

**TOWN OF SARANAC  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2007 7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL**

***Members Present:***

*Joe Gerardi (Supervisor)  
Gary Tedford (Councilman)  
Phil Rice (Councilman)  
Robert Blair (Councilman)  
Michael Tedford (Councilman)  
Mary Bell (Town Clerk)  
Leo Vann (Highway Superintendent)  
Eugene Dickerman (Code Officer)  
Steve Petrashune (Assessor)  
Cindy Waldron (JCEO)  
Mark Plumadore (Dog Control)*

*Also attending the meeting: Rita Wilson, Michele Petrashune, Glen Hamel, Ron Miner, Jason Staley, Harold Ryan, Joyce Ryan, Joe Donnery, Jerry Delaney, Judy Ross, Melissa McManus, and Diane Perley.*

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

**Resolution 56-2007**

*APPROVAL of Minutes: to August 27, 2007 regular meeting Minutes.*

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

*GARY-YES*

*PHIL-YES*

*BOB-YES*

*MIKE-YES*

*JOE-YES*

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

20 minute presentation by Resources for Communities and People regarding asset management and rate setting for water suppliers.  
Diane Perley a Community Development Specialist from RCAP Solutions came to the Town Hall tonight to do a presentation on assessment management and rate setting for water suppliers and an overview of their services to assist local water systems.  
Miss Perley left the information for the Town Council to review.  
The Town Board thanked her for coming.

**Correspondence:**

Donald Kasprzak, Plattsburgh Mayor:

Letter from Donald Kasprzak letting the Town know that the city of Plattsburgh will be featured in the October 15<sup>th</sup> issue of the Legislative Gazette newspaper. The newspaper is one of the most widely read publications in Albany and is distributed throughout municipalities around the state. The Mayor is asking if the Town of Saranac would like to advertise in the section, the Town appreciates the letter from the Mayor, but won't be Participating.

Life Flight:

**Resolution 57-2007**

Motion by: Gary Tedford (C) second by: Mike Tedford(C)

GARY TEDFORD -YES

PHIL RICE-YES

BOB BLAIR-YES

MIKE TEDFORD-YES

JOE GERARDI-YES

**WHEREAS:** North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc. is a not-for-profit, tax exempt corporation which is responsible for all aspects of patient care by providing medical equipment, training medical personnel and administering and medical portion utilizing the New York State Police helicopter based in Saranac Lake and private fixed-wing aviation resources; and

**WHEREAS:** The New York State Police and private fixed-wing aviation resources do not provide a medically trained team or medical equipment for patient transports; and

**WHEREAS:** The people of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, and St. Lawrence Counties receive vital emergency medical services which are free of charge to critically

ill and seriously injured patients and, therefore municipal governments are asked to pledge monies for this worthwhile program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Town Board of the Town of Saranac hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into contract with North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc. for the purpose of operating the medical component of the medevac program, which will serve its residents and visitors, and paying the amount of \$ 750.00 which represents the Town's share for 2008; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the sum of \$750.00 is hereby appropriated to Account No. 1985.4A for payment to North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc.

Supervisor's Report:

Resolution 58-2007

**APPROVAL of Financial Report:**

Motion by: Gary Tedford(C) second by: Mike Tedford (C)

GARY-YES

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JOE-YES

**SAVING ACCOUNT BALANCES**

	<u>As of 8-31 -07</u>	<u>As of 9-19-07</u>
<b>General</b>	<b>\$230,735.96</b>	<b>\$ 228,869.18</b>
<b>Saranac Ltg.</b>	<b>40,507.34</b>	<b>40,507.34</b>
<b>Standish Ltg</b>	<b>5,503.79</b>	<b>5,503.79</b>
<b>General/Reserve</b>	<b>191,243.06</b>	<b>191,243.06</b>
<b>Building fund</b>	<b>98,813.26</b>	<b>98,813.26</b>
<b>Highway</b>	<b>346,784.69</b>	<b>455,295.75</b>
<b>Roads/Bridges</b>	<b>75,453.84</b>	<b>75,453.84</b>
<b>Redford Water</b>	<b>70,467.06</b>	<b>70,467.06</b>

