

**TOWN OF SARANAC  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 24, 2009, 7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL**

**Members Present:**

*Joe Gerardi (Supervisor)  
Philip Rice (Councilman)  
Michael Tedford (Councilman)  
Gerald Delaney (Councilman)  
Mary Bell (Town Clerk)  
Lee Vann (Highway Superintendent)  
Mark Plumadore (Dog Officer)  
Stephen Petrashune (Assessor)  
Mark White (Tax Collector)  
Cindy Waldron (JCEO Director)*

*Also attending meeting: Michele Petrashune, Joyce Ryan, and Marcia Rice.*

*Supervisor (Joe Gerardi) opened meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mark Plumadore (Dog Control Officer) led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**Resolution 54-2009**

*Consideration for the Minutes for meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

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

*PHIL RICE-YES*

*MIKE TEDFORD-YES*

*JERRY DELANEY-YES*

*JOE GERARDI-YES*

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

None

**Correspondence:**

Pfau, NYS Court System Chief Judge, court review proof:

The Supervisor sent Ann Pfau, a letter to confirm that the Town has done an audit and examined all court records. Resolution 14-2009 has been recorded in the Town of Saranac Minutes.

G. Michaels, Asst. Atty. General, new law affecting govt. bodies:

A recent –enacted Government Reorganization and citizen Empowerment Act make its easier for governing bodies to share services, consolidate, merge, or dissolve. It gives citizens the right to petition for government consolidation and force popular vote on the issue. The New York State Attorney General has put online a web site to answer questions regarding this important legislation.

[www.oag.state.ny.us/bureaus/legislative/government\\_consolidation/about.html](http://www.oag.state.ny.us/bureaus/legislative/government_consolidation/about.html)

Gibson, CC Personnel Dir., aquatic recreation programs letter:

Alan Gibson, from Clinton County Department of Personnel, sent the Town a letter for information on the Town of Saranac swimming facility.

C. Carter, Office of the Aging Dir., hearing at town hall 09-16-09

There will be public hearing on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at the Saranac Town Hall, 3662 Route #3 Saranac, NY. The Hearing will be at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Please call in advance to make lunch reservation. (518) 293-6666 ex-4.

**Supervisor's Report:**

CD Report:

*Last month meeting the Town Board agreed to have the CD that is up for renewal put in a 6 month CD. The rates for the 6 month CD was 0.1 %, so the supervisor had the money put in the saving account for it to draw more interest. All Councilmen agree to put money in the saving account until the rates start going up again.*

Census request:

*Registration for Census 2010 was sent to the Supervisor to participate in new construction program. The Supervisor has sent back the forms to the US Department of Commerce.*

CBN Connect request for information:

*The Town received letter from Howard Lowe, regarding CBN Connect Inc. requesting help in bringing abundant and affordable broadband to our community. The Supervisor (Joe Gerardi) sent out letter on behalf of the Town Board and the Residents of the Town of Saranac.*

Assoc. of Towns request for information:

*The Assoc. of Towns would like towns to participate in survey in efforts to eliminate or restructure unfunded mandates for local government.*

Fire extinguishers:

*All fire extinguishers have been inspected and some were replaced.*

2010 Budget:

*The Supervisor (Budget Officer) has been working on the 2010 Budget. There will be a Budget meeting on September 21, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.*

Insurance inspection- swings and circuit breakers:

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 the Selective Insurance Company completed infrared survey throughout the Town. Everything was good except the S Hooks at the playground needs to be replaced (Swing) also the Circuit breaker at the Highway Department is over temperature condition. So both issues will be taken care of.

**Financial Report:**

**Resolution 55-2009**

Motion to accept Saving Account Balance: Jerry Delaney(C) second by: Mike Tedford (C)

PHIL RICE-YES

MIKE TEDFORD-YES

JERRY DELANEY-YES

JOE GERARDI-YES

**SAVING ACCOUNT BALANCE**

	<u>As of 7-31-09</u>	<u>as of 8-19-09</u>
<u>General</u>	\$ 211,483.38	\$ 206,528.51
<u>Saranac Ltg.</u>	29,823.82	29,823.82
<u>Standish Ltg.</u>	4,060.13	4,060.13
<u>General/Reserve</u>	202,280.00	202,280.00
<u>Building Fund</u>	75,775.00	75,775.00
<u>Highway</u>	704,389.50	692,473.53
<u>Roads &amp; Bridges</u>	186,357.94	186,357.94
<u>Redford Water</u>	91,405.27	91,362.62
<u>Standish Water</u>	11,104.59	11,104.59

Saranac Water 13,804.04 13,695.32

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Saranac Water Filtration Project \$20,138.97

Expenditures in July \$167,047.48

Revenues in July \$ 13,077.83

*Saranac Water Owes General Fund \$20,000 for Filtration Project.*

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**Highway Superintendent's Report:**

