

**TOWN OF SARANAC  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MAY 19, 2008, 7:00 PM TOWN HALL**

Members Present:

*Joe Gerardi (Supervisor)  
Phil Rice (Councilman)  
Robert Blair (Councilman)  
Gerald Delaney (Councilman)  
Mary Bell (Town Clerk)  
Leo Vann (Highway Superintendent)  
Steve Petrashune (Assessor)  
Jeff Reisdorf (Code Officer)  
Cindy Waldron (JCEO)*

*Also attending meeting: Michele Petrashune, Kris Bowman, Brad Bowman, Shawna Stoughton, Shanna Reiblein, Missy Seymour, Elizabeth LaRose, Amanda Bunker, Mark Eggleston, Justin Bryant, Torin Fittin, Jessica Myers, and Michael Ahern.*

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

*Consideration of Minutes of April 28, 2008 meeting.*

**Resolution 28-2008**

**Approval of Minutes:**

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

*PHIL-YES*

*BOB-YES*

*JERRY-YES*

*JOE-YES*

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

*Discuss about Town assessments.*

**Correspondence:**

*Kris and Brad Bowman: concern about assessments and taxes.*

*Came to the Town Board tonight with concerns about the raise in the assessments of their property, and throughout the Town.*

*“Tobacco Free Efforts” workshop:*

*Conference and Recognition day on June 10, 2008 if anyone is interested in going.*

*“Adirondack Water: Resources at Risk”*

*Received letter from the Adirondack Council, enclosed with letter, a 28 page handbook. The handbook explains the threats to pure water, and then shows how advocacy organizations such as the Adirondack Council can work with citizens and government officials to correct problems and forestall impending threats.*

*Public Hearing, Dannemora EMS expansion of district:*

*Mountain Lakes Regional EMS Council, Inc will be conducting a Public Hearing, to make a determination of need for a proposed expansion of territory to village of Dannemora Fire Department and EMS located at 121 Emmons Street in Dannemora. Hearing will take place on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 12:00 noon at Elizabethtown Community Hospital, 75 Park Street in Elizabethtown, NY.*

*James Martin, LA Group—letter of thanks:*

*The Town Board received a thank you letter.*

*JCEO Annual Report:*

*Jan Gosslin is featured in the JCEO addition.*

**Supervisor's Report:**

Financial report:

**Resolution 29-2008**

Approval of financial report:

Motion by: Bob Blair (C) second by: Jerry Delaney (C)

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

JERRY-YES

JOE-YES

**SAVING ACCOUNT BALANCES**

	<i>As of 04-30-08</i>	<i>As of 05-14-08</i>
<u>General</u>	<u>\$296,885.72</u>	<u>\$ 298,908.40</u>
<u>Saranac Ltg.</u>	<u>39,193.34</u>	<u>39,193.34</u>
<u>Standish Ltg.</u>	<u>4,946.97</u>	<u>4,946.97</u>
<u>General/Reserve</u>	<u>196,140.15</u>	<u>196,140.15</u>
<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>103,184.76</u>	<u>103,184.76</u>
<u>Highway</u>	<u>896,206.74</u>	<u>883,047.60</u>
<u>Roads &amp; Bridges</u>	<u>133,751.84</u>	<u>133,751.84</u>
<u>Redford Water</u>	<u>83,662.90</u>	<u>83,888.22</u>
<u>Standish Water</u>	<u>13,880.01</u>	<u>13,880.01</u>
<u>Saranac Water</u>	<u>16,034.01</u>	<u>15,932.33</u>
<u>Expenditures in April:</u>		<u>\$117,732.47</u>
<u>Revenues in April:</u>		<u>87,290.62</u>

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**WATER TAX COLLECTION REPORT:**

<u>District</u>	<u>to Collect</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Left to Collect</u>
<u>Redford</u>	<u>\$21,190.00</u>	<u>\$15,990.00</u>	<u>\$5,200.00</u>
<u>Standish</u>	<u>\$11,880.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,700.00</u>	<u>\$4,1800.00</u>
<u>Saranac</u>	<u>\$11,760.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,555.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,205.00</u>

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Commission report on local government efficiency:

The Town Board received report from the New York State Commission on Local Government. They are looking into trying to centralize certain services to the county level, which our town provides now, such as tax collection, emergency dispatch, civil services, reduce number of elective offices by converting certain positions to appointive.

Clinton County Incident Command Course (I-300):

Training course announcement:

Tuesday-Friday evenings

May 27-30, 2008 - 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Saturday all day

May 31, 2008 - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

16 Emergency Services Drive

Plattsburgh, NY 12903

Ag& Markets FY-2008-2009 revitalization award- Senator Little:

The State budget 2008-09 FY has included \$15,000 for the Town of Saranac to develop a strategy to revitalize the Town's hamlets and plan for the future within the context of the Town's location in the Adirondack Park. A letter of thanks will be sent to the state Senator Betty Little.