Standish Water 7,747.88 7,747.88

Saranac Water 14,868.23 14,764.61

Expenditures in August \$ 247,079.15

Revenues in August \$ 11,188.32

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Smart Growth Applications workshop:

*The workshop is scheduled for September 27, 2007 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Raybrook N.Y. The new Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Program is geared at helping Park communities develop plans that foster sustainable development, environmental protection and community livability. DEC will be assisted by the Department of State and the Adirondack Park Agency in the implementation of the program.*

CBN Broadband:

*There may be a presentation in October at the Town Hall, which Peter Schultz will speak regarding the evolution of fiber optics, its use today and how it's related to the CBN Connect community broadband network.*

Melissa McManus:

*Community Development Consultant came to speak with the Town Council tonight about establishing a shared community vision of what the Town of Saranac could look like in the future. Melissa has the skills and contacts necessary to assist communities in accomplishing their community development goals.*

**Resolution 59-2007**

*The Town of Saranac passed an resolution for Melissa McManus to come before the Town Board in a meeting with the public on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss and put a plan in place to get the grant application in before November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007.*

*Motion by: Mike Tedford*

*Second by: Bob Blair*

*GARY-YES*

*PHIL-YES*

*BOB-YES*

*MIKE-YES*

*JOE-YES*

**Highway Superintendent's Report:**

*Lee Vann reports:*

*They made a lot of headway on the shoulder cutting ditch work. The month of October They will be hauling the sand. The Highway Superintendent is asking all residents to be careful as for our trucks are entering True Brook Rd. and also RT #3 during hauling the sand. It could take up to four weeks to haul all the sand.*

*They will be having two men are out patching pot holes most of the fall season.*

*The Superintendent speaks to the Council about the his employee, Mr. Barber. He hurt himself off duty from the town, but is waiting to speak with doctor this week to see if he is able to come back on light duty He would like to come back to work light duty. Lee will provide Mr. Barber with the Town Law on Light duty for the doctor to review. The Town will have to contact the insurance company before any approval is granted for him to return to work.*

*Also, Lee has had a request from Craig Stow from the Porky Ryan Rd. regarding that the school bus will not pick his handicap daughter up at their home, he has to bring her to the end of the road. The school will only go down to the home if the road is maintained and plowed.*

*Asking the Town to take care of the road in the future? The Town Board will have to discuss this matter and than will decided if the Town will be able to maintain the road. The Superintendent received request about tree removal by a few residents. For safety reasons the trees need to be removed. There are 3 families that do need trees removed . The town no longer has a bucket truck, so Lee will be using the Beekmantown's bucket truck to remove the trees, when time permits.*

**Water Reports:**

**Redford Water District:**

*Bob Blair reports:*

*Boil water order was issued on 9-14-07. The sample tests that were taken by the Redford Water Operator came back with Coliform bacteria and or E coli in the water. One test sample was tested from an outside tap and that's why the test came back with the bacteria in it. 4 other tests have been taken again, and all have come back normal.*

*Just waiting for the CCHD to review the issue and than lift the boil water order.*

*Morris Coolidge (Circuit Rider) has been here in town helping review and work with the Water Treatment Operators.*

**Standish Water District:**

*Gary Tedford reports:*

*Everything is good.*

Saranac Water District:

Mike Tedford reports:

Generator update: The motor is getting rebuilt.

There were 2 leaks in the system, but has been taken care of.

Code Officer's report:

Eugene Dickerman reports:

Dates from August 27- 07- September 18-07

<u>Date</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>
08/28/07	Gary LaVarnway	1080 Burnt Hill Rd.	Commercial
08/31/07	Pam & Dan Hyde	Mud Pond Rd.	Home
08/31/07	Brian Bunker	4365 RT #3	Addition
09/12/07	Gary Provost	23 Maggy Rd.	Addition
09/18/07	Bernard Pfeiffer	22 Clinton St.	Deck/porch

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Total of 5 permits this month.