*Lee Vann reports:*

*The Highway Department has had a busy month. Ganong Drive has been paved, Cross Culverts, shoulders and manholes have been done on Ganong drive. Some shoulders still need to be finished on the Drive, but the blacktop needs to sit for about a month before all is completed. Everything that needs to be seeded has been done. The Town received assistances from the shared services from other towns. Some of the town are Franklin, Dannemora, Black Brook, Village of Dannemora, and Ellenburgh.*

*The Superintendent has put in the CHIP money request, which will be about \$148,000.*

*The crew has done some ditching on the Collins Road.*

*The Department will be getting Salt at the end of this month 350 ton.*

*In Dannemora they are grinding the road and the Town can receive it for free, all they have to do is truck it. So the Superintendent will be getting some of the grindings.*

*A Thank you goes out to Mr. Vann (Highway Superintendent) for paving Ganong Drive from Mrs. Joyce Ryan.*

**Redford Water:**

*Nothing at this time.*

**Standish Water:**

*Jerry Delaney reports:  
Nothing at this time.*

**Saranac Water:**

*Mike Tedford reports:*

**Update on water plant upgrade:**

*The Footers have been dug. With weather permitting, they will be pouring the walls with the next few weeks. They should have the floor done by end of September.*

**Code Officer's report:**

*From (July 28-August 24, 2009)*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>07/30/09</u>	<u>Harold Garrow</u>	<u>857 Rt #374</u>	<u>Detached Garage</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>
<u>08/03/09</u>	<u>Lynn Stanley</u>	<u>103 Napper Rd.</u>	<u>Module Home</u>	<u>\$68.00</u>
<u>08/10/09</u>	<u>Jason Miller</u>	<u>Chazy Lake Rd.</u>	<u>Stick build home</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
<u>08/24/09</u>	<u>Pam/Dan Hyde</u>	<u>Mud Pond Rd.</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>08/17/09</u>	<u>Michael Bova</u>	<u>Hank Wilson Rd.</u>	<u>Pool</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>08/24/09</u>	<u>Robert Skuba</u>	<u>749 Standish Rd.</u>	<u>Detached Garage</u>	<u>\$52.50</u>
<u>08/24/09</u>	<u>Joseph McCoy</u>	<u>52 Joann Lane</u>	<u>Deck/Porch</u>	<u>\$ 46.00</u>
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**Dog Control Officer's report:**

*Minutes from last month & these months' reports are attached to these minutes.*

**Community Outreach Center report:**

*Cindy Waldron reports:*

*(July 27, 09-August 21, 09)*

*63 # Visits to center for all services including clothes, toys, household items.*

*10 # rides coordinated to medical appointments.*

*10 # households received emergency food.*

*19 # purchased monthly co-op.*

*35 # volunteer hours given to center.*

*9 # information & referral (Health Insurance, Red Cross, Senior programs, weatherization, housing ect.)*

*Cindy attended training for 3 days in Albany, for the HEAP program which will start on November 2, 2009.*

*She also attended training at Ray Brook Correctional Facility for inmate re-entry into our community.*

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**Recreation:**

*Nothing at this time.*

**Assessor:**

*Steve Petrashune reports:*

*The Chateaugay Woodlands near Barns Pond has been working in woods and Steve expects to receive a stub age check soon.*

**Planning Board:**

*Nothing at this time.*

**Senior Citizens:**

*Phil Rice reports:*

*Several seniors have been asking Councilman (Phil Rice) about the Battle of Plattsburgh parade, and if the Town of Saranac will be having their float. Phil would like to have the Float again this year, he will be talking to Leo Vann about it.*

**Saranac Fire Department:**

*Mike Tedford report:*

*The Department's new Ambulance arrived today.*

**Building:**

*Nothing at this time.*

**Newsletter, Website, SCS:**

*Joe Gerardi reports*

*Deadline to get articles to Mrs. Joyce Ryan is 26<sup>th</sup> of August.  
The Town Crier will be out in September.*

**Historian:**

*Nothing at this time*

**Attorney:**

*Nothing at this time.*

**Unfinished Business:**

**EDA status report on Industrial Park grant:**

*The Town is just waiting for a response.*

**New Business:**

2009 Environment Protection Fund grant:

*The Town is moving forward with applying for the 2009 grant.*

Deed to Mill Street, Redford

*Alan Vann came in to see the Supervisor, regarding a deed for Mill Street. If there is any right of way there. No record has been found.*

Request from Lisa Racette:

*Lisa came to the Supervisor asking for use of Town Hall for a craft fair. The date she is looking at is October 17, 2009 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The Council Discussed this and needed to know if that's the same weekend as the Saranac Methodist Church's Craft fair. If it is the same date, than the Council would have to decline the request.*

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the floor:

*Phil Rice (Councilman) asks if the Tuesday's Playgroup is still up and running. Yes, they meet every Tuesday from 10: 00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.*

Authorization to pay Audited Warrant:

*Pay Warrants:*

**Resolution 56-2009**

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

*PHIL RICE-YES*

*MIKE TEDFORD-YES*

*JERRY DELANEY-YES*

*JOE GERARDI-YES*

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. the next regular meeting will be held on September 28, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mary Bell*

*Saranac Town Clerk*

*08/27/2009*

