

**TOWN OF SARANAC
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 27, 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)
Stephan Petrashune (Assessor)
Leo Vann (Highway Superintendent)
Mark White (Tax Collector)
Mark Plumadore (Dog Control Officer)
Cindy Waldron (JCEO Director)*

Also attending meeting: Warren Newman, Sylvia Newman, Michele Petrashune, Ronny Rascoe, Dustin Gratto and Brianna Boliver.

Supervisor, Joe Gerardi opened meeting at 7:00 p.m. Stephen Petrashune led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution 33-2009

Consideration of the Minutes for meeting on March 23, 2009.

Motion to except Minutes with changes on page 2, by: Joe Gerardi (S) second by: Bob Blair(C)

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JERRY-YES

JOE-YES

Questions, Comments, Petitions, from the floor:

Ronny Rascoe came to the Board tonight asking about the abandoned eastern portion of Clinton Street. He would like to build a garage, but unsure of the road that once was there, if it was just a dead end and if the Town owns the road. The Highway Superintendent found Resolution 39-90 stating that the road be made a dead end road, due to hazardous situation. Also in the resolution it states that The Town has no use for the abandon eastern portion of Clinton Street and the property will revert back to the owners.

The Board advised Mr. Rascoe they have no ties to the property now, and he should contact his lawyer.

Correspondence:

Jennifer Drollette, CC Health Department Neighborhoods Program:

The Healthy Neighborhoods Program of the Clinton County Health Department will be conducting door-door health and safety assessments in the Town of Saranac from April 1, 2009 until June 30, 2009. (HNP) is a grant-funded program through New York State Department of Health. There is more information on the JCEO report by JCEO director Cindy Waldron.

Quadracentennial Committee, T-shirt promotion:

The Committee is doing a promotion, Selling T-shirts for \$10.00 each & Polo Shirts \$20.00 each. Anyone interested in purchasing the shirts may call 518-293-8160 between 8 AM. - 4 PM. They are available at the Town of Champlain office At 729 Route #9 Champlain NY.

DOCS, Notice to bidders for farm lands leases:

The New York Department of Correctional Services, in cooperation with the NYS Office of General Services offers a bid package for the purpose of soliciting bids for farm lands located at or near the Department's Correctional Facilities.

Anyone interested in requesting a Bid package may contact The Bureau of Land Management at the NYS Office of General Services at 518-474-2195.

Charter, Chapter 11 notice:

Over the past few months Charter has been communicating with the Town about their financial restructuring process. Charter is continuing to focus on enhancing products and services in our area.

K. Ludgate, Regional Director US Census, notification:

Between April and July of 2009, the U.S. Census employees will be visiting every housing unit in every neighborhood of our Community. The Census employees will wear official identification and carry a hand-held computer to capture physical addresses and their GPS coordinates.

G. Michaels, Asst. Attorney General, www.sunlightny.org address:

The Supervisor received a letter from Glen Michaels regarding the Sunlight 2.0 web site. AG Cuomo began project Sunlight in 2007 in order to bring state government information into the open for public review. Sunlight 2.0 will enable most anyone to understand the workings of the state and local government and the use of taxpayer dollars. Anyone interested the web site is www.sunlightny.org.

Supervisor's Report:

Financial report:

Resolution 34-2009

Motion to accept Saving Account Balance:

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

PHIL RICE-YES

BOB BLAIR-YES

MIKE TEDFORD-YES

JERRY DELANEY-YES

JOE GERARDI –YES

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE

	<i>As of 3-31-09</i>	<i>As of 4-22-09</i>
<u>General</u>	<u>\$ 333,411.02</u>	<u>\$ 328,698.03</u>

<i>Saranac Lgt.</i>	<i>39,128.69</i>	<i>39,128.69</i>
<i>Standish Lgt.</i>	<i>4,956.02</i>	<i>4,956.02</i>
<i>General/Reserve</i>	<i>201,428.32</i>	<i>201,428.32</i>
<i>Building Fund</i>	<i>74,464.59</i>	<i>74,464.59</i>
<i>Highway</i>	<i>956,635.80</i>	<i>976,936.64</i>
<i>Roads & Bridges</i>	<i>186,066.89</i>	<i>186,066.89</i>
<i>Redford Water</i>	<i>94,433.01</i>	<i>95,635.46</i>
<i>Standish Water</i>	<i>18,690.40</i>	<i>18,841.90</i>
<i>Saranac Water</i>	<i>17,065.45</i>	<i>17,585.31</i>
<i>Saranac Water F/P</i>	<i>20,107.51</i>	<i>20,107.51</i>

Expenditures in March *\$158,102.64*
Revenues in March *\$ 58,415.15*

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

Water Tax Collection Report:

	<i>To Collect</i>	<i>Collected</i>	<i>Left to Collect:</i>
<i>Redford Water</i>	<i>24,600</i>	<i>18,600</i>	<i>6,000</i>
<i>Standish Water</i>	<i>13,500</i>	<i>8,750</i>	<i>4,750</i>
<i>Saranac Water</i>	<i>17,520</i>	<i>13,870</i>	<i>3,650</i>

D. De Silva, SUNY Professor, invitation:

An invitation for anyone in Town to the “premiere” screening of the Town of Saranac “Gateway to the Northern Adirondacks”. May 11, 2009 at S.U.N.Y. Plattsburgh, Yokum Hall, Room 202 at 12:30 pm. A video that the college students have been working on for the Town for the industrial Project.

