

TOWN OF SARANAC
WORKSHOP MEETING (Scrap Metal Policy)
JUNE 22, 2011 6:30 P.M. TOWN HALL

Members Present:

Jim Facteau (Supervisor)
Philip Rice (Councilman)
Robert Blair (Councilman)
Michael Tedford (Councilman)
Gerald Delaney (Councilman)
Mary Bell (Town Clerk)

Also attending meeting: Jenny Lou Monty, Even Holland, Kathy Facteau, Dana Monty, Keith Cringle, Ronald Kent, Otis Rabideau, Keith Cringle Jr. and Sam Tedford.

Supervisor (Jim Facteau) opened meeting at 6:30 p.m. he led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of this workshop meeting is to have decision and complete a policy for scrap metal. The Towns attorney Frank Zappala has brought a rough draft that has been reviewed and recommended from the Comptrollers office for the Town Board to review and make changes for the Town Board to get a policy in place.

Robert Blair states that number 6 on the draft~ stating that the slips, checks, or money order's be mailed to the Town, Mr. Blair would like it to state that the Highway Superintendent can bring the money to the Town Hall, or an employee that the Superintendent designated to bring it.

Mike Tedford would like to know how they go about getting a Slush fund (coffee fund) Supervisor (Jim Facteau) says his feeling on that is the Board is not supposed to be doing that, according to the Comptrollers report. Mr. Tedford asks, can we put it on a line on the budget. Mr. Facteau says it goes into the Highway Budget, Mr. Blair asks the Attorney can the Highway Department have a slush fund. Mr. Zappala states that if the money goes into the Highway Department general fund than the Superintendent has jurisdiction over the spending. Mr. Tedford asks, so for an example, at the end of the year the Highway Superintendent has a Christmas party for all town employees is it legal for him to take it out of his general fund to pay for that event. Mr. Zappala says, he is unsure regarding the towns budget he has not be involved with any financial part of the Town. Mr. Facteau says and the question is, is it a proper charge? before tonight Mr. Zappala states that he has not been approached by these questions, so unsure how to answer them. Mr. Tedford says he thinks some of the issues here is that some of the scrap metal money was being used for the Highway employee's for there coffee, for flowers towards

death in families, ect. Mr. Facteau states that it was not being use for coffee because he has seen the bills from Sam's club bill and the Town has paid for it. He states that from the Comptrollers office there is a report regarding coffee/slush funds. Mr. Zappala reads a report from the Comptroller's Office to the Town Board. The letter is here in the Town Hall for anyone wanting to read the Comptrollers recommendations.

Mr. Tedford says, so if they want to give the Highway a coffee/Slush fund the Board will have to put it on a line in the budget? Mr. Facteau says if it for a benefit the Highway employees are in a union now, it should go through the union. Mr. Blair asks, Can't we as a Board do it, Mr. Facteau says he won't vote for it, Mr. Delaney speaks and states to Mr. Blair that if its that important to him and Mr. Blair wants it to be a line item than he should gets the union to negotiate it. Mr. Blair says, if its legal for the Town Board to put it on a line in the budget for the Highway Department than he wants to do it that way.

Councilman (Robert Blair) says number5 on the draft states the Town Board is responsible for designating a vendor~ Mr. Blair thinks it should be the Highway Superintendent not the Board, because what happens if a Board member isn't around the time of the scrap metal being taken back. Mr. Zappala comments: have the Town Board have the vendor's names down and than the Superintendent can go to which location he see's fit.

Robert Blair comments about Number 7 there is no way to secure the scrap metal, it needs to be taken out.

Gerald Delaney states number 2 should be removed.

The Board continued to go through the rough draft policy. The Attorney (Frank Zappala) will rewrite the policy that the Town Board has discussed tonight and will have it ready for June 27, 2011 meeting.

Mr. Facteau (Supervisor) asks for any Questions, Comments, or Petitions from the floor: Jenny Monty had a few questions regarding number 1~ feels that the way its worded is not correct and it could cause problems in the future. They will take that sentence right out. Mrs. Monty asks: number 5, who is going to designate the vendor? The Town Board will have the names of the vendors and the Highway Superintendent can decide which one to go to. Mr. Keith Cringle asks: number 6 who receives the money from the metal? It will go to the Supervisor than go to the secretary to deposit it. The secretary is designated to take the check if the Supervisor is not present.

Mr. Sam Tedford comments: he's hearing a lot about a coffee fund, any place that he ever worked you throw a dollar or so in to a fund and by the end of the year there was enough money in the fund to throw a Christmas party or something.

Mr. Ronald Kent asks: at last months meeting regarding Cutting Edges, does the money to pay for them come out of the Highway department's budget? Yes it does, all scrap metal money goes back into the Highway.

Mr. Keith Cringle asks, about the pool was it \$13,000 or was it \$18,000 to paint it. Mr. Facteau states the quote cost was about \$18,411.00. The reason Mr. Cringle asks is because last year the Town Board had a procurement policy for anything over \$10,000 to be bid

out. Mr. Facteau states it was a capital improvement and the quotes were not over \$35,000.00. Mr. Cringle commented this pool should have been done last year. With some decision on that matter, The Councilman Gerald Delaney made a motion to close meeting second by Robert Blair. All in favor Jim Facteau-yes, Phil Rice –yes Robert Blair-yes, Michael Tedford-yes, and Gerald Delaney-yes.

Meeting was closed at 7:15 p.m. Next regular meeting will be June 27, 2011 at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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