

*TOWN OF SARANAC
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 23, 2008, 7 PM TOWN HALL*

Members Present:

*Joe Gerardi (Supervisor)
Philip Rice (Councilman)
Robert Blair (Councilman)
Michael Tedford (Councilman)
Gerald Delaney (Councilman)
Mary Bell (Town Clerk)
Leo Vann (Highway Superintendent)
Steve Petrashune (Assessor)
Jeff Reisdorf (Code Officer)
Mark Plumadore (Dog Control)
Cindy Waldron (JCEO)
Mark White (Tax Collector)*

Also attending meeting: Michele Petrashune, Joe Donnery, and Joe Racette.

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

Consideration of Minutes of May 19, 2008 meeting.

Resolution 35-2008

Approval of Minutes:

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

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JERRY-YES

JOE-YES

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Floor:

None

Correspondence:

Rose Hall, Abby Road:

Received letter from Rose M. Hall requesting a road marker sign for the Abby Road and Hugh Herron Road.

The Abby Road is not a Town Road. Abby Road was a name a developer chose several years back for a development that has never happened. Therefore the road will be removed from the address system and records for the E- 911 systems.

Secretary to Governor Charles O'Byrne:

Supervisor (Joe Gerardi) sent the Governor a letter regarding concerns on Empire State Development Corporation to Upstate. The Secretary of the Governor replied by assuring that the Governor's commitment to Upstate projects.

Letters of support from: Assemblywoman Janet Duprey & Senator Betty Little:

Supervisor (Joe Gerardi) sent letters of support for Dan Gunderson (Upstate Empire Development Chair person) The Senator and Assemblywoman both responded with their support for Mr. Gunderson as well.

Adirondack Tobacco Free Network:

The Adirondack Tobacco Free Network is a community partnership committed to reducing adolescent and adult use of tobacco through cooperative programs in prevention, cessation, policy initiatives and community education. To keep the community informed they will produce a quarterly newsletter, and will be here at the Town hall offices.

Wayne Del Grosso:

The Town Board received letter from Mr. Del Grosso. Requesting the Town of Saranac to pay for the damages that were done to his car while parked on the side of the road during snow storm and he couldn't make the driveway due to the incline. Mr. Del Grosso lives on Mustang Way. The plow truck hit the car with the wing of the plow due to the car was parked on the side of the road.

The Town's insurance company has examined the facts and circumstances surrounding the damages of the vehicle. The actions of the insured snow plow driver do not meet the definition of "reckless disregard" required to impose liability for this claim. So Mr. Del Grosso request was denied from the insurance company.

Supervisor's Report:

Financial report:

Resolution 36-2008

Approval of financial report:

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

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JERRY-YES

JOE-YES

SAVING ACCOUNT BALANCES

	<u>As of 5-30-08</u>	<u>As of 6-18-08</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>\$292,491.52</u>	<u>\$290,029.36</u>
<u>Saranac Ltg.</u>	<u>38,386.38</u>	<u>38,386.38</u>
<u>Standish Ltg.</u>	<u>4,870.46</u>	<u>4,870.46</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>850,345.66</u>	<u>823,618.37</u>
<u>Roads & Bridges</u>	<u>133,910.54</u>	<u>133,910.54</u>
<u>Redford Water</u>	<u>83,546.63</u>	<u>83,466.87</u>
<u>Standish Water</u>	<u>12,856.10</u>	<u>12,856.10</u>
<u>Saranac Water</u>	<u>15,555.66</u>	<u>15,352.30</u>
<u>Expenditures in May</u>		<u>\$ 84,611.41</u>
<u>Revenues in May</u>		<u>\$30,786.08</u>

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>\$16,770.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,420.00</u>
<u>Standish</u>	<u>\$ 11,880.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,360.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,520.00</u>

Saranac \$ 11,760.00 \$ 9,555.00 \$ 2,205.00

Redford Water Relevy \$ 4420.00 plus penalties of \$309.40 : Total \$4729.40

Standish Water Relevy \$3520.00 plus penalties of \$ 246.40 : Total \$3766.40

Saranac Water Relevy \$154.35 plus penalties of 154.35: Total \$2359.35

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Permissive Referendum law:

Regarding Sale of Town Property: The Town Law 64(2) authorizes the town board to sell surplus town real property. The town Board must adopt a resolution declaring the land surplus (no longer needed for town purposes) and authorizing the sale of town owned property. Before the Town can sell the property on Ganong Drive will have to require the expertise of a lawyer who specializes in real property law. If the Town decides to sell the land, an ad in the paper must say it is dependent upon a permissive referendum and a petition from the public will mandate a town wide vote whether to sell the property or not.

PERMA loss Control Evaluation:

The Highway Department earned a total of 565 out of 630. They did a fine job on addressing safety goals. The available discount is based on a number factor, of the evaluation.

