COLLECTED:</i>	<i>-0-</i>

WATER TAX COLLECTION REPORT:

<i>DISTRICT</i>	<i>To Collect</i>	<i>Collected</i>	<i>Left to Collect</i>
<i>Redford</i>	<i>\$21,190.00</i>	<i>\$13,390.00</i>	<i>\$ 7,800.00</i>
<i>Standish</i>	<i>\$11,880.00</i>	<i>\$ 7,040.00</i>	<i>\$ 4,840.00</i>
<i>Saranac</i>	<i>\$11,760.00</i>	<i>\$ 8,820.00</i>	<i>\$ 2,940.00</i>

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Letter of support for Camp Gabriel's:
The Camp will no longer be closing, which is good news.

Request to serve on Clinton County Centralized Property Tax Administration Program Committee:

The County has applied for, and was awarded; grant funding through the New York State Office of Real Property Services Centralized Property Tax Administration Program (CPTAP) was established to develop more integrated and cooperative efforts among municipal governments that will reduce the redundancy and cost of essential real property assessment activity within counties. They are forming a committee to study the present administration of real property tax in Clinton County. Supervisor (Joe Gerardi) will be on the Committee, but he's not in favor of the County taking over.

Charter Update:

Update information on Charter Cable for the Town of Saranac. The Supervisor has been working hard on trying to get Charter Cable system, more areas throughout the Town of Saranac. Charter will be sending out letters to certain area asking how many people would be interested in becoming Charter Cable customer.

Meeting with Supervisors and Tax Collectors:

The Tax collector (Mark White) speaks about the meeting. The County is looking into trying to come up with a program, including all 14 towns in Clinton County they are trying to cut down cost for local Government so the taxes can go down and the tax payers get a relief.

Meeting with TD Bank North:

The Supervisor (Joe) and his Secretary (Patti) had a meeting with TD Bank North Vice President (Tim Minahan) and business Manager (Patti LaGoy) They did a presentation on what TD North would have as banking opinions for the Town. The Town has had Key Bank in Dannemora N.Y. for years now, but there were some fees that were on the account that has the Town concerned about. After speaking with Bonnie Pellerin (Key manager) all fees have been removed. The town will keep Key Bank as our Bank, as long as there doesn't become a continuous problem.

Smart Grants report:

There were a total of 51 proposals that were submitted from across the Adirondack Park, of which 18 were chosen for funding. The Town of Saranac applied for the grant but has been informed we were not one of the 18 which were chosen. Still waiting for the response from the other grant.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

The build up of ice on the roads have been a problem.

They are out of salt. There is still some sand.

All Town Roads are posted, and will remain posted until the Highways Superintendent takes them down.

Leo wants to thank everyone who dropped off food and drinks at the garage during the long hours of plowing the men had to do.

Water Reports:

Redford Water:

Bob Blair reports:

The annual reports are due this month.

Standish Water:

Gerald Delaney reports:

Annual reports are due this month.

Saranac Water:

Mike Tedford reports:

Annual reports are due this month.

Call from our Engineer, we have to drill a well or water filters. Waiting for more information from the Engineer. For further review.

Code Officer:

Bill Lacount is filling in the as Code officer. The ad will run in the paper for job opening and interview will follow.

03/06/2008-03/20/2008

Debbie Brooks- inspection- 14 Standish Road

Cathy Pellerin- fire inspection- Big Daddy's Rest.

Michelle Coulon – day care inspection- 43 Douglas Rd.

Jeanne Jabault- foster care inspection- 3417 Rt #3

Nancy Keysor called regarding starting a home based business.

Dog Control Officer's report:

Report is attached to these minutes.

Outreach Center Program:

Cindy Waldron reports:

2/25/08-3/21/08

120 # Visits to Center for all services including clothes, toys, and household items.

11 # trips coordinated to medical appointments.

10 # Households received Emergency Food.

10 # Monthly Food Co-op purchased.

32 # Volunteer hours given to the Center.

30 # Information & referral.

25 # HEAP applications (fuel, electrical termination, furnace repair/replace).

Cindy has the 1040 A stimulus payment forms and has been making them out for seniors to send.

Second Emergency HEAP grant released.

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Recreation:

Bob Blair reports:

Nothing at this time.

Assessor report:

Steve Petrashune reports:

New Assessments are recorded at County in the books, however all books are blocked at this time. Anyone wanting their new assessments needs to see Steve.

Planning Board:

Nothing at this time.

Senior Citizens:

Phil Rice reports:

Nothing at this time.

Saranac Fire Department:

Gerald Delaney reports:

Ambulance is going back to Dannemora.

Buildings:

Bob Blair reports:

Nothing at this time.

Newsletter, Website, Saranac Central School:

Joe Gerardi reports:

Website is up and running, need some updates. Artwork is up in the Town Hall.

Historian:

Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

Nothing at this time

Unfinished Business

Request for Street Lighting:

NYSEG purposes the following for lighting request for the Courthouse parking lot, and the intersection of Hank Wilson road and Duquette. The Supervisor asks all Councilmen to review the letter and they all will discuss the matter.

JCAP Grant:

Our court will receive grant money for video cameras for out /inside the building for safety issues.

New Business:

Support for Adirondack Wilderness Challenge:

Resolution 21-2008

Motion by: Joe Gerardi(S) second by: Phil Rice

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JERRY-YES

JOE-YES

RESOLUTION 21-2008

Whereas: The intertwined North Country economy, which includes the Office of Children and Family Services Adirondack Wilderness Challenge in Schuyler Falls, depends on a sustainable community which benefits the state as a whole, and

Whereas: The contention that the Adirondack Wilderness Challenge was functioning under capacity and therefore a prime candidate for closure is an invalid conclusion since the under capacity situation is a direct result of OCFS's administration decisions not to send residents to that program and not at all an accurate reflection on program successes,

Whereas: A recidivism study done in 2003 shows that the recidivism rate at the AWC was at 34%, well below the recidivism rate of other OCFS traditional programs, and

Whereas: Comptroller's Report 2001-D-5 states the AWC is "...less expensive to run than traditional residential treatment..." and states that the average cost per placement in the traditional residential programs is \$84,357 per year versus the \$64,161 at the AWC,

Be it therefore RESOLVED:

That the Town Board of Saranac opposes the closing of the Adirondack Wilderness Challenge and supports all efforts to keep the viable program functioning as it has in the past.

Meeting with Community Development Consultant:

Gerald Delaney (Councilman) and Joe Gerardi (Supervisor) met with Melissa McManus about the Saranac Industrial Site Project. She has done investigation of the site, and inventory. 40 acre parcel, located in the Towns of Saranac and Plattsburgh.

Frontage: Prison Road off Route #374.

12 miles from Plattsburgh /interstate 87.

They will be meeting next month for more information.

Farmers Market:

Jane Desotelle spoke about the farmer markets in the area. They are looking into have local vendors have a farmers market under the Town Hall pavilion.

More information in the months to follow.

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Floor:

The Supervisor thanks the Boy Scouts for coming tonight.

Authorization to Pay Warrants:

Resolution 22-2008

APPROVAL to PAY WARRANTS:

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

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JERRY-YES

JOE-YES

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M. The next regular board meeting will be April 28, 2008, at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Leo M. Bell
(Deputy Town Clerk)