Request for Correctional work crew to lunch at pavilion:

The Town received a request for use of the pavilion for the Correctional crew to eat lunch there. They are working on the Saranac Cemetery. The Supervisor has given them permission.

Community Art Connection:

Art work that is up in the Town Hall, that the Supervisor (Mr. Gerardi) and Ms. Sadue (Art Teacher) has came up with a name “Community Art Connection”, It’s an opportunity for the art for to be publicly in locations outside of the school. So far the program has displayed the art of 99 different Saranac Central School students.

Repair of Redford Glass Exhibit:

Mr. Mark Sperle and his son were able to fix the exhibit that they made for Travis’s Eagle Scout project. The strong winds had blown it over which lead to damage. The exhibit is back up and looks good.

Wooden Signs from Camp Gabriel:

Mike Tedford has been in the process of getting wooden signs made up for our Town. Due to the closing of Camp Gabriel, the man who is doing the signs is first man to leave there, the signs are up in the air right now. There will be more information in the coming months.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

Lee Vann reports:

March & April there has been good weather conditions for the Highway Department to get some work done. They have started picking up sand, off the sides of the roads.

Anyone wanting sand must call the garage and put your name on the list.

The Posted Roads signs came down on April 13, 2009.

There were a lot of trees that were needed to be cut; the men have been doing that.

The price of steel hasn't gone down.

Culverts have gone up in price 13 %.

The Superintendent will be going around checking the Town Roads; if any Council Members would like to go with him they are welcome too.

Part of the Ganong Drive will be paved this summer, from Picketts Corners end, up to the UMC Road.

Due to Insurance purposes, the Property which is owned by the Town of Saranac (Old Fire station) on Ganong Drive. The Town of Saranac will be posting a sign up for no use of parking lot. The Council will discuss the proper wording for the sign and than it will be place at the location so on one will using property for their own use.

Water Reports:

Redford Water:

Bob Blair reports:

There are two inquiries for Redford Water:

Two residents from Redford would like to have the water go their homes, one is on Elm Street and the other was on Farrell Road. They need to speak with the Water Advisory Board about that issue.

Standish Water:

Jerry Delaney reports:

There was a compliment to Glenn Hamel for the nice job he has done on the teeter-totters.

Saranac Water:

Mike Tedford reports:

We are still waiting to hear from Albany, to okay engineer's plans for the Filtration Project.

Code officer's report:

There is no report this month.

The Code Officer is out on vacation this week and will return next week.

Dog Control Officer's report:

The report is attached to these minutes.

Community Outreach Program:

Cindy Waldron reports:

(March 23, 09 -April 24, 09)

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

13 # rides coordinated to medical appointments.

7 # household received emergency food.

39 # purchased monthly co-op.

75 # volunteer hours given to center.

20 # information & referrals (health insurance, Red Cross, Senior Programs, weatherization, housing ect.)

2 # HEAP applications.

Healthy Neighborhood Program is a program designed to help improve the personal health, safety and environmental living conditions of homes in Clinton County.

A short health & safety survey is done and touches on fire, lead, indoor air, asthma and tobacco cessation. Based on the outcome the home may be eligible for smoke & carbon Monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, child safety products (locks, safety gates) allergen Barrier mattress & pillow covers, dust wipes, cleaning supplies, first aid kits, flashlights, bath treads, tobacco cessation products.

They will also do referrals to other Clinton County agencies & programs. The number # is 565-4993 to speak to an educator, or I do referral.

Recreation:

Bob Blair reports:

Bob asks if the fuel tank from the court building has been moved yet. The tank has not been moved as of today.

Assessor:

Steve Petrashune reports:

Filing tentative roll on Friday the May 1st, 2009

Planning Board:

Jerry Delaney reports:

Nothing at this time.

Senior Citizens:

Phil Rice reports:

The seniors have their meetings on the 3rd week once a month, Phil plans on attending the next meeting.

Saranac Fire Department:

Mike Tedford reports:

Nothing at this time.

Building:

Bob Blair reports:

Nothing at this time.

Newsletter, Website, SCS:

Joe Gerardi reports:

There is artwork up in the Town Hall.

Historian:

Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

Town of Saranac vs the Reeds

The Court has scheduled a pre-trial hearing for May 6, 2009 and a trial date is for May 20, 2009.

Unfinished Business:

Nothing at this time.

New Business:

Project Advisory Committee for revitalization grant:

Jerry Delaney reports:

The Committee held their first meeting on April 21, 2009 at the Town Hall. Included at that meeting were:

Scott Allen

Judy Bassett

Martha Dickie

Kevin Farrington

Damian Gormley

Steve Jenks Debbie Keysor

John Kopp

Tim Napper

Jim Racette

Roger Wright

The meeting was a very positive meeting, Some of the topic's included: status of DEC plans for state lands, and APA land classification in Saranac.

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the floor:

Sylvia Newman has the 2010 calendars on sale now for \$10.00 each. The calendars theme is the early schools of our town.

Mark White commented that there is only 3 days left to pay land taxes.

Authorization to Pay Audited Warrants:

Pay Warrants:

Resolution 35-2009

Motion to pay warrants (bills) by: Bob Blair (C) second by: Jerry Delaney(C)

PHIL RICE-YES

ROBERT BLAIR-YES

MICHAEL TEDFORD-YES

GERALD DELANEY-YES

JOE GERARDI-YES

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held on May 18th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Bell

Town Clerk