Certificate of Occupancy's

Randy Caron 62 Elm Street, Redford

Jason Maggy 90 Priest Rd. Saranac

Mike Trombley 362 Pickett's Cr. Rd. Saranac

737 Chazy Lake Rd. Saranac

9/19/07 met with lawyer Mr. Zappala to sign new papers for the Reed's Court date.

Another issue on 286 Clark Hill Rd. Burned out home the owner is Joseph Reed who lives out of town. Needs to look into this matter.

**Dog Control Officer Report:**

*The report is attached to these minutes.*

*Mark Plumadore commented on his concerns about Elmore SPCA. The conditions of the building are not acceptable. Kelly Allen is supposed to be moving the SPCA within the month, so he will look into the conditions of the new location.*

**Community Outreach Center:**

*Monthly report*

*Cindy Waldron reports:*

*August 27-2007 - September 21-20077*

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

*# 16 of Trips coordinated to medical appointments.*

*# 8 household received Emergency Food.*

*# 23 monthly Food Co-op purchased.*

*# 20 Volunteer hours were given to the Center.*

*# 10 Information & referral.*

*# 39 students signed up for school supplies.*

*Cindy served a total of 39 students for the Back to School supplies.*

*HEAP will open on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.*

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**Recreation:**

*Bob Blair reports:*

*Nothing at this time.*

**Assessor:**

*Steve Petrashune reports:*

*Some residents are receiving their Middle Class Rebate checks.*

*The Assessor will have to start re-elevations on properties in 2008.*

**Planning Board:**

*Mike Tedford & Cindy Waldron reports:*

*3 members attended meeting which was held in Plattsburgh.*

*Some members plan to attend a meeting with Mrs. McManus about future planning of the Town.*

**Senior Citizens:**

*Phil Rice reports:*

*Nothing at this time.*

**Saranac Fire Department:**

*Gary Tedford reports:*

*The fire Department has had Rescue Rope training this past week.*

**Building**

*Bob Blair reports:*

*Nothing at this time.*

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

*Joe Gerardi reports:*

*The Town Crier will be coming out in October.*

**Historian:**

*Jan Couture reports:*

*Nothing at this time.*

**Attorney:**

*The Supervisor received the Adult Entertainment Law, which Mr. Zappala wrote up. It's a Local Law on Adult use and Entertainment Regulation and will replace the moratorium passed last January.*

**Unfinished Business:**

**Adult Entertainment Law:**

*The Current moratorium law expires 12/07 the Town Council needs to set a hearing date and time for revised law.*

*The Town Board will a hold Public Hearing on October 22, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Before the Regular Board meeting takes place.*

**New Business:**

*286 Clark Hill Road Resolution for Detailed inspection:*

**Resolution 60-2007**

*Motion by: Bob Blair- Second by: Phil Rice*

*GARY-YES*

*PHIL-YES*

*BOB-YES*

*MIKE-YES*

*JOE-YES*

*Town of Saranac Resolution for Detailed Inspection:*

*Property is 286 Clark Hill Rd. Saranac, NY 12981*

*Owner is Joseph Reed address is 178 W. End Binghamton, NY 13905*

*The residence at 286 Clark Hill Rd. was burned out last year and nothing has been done to secure the building, remove what is left standing due to fire. On inspection of property the Code Officer found it to be unsafe. In Violation of P.M.L. 108 and Local Law 34-85 which provides for the removal or repair of buildings in the town of Saranac that are deemed unsafe to the public.*

**Resolution 61-2007**

**Authorization to Pay Audited Warrants:**

**APPROVAL to PAY WARRANTS:**

*Motion by: Phil Rice(C) second by: Gary Tedford (C)*

*GARY-YES*

*PHIL-YES*

*BOB-YES*

*MIKE-YES*

*JOE-YES*

*Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.*

*Next regular Board meeting will be October 22, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mary Bell*

*Town Clerk*

