

*Town of Saranac  
Work Shop (Special Meeting)  
May 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Town Hall*

*Purpose of meeting is to discuss pool, scrap metal policy, Highway garage repairs.*

**Members Present:**

*Jim Facteau (Supervisor)  
Philip Rice (Councilman)  
Robert Blair (Councilman)  
Michael Tedford (Councilman)  
Gerald Delaney (Councilman)  
Mary Bell (Town Clerk)  
Leo Vann (Highway Superintendent)  
Kenny Carter (Pool Manager)*

*Also attending meeting: Sharon Vann, Pete Blaso, Keith Cringle, Curt Giventer, Ron Miner, Ken Townsend, Jamie Allen, Janine Allen, Julie Cane, Ron Cane, Andrea VanValkenburg, Brian Cane, Tom Maggy, Jenny Lou Monty, Dana Monty, Anne Breyette, Mary Vann, Mark Vann, Keith Cringle Jr., James Luczak, Raymond Barber, Carmen Couture, Gary Gambadora, Sylvia Newman, John Gould, Roger Wright, James Martineau, Pam Vann and Mike McCorry.*

*The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Supervisor led the Town Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Jim Facteau (Supervisor) states that this is a workshop for the Board to discuss and make decisions on some issues about pool repairs, garage roof, Scrap Metal Policy. He told the public that the Board will take questions, suggestions, at the end of the meeting but only regarding the subjects that are discussed tonight.*

**Procurement Policy:**

*There has been a change in the General Municipal Law section 103. The threshold for purchase contracts subject to competitive bidding is now \$20,000. This amount was \$10,000 previously. This law was signed in June 22, 2010.*

*The Town Board discussed whether or not they should keep the policy the same, or increase the amount. After discussing the matter they will keep the same amount of \$10,000 and resolve this at the next regular Board meeting.*

**Pool Repairs:**

*The Town received quotes from Henry's Pool from Plattsburgh and Spaulding's Pool from Malone. Not really sure on what should be done down at the pool the Board discusses several things including sand blasting, painting, there was talk about a rubber membrane (welding) replacement liner. The Town Board will need to look further into the company that deals with the rubber lining and check on the price amount and what the guarantee is. The Malone High School has one of these rubber liners. Not sure if the pool is inside or out door pool, but the man from Spaulding's pool can give the Supervisor more information. Ken Carter is the Pool Manager stated that if the pool is not repaired he will no longer be the Manager. The Supervisor has all the figures on the amount it cost the Town to run the pool: the pool is opened 56 days out of the year, it cost \$380.00 per day to have it running~ that is with no repairs. Annually it cost \$21,200 that's with payroll for lifeguards, retirement, insurance, chemicals, and electric bills. The Town Board will get information and have more information at the next meeting.*

**Scrap Metal Policy:**

*The Town of Saranac does not have a policy for scrap metal. Supervisor (Jim Facticeau) Says that the State Comptroller suggest that the Town have a scrap metal policy. There was much decision on this and here are few of the comments from the Town Board members: Robert Blair (Councilman) feels the Town should have a policy in place, He would like the Highway to have a slush fund, or whatever the Board would like to call it for the Highway to have funds for coffee fund and for whatever else they use the money for. Phil Rice (Councilman) agrees with Mr. Blair. Michael Tedford (Councilman) comments that he agrees with having a policy in place, he feels that the Highway should have some money for coffee fund, or buying what the men use down there, however he does not agree that it should be a percentage of the money those. Jim Facticeau (Supervisor) says his feeling is if it's a New York State Law he is not voting for it. Mr. Facticeau will call the Towns attorney to find out what the law is on it.*

**Highway Roof Repairs:**

*There was much discussion on the roof repairs, Councilman (Robert Blair) and Highway Superintendent (Lee Vann) will meet this Friday and write up specs for all repairs to the roof at the Highway garage. They will have the specs for the Town Clerk on Monday and she will have them put in the paper out for bid. The bids will be here for the May 23, 2011 meeting.*

**Redford Water Plant (Roof Replacement):**

*Buck Terry spoke with the Supervisor regarding the Redford Water Plant building roof is leaking and needs to be replaced. Councilman (Robert Blair) will go up and look at the roof and decide what materials are needed. In the Saranac Water District they had volunteers to help with building their building; maybe the Redford water district can get some volunteers to help replace the roof. The Water district will pay for all materials needed. Cameron Couture spoke stating that there are more problems up at the Redford Plant than just the roof leaking. They will look into the problems and have them repaired.*

**Wood Boilers:**

*Michael Tedford (Councilman) says the Town Board does not have a policy on Wood Boilers. He will be looking into this and would like the Town Board to have a policy for the Boilers.*

**Calls:**

*Phil Rice (Councilman) comments about receiving two calls regarding two trashy looking trailers in Standish. The Supervisor states that the Code Office will be looking into this.*