Village of Champlain and Village of Dannemora- Shared Services:

The Town received copy of the Resolution from Village of Champlain & Village of Dannemora. The Contract permits the Highway Department heads to share services with other Municipalities.

Farmers Market to start June 28, 2008

The farmers market will be held 12-4 on Saturdays for the next 10 Saturdays.

Greg Gibbons letter of support:

Mr. Gibbons has asked Supervisor (Joe Gerardi) to write a letter of his behalf. Mr. Gibbons is embarking on an entrepreneurial venture to provide a basic infrastructure required to create a data storage/disaster recovery facility in the Town of Saranac. The Town of Saranac stands behind Mr. Gibbons in his endeavor to bring an undertaking such as this to our Adirondack community.

Charter build update:

Survey was done in April, approximately 300 homes received a packet with information from Charter a marketing brochure, letter from the Town Supervisor and a postage paid postcard to send back with reply.

Highway Superintendent's report:

Leo Vann reports:

The Highway Department has been busy. The men have started mowing.

Cutting shoulders on the following roads:

Porky Ryan Rd

Keysor Rd.

Mt View Rd.

Douglas Rd.

Shoulder on Cold Brook Rd. and True Brook Rd.

On June 10th, 2008 the weather had high winds and there were trees down.

Superintendent commented on having such a good fire department because they removed trees from some road ways.

Problems with the alarm system at the Town garage. Its seem like water in the ceiling was shorting out the fire alarm.

Will be putting guide rails up.

Paving Roads: The Superintendent would like to pave on the Douglas Rd. and Porky Ryan Rd. along with a turn around spot for safety of the drivers.

Water Districts:

Redford Water:

Bob Blair reports:

Liquid Engineering:

Scheduled for crew arrival will be sometime is summer. A crew of diver contractors goes in the tank and does an inspection of the water/ tank.

NYS DOT request:

Received call from Val Basil, engineer from NYS Department of Transportation's Plattsburgh residence, asked if there were any possibility of extending the Redford Water District to include the DOT plant at the top of Russia Hill.

Andy Abdallah (engineer) did some estimates on the cost to bring the water from Redford to DOT. The estimates were between \$300,000 -360,000. More information to follow on how DOT responds.

Standish Water:

*Jerry Delaney reports:
Everything is good.*

Saranac Water:

*Mike Tedford reports:
Letter to CCHD for extension of project
The Supervisor sent letter to CCHD regarding extending the project until December.*

Code Officer's report:

*Jeff Reisdorf reports:
(May 15- June 19, 2008)*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Structure</u>	<u>Fee amount</u>
<u>Donna Lynch</u>	<u>502 Nashville Rd.</u>	<u>Addition</u>	<u>\$34.00</u>
<u>Keith Myers</u>	<u>1432 Hardscrabble Rd.</u>	<u>Barn</u>	<u>\$ 45.00</u>
<u>James Lombard</u>	<u>115 East Rd.</u>	<u>Car Port</u>	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
<u>James Miner</u>	<u>4216 Rt #3</u>	<u>Deck/Porch</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>Lawrence Waldron</u>	<u>1200 Strackville, Rd.</u>	<u>Deck/Porch</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
<u>Nancy Provost</u>	<u>412 Bucks Corners Rd.</u>	<u>Deck/Porch</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>Tom Aubin</u>	<u>4512 Rte #3</u>	<u>Deck/Porch</u>	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
<u>Adam Friel</u>	<u>Elm Street, Redford</u>	<u>Deck/ Porch open</u>	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
<u>Arvice Kipp-Parrotte</u>	<u>446 East Rd.</u>	<u>Demolition</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>Agnes Macey Life Use</u>	<u>301 True Brook Rd.</u>	<u>Double Wide</u>	<u>\$105.00</u>
<u>Joel Revette</u>	<u>1222 Hardscrabble Rd.</u>	<u>Garage attached</u>	<u>\$42.50</u>
<u>Roy Hackett</u>	<u>468 Bucks Corners Rd.</u>	<u>Garage attached</u>	<u>\$36.00</u>
<u>Ray LeDuc</u>	<u>148 True Brook Rd.</u>	<u>Garage attached</u>	<u>\$90.00</u>
<u>Brian Bunker</u>	<u>Ron Craig Rd.</u>	<u>Garage attached</u>	<u>\$47.50</u>

<u>Scott LeDuc</u>	<u>43 Lamkins Rd.</u>	<u>Log Home</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>Frederick Neil Breyette</u>	<u>Ryan Rd.</u>	<u>Module Home</u>	<u>\$109.00</u>
<u>Bruce Kilgore</u>	<u>Nashville Rd.</u>	<u>Stick Build Home</u>	<u>renewal</u>
<u>Timothy Haley</u>	<u>Town Line Rd.</u>	<u>Stick Build Home</u>	<u>\$215.00</u>
<u>Arvice Kipp-Parrotte</u>	<u>445 East Rd.</u>	<u>Stick Build Home</u>	<u>\$65.00</u>

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Dog Control Officer Report:

Report from this month and last month are attached to these minutes.