Highway Superintendent's report:

Lee Vann reports:

*Prices are up in*

*Fuel is up 57%*

*Culverts are up 10%*

*On May 7<sup>th</sup> there was training / CPR all Highway employees attended training.*

*The men also had Safety (Flagmen) course last week.*

*Having problems with beavers on the True Brook Rd.*

*The Key Club will be working on the True Brook Rd. (for clean up).*

*They have been putting some culverts in.*

*Almost done picking the sand up from the sides of the roads.*

*Town problems: Lost bed off from one of the tandem trucks.*

*Lost 1999 Dodge pick up truck.*

*The Highway Superintendent has two requests:*

- 1. Would like to get a bed for the tandem truck,*
- 2. Would like to get a new pick up truck on state contract.*

**Truck Pick up**

**Resolution 30-2008**

*Motion to except purchasing new pick up truck for the Highway Department.*

*Motion by: Bob Blair(C) second by: Joe Gerardi (S)*

*PHIL-YES*

*BOB-YES*

*JERRY-NO*

*JOE-YES*

**Resolution 31-2008**

**Bed of tandem Truck:**

*Motion to except replace box for Tandem truck.*

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

*PHIL-YES*

*BOB-YES*

*JERRY-YES*

*JOE-YES*

**Water Reports:**

**Redford Water:**

*Bob Blair reports:*

*Inspection, cleaning contract:*

*For the Redford water*

*Liquid Engineering Corporation*

*In Service Sediment Removal & Assessment.*

*Interior and exterior assessments will review structural sanitary, safety, of the water system.*

**Resolution 32-2008**

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

*PHIL RICE-YES*

*BOB BLAIR-YES*

*JERRY DELANEY-YES*

*JOE GERARDI-YES*

*Standish Water:*

*Jerry Delaney reports:*

*Nothing at this time.*

*Saranac Water:*

*Resolution to meet Health Department mandate:*

**Resolution 33-2008**

*Motion by: Joe Gerardi (S) second by: Jerry Delaney(C)*

*PHIL RICE –YES*

*BOB BLAIR-YES*

*JERRY DELANEY-YES*

*JOE GERARDI-YES*

*Whereas, the Clinton County Health Department has ordered the town to comply with LT1 and LT2 water regulations and respond by July 1, 2008, and*

*Whereas, the town has to decided not to drill two new wells and instead plans to filter the existing water plant, and*

*Whereas, the engineer's preliminary assessment for the addition of filters is between \$120,000 to \$150,000, and*

*Whereas, the bonding lawyer's fees will probably be in the \$10,000 to \$15,000 range, and*



Final Inspections done:  
Saranac American Legion  
Eileen Armstrong

One Complaint: on the Kennedy Road about Garbage.

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**Dog Control Officer's report:**

Mark wasn't at meeting.

**Community Outreach Center:**

April 28, 2008- May 16, 2008

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

11 # trips coordinated to medical appointments.

10 # Households received Emergency Food.

13 # Monthly Food Co-op purchased.

28 # Volunteer hours given to the Center.

8 # information & referral.

7 # HEAP applications

(Fuel, electrical termination, furnace repair/replace)

Regular HEAP closed May 16, 2008. The Emergency part will be closing on May 30, 2008.

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**Recreation:**

Bob Blair reports:

Nothing at this time.

**Assessor:**

Steve Petrashune reports:

Nothing at this time.

**Planning Board:**

*Jerry Delaney and Mike Tedford have switched liaison appointments. Mike will be in charge of the Fire Departments reports and Jerry will report on the Planning Board progress.*

**Senior Citizens:**

*Phil Rice reports:  
Nothing at this time.*

**Saranac Fire Department:**

*Nothing at this time.*

**Building:**

*Bob Blair reports:  
Handicap bath is nearly complete.*

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

*Joe Gerardi reports:  
Town crier will be out this week or next.*

**Historian:**

*Nothing at this time.*

**Attorney:**

*Nothing at this time.*

**New Business:**

**Industrial Park structures:**

*Jerry Delaney (Councilman) speaks about the property up at the Industrial park. The Structures that are there now will have to be taken down. There are two silos that need to be removed. More information in the upcoming meetings.*

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

*Phil Rice thanks the Bowman's s for coming in and commenting on their concerns.*

**Authorization to Pay Audited Warrants:**

**Resolution 34-2008**

*Motion to pay Warrants by: Bob Blair(C) second by: Jerry Delaney (C)*

*PHIL-YES*

*BOB-YES*

*JERRY-YES*

*JOE-YES*

*Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be June 23, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mary L. Bell*

*Town Clerk*