*The Supervisor asks the Board if there is anything else they would like to discuss, than tells the public if anyone has any suggestion, comments on the subjects the Board spoke of tonight.*

*Roger Wright Comments about the scrap metal ~ He doesn't think it's a good idea to issue the scrap metal money to the Highway Department, the State Comptroller is all over this stuff. There are a lot of people in this room that works for the state including him that worked swaps for people and took money in exchange and look what happen with that. Mr. Wright thinks the same thing is happening here. He states that he not says the guys at the garage isn't entitled to a coffee fund or employee benefit fund but make a line where they get an x- amount of money a year and not go by how much scrap metal money is collected through out the year.*

*Jenny Lou Monty comments: on the scrap metal issues: Didn't the Town have an audit done Last September or October? The Supervisor says yes, Martindale and Keysor did the audit. So the auditor didn't pick up this scrap metal issue, Mr. Facticeau says there was nothing said regarding that. Mrs. Monty states she wishes the Towns attorney was here, but than again he usually isn't. Mr. Facticeau states he wasn't available to come tonight. Regarding the pool issue~ Mrs. Monty comments she was looking in her notes and saw quotes from Spaulding's pool for about 24-25 thousand dollars for repairs on the pool, and doesn't quite understand why the Town lost 27,000 in insurance money but, now we are discussing if the pool should be shut down because of the amount to have it fixed. Mr.*

*Facteau tell Mrs. Monty this is just a decision not a battle on what the Board should do or can do about the pool. We have \$202,280.00 in the reserve fund; Mrs. Monty is hoping that the Board isn't too much in concern about how much it cost to fix the pool when the town has money to fix it.*

*Pete Blaso: Comments regarding the pool~ it was mentioned about sandblasting right down to the concrete, Mr. Blaso comments that we should not invest \$5,000 into the repairs until someone checks that concrete. Bob Blair comments that he is sure they will check it before anything is done. Mr. Blaso also questions about the Town Highway garage ~ we have had two fires down there, had anyone thought about putting in a sprinkler system? Bob Blair states it is a good idea, Mike Tedford comments what about Has the insurance agent never said anything to Mr. Facteau and he says no.*

*The Supervisor says he will be meeting with the insurance agent tomorrow and he will ask her about it. Tom Maggy asks do we have insurance on the Town garage right now. Mr. Facteau says yes. Also Mr. Maggy wants to talk about the scrap metal issue; He thinks that the Town Board should give Lee Vann (Highway Superintendent) the common curiously to ask him what and how much the Highway needs that seems like a fair way to handle this matter. He feels the Highway Department does an excellent job. Mr. Maggy states he thinks that some of the Board has forgot that Mr. Vann is an elected official.*

*James Martineau ~ regarding sprinkler systems ~ he is the Town of Dannemora's attorney and has been involved with the Dannemora garage regarding last years fire. The sprinkler system went in the garage due to the fact that it was a new construction (Building) that was put up. That is probably the reason why they aren't enforcing codes for most municipalities because most Highway garages have excising buildings. Mr. Martineau main reason for being here is for the scrap metal issue he is an attorney for four municipal towns and he feels it would be a mistake for giving a percentage of the money out, because of the market goes up and down. He states a lot of towns handle this by the Town Board giving the Highway Department a petty cash fund.*

*The Town Board received many suggestions regarding scrap metal. They will have to decide on how they want to proceed with the policy.*

*Back to the pool issue, Dana Monty asks if anyone has looked into a fiberglass pool. Ken Carter (Pool Manager) replies stating that it would cost about a \$100,000.00 to replace the pool with a new one and he didn't think the Board wanted to spend that kind of money.*

*Jenny Monty asks Gerald Delaney if there is any grant money that can be used for the pool, Mr. Delaney says the town might be able to use the money towards the matching funds that are needed.*

*Mr. Blaso asks about the maintenance on the buildings, like who takes care of the Redford water building, The supervisor says that the Redford Water District is suppose to take care of it. Mrs. Monty asks than the Towns maintenance man doesn't take care of that; Mr. Facteau says no.*

*Mark Vann had a question for each Councilman regarding the scrap metal issue, He asks Phil Rice if he knew about the Supervisor calling the state police regarding trying to have Mr. Lee Vann and Mr. Brian Cane arrested, Mr. Rice says no, He asks the same thing to Gerald Delaney and he said yes he knew, He asks Robert Blair and he says no, Michael Tedford says no he didn't know about the call.*

*Motion to close meeting by Gerald Delaney second by: Robert Blair*

*PHIL RICE-YES*

*ROBERT BLAIR-YES*

*MICHAEL TEDFORD-YES*

*GERLAD DELANEY-YES*

*JIM FACTEAU-YES*

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.*

*Next regular meeting will be held on May 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Town Hall.*

*Town Clerk*

*Mary Bell*

*May 4, 2011*