Community Outreach Center:

Cindy Waldron reports:

(May19, 2008- June20, 2008)

141 # visits to Center for all services including clothes, toys, and household items.

14 # trips coordinated to medical appointments.

16 # Households received Emergency Food.

11 # Monthly Food Co-op purchased.

30 # Volunteer hours given to the Center.

6 # information & referral.

Recreation:

Bob Blair reports:

OCFS decreased funding by 2 %

The Governor Paterson's budget included a 2% cut in Office of Children and Family Services Youth Development. This cut decreases both our recreation and services funding.

Assessor:

Steve Petrashune reports:

There were 30 written complaint about assessment on grievance night.

The Final assessment roll will be done and filed in the Town Clerk's Office in July.

Planning Board:

Jerry Delaney reports:

The Planning Board has elected Joe Racette as Chairman of the Board.

At the Planning Board meeting the members discussed the terms of their appointments.

Mr. Racette is going to look into speaking with a few local people to see if they would be interested in becoming a member of the Saranac Planning Board.

Senior Citizens:

Phil Rice reports:

Nothing at this time.

Saranac Fire Department:

Mike Tedford reports:

The Fire Department will be purchasing new Ambulance.

They had advance rescue training is past weekend.

Building:

Bob Blair reports:

Nothing at this time.

Newsletter, Website, Saranac School:

Joe Gerardi reports:

New artwork will be going up next month.

Historian:

Jan Couture reports:

Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

Frank Zappala reports:

Nothing at this time.

Unfinished Business:

Chazy Lake Road lighting:

The Town Board has made a discussion to not reinstall the light on the Chazy Lake road.

Industrial Park structures and update:

Jerry Delaney reports that there has been meetings and discussion on the park, The process is going slowly but it seem to be a great start for development there. More meetings in the months to follow.

New Business:

Board of Elections polling places:

The Town of Saranac is not in favor of losing any polling places.

Resolution 37-2008

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

PHIL RICE-YES

BOB BLAIR-YES

MIKE TEDFORD-YES

JERRY DELANEY-YES

JOE GERARDI-YES

Whereas, the town received a memo from the Clinton County Election Commissioners dated November 8, 2006, which raised the town's chargeback costs as follows: election inspectors for primary from \$90 to \$110; election inspectors general election from \$110 to \$150; town party representative from \$50 to \$90 for the primary election and to \$120 for the general election; adding \$25 per election for delivery and return of election supply bags; and adding \$344.53 for other county-wide board of election charges, and

Whereas, the Town of Saranac had no say in the increases in the chargeback pricing rates, and

Whereas, the Town of Saranac has no input as to who is hired as election workers, and

Whereas, the Clinton County Board of Elections has been planning on reducing the number of polling sites in the Town of Saranac, and

Whereas, the Town of Saranac has no authority in the reduction of polling sites, and

Whereas, the town no longer will be in charge of the care and storage of the voting machines and that the mechanical machines bought and owned by the Town of Saranac for years will be confiscated to county control and ownership, and

Whereas, in a reasoned September 23, 1992 opinion to Broome County, the State Comptroller said, in part, "...There is no requirement that the charge-back should appear in a city, town or village budget.", and

Whereas, the town has become a "middleman" in the election process rather than an active participant with any authority of home rule,

Be it therefore resolved, that the county shall handle all budgetary and logistical functions of the election process, including taxing on the county level and shall not bill any chargeback to the town for any election cost; and

Whereas, the Town of Saranac is the second largest Clinton County town in area, and any consolidation of polling places will force undue inconvenience, cost in transportation, and unfair encumbrance on our voters' civic obligation, and

Whereas, the Help America Vote Act was intended to make voting more accessible rather than more burdensome,

Be it further resolved, that the Town of Saranac is against any polling place consolidation, and

Be it further resolved, that should the Clinton County Board of Elections continue in its plans for any county-wide polling place consolidations, that all county voters shall be treated absolutely equal in their site reductions so that all consolidations end up with each town having the exact same number of polling places, and

Be it further resolved, that should the Clinton County Board of Elections continue its plans to exercise its sole authority and make it more onerous on the individual Town of Saranac voter by the consolidation of any voting districts, that the town respectfully requests the following consolidation options:

- A) Consolidation of five to four polling places: District 4 voters go to District 1 polling place;
- B) Consolidation of five to three polling places: District 5 and 1 voters go to District 4 polling place;
- C) Consolidation of five to two polling places: District 5, 2, and 1 voters go to District 4 polling place;
- D) Consolidation of five to one polling place: have all voters go to Saranac Central School.

Authorization to Pay Audited Warrants:

Approval to pay warrants

Resolution 38-2008

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

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JERRY-YES

JOE-YES

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m. The Next regular Board meeting will be held on July 28, 2008, at 7p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Bell

Town Clerk