

**TOWN OF SARANAC  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2009 7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL**

*Members Present:*

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

*Also attending meeting: Sylvia Newman, Jim Facticeau, Buck Terry, Rita Wilson and Steve McKenzie.*

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

**Resolution 57-2009**

*Consideration of the Minutes for Meeting on August 24, 2009 & Special Budget Meeting from September 21, 2009.*

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

*PHIL RICE-YES*

*BOB BLAIR-YES*

*MIKE TEDFORD-YES*

*JERRY DELANEY-YES*

*JOE GERARDI-YES*

Open Water District Snow Plowing Bids:

The Town Clerk received 3 bids for the Town of Saranac Water Districts.

Redford Water District:

Leo Bell bid \$1800 for the Redford Water District.

Standish Water District:

Kevin Demers bid \$575.00 for the Standish Water District.

Saranac Water District:

Wayne LaVarnway bid \$425.00 for the Saranac Water District.

**Resolution 58-2009**

Motion made by: Joe Gerardi (Supervisor) second by: Mike Tedford (Councilman)  
Except the bids for all three Districts, the Snow removal for the 2009/10 snow season.

PHIL RICE-YES

BOB BLAIR-YES

MIKE TEDFORD-YES

JERRY DELANEY-YES

JOE GERARDI-YES

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

None.

**Correspondence:**

J. Clark, Business Devel. Corp, I-98

The Town of Saranac passed a Resolution few months ago for support of the (I-98) interstate highway, along with 110 other resolutions from other Towns.

J. Duprey, Assemblywoman, bills 9052 & 7504:

Assemblywoman J. Duprey will support 9052 & 7504 when and if the assembly can vote on the bills.

M. Connors, Life Flight, Inc.

The Town Board received letter from the North Country Life Flight, Inc. The Saranac Town Board will continue to support Life Flight with a resolution & donation the resolution will be put in place in a few months.

Major R. Craig, CC Sheriff's Department request:

Received letter from Sheriff's Department asking for the Towns local ordinances on noise complaints, and illegal burning. The Supervisor will send the Department the information.

**Supervisor's Report:**

Disability insurance coverage change for 2010:

**Resolution 59-2009**

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

PHIL RICE-YES

BOB BLAIR-YES

MIKE TEDFORD-YES

JERRY DELANEY-YES

JOE GERARDI-YES

Response to Selective:

Supervisor (Joe Gerardi) wrote letter to Selective, regarding the swings, and circuit breakers letting them know those issues have been addressed.

Response to Clinton County Collaborative:

Joe Gerardi (Supervisor) responded to the letter he received regarding the NYSDOT grant, and the Town of Saranac fully supports NYSDOT.

Notice of Investment Award, EDA Grant for \$30,000:

Grant: for Feasibility Study for Industrial Park & Strategy for diversification of local economy and creation of higher-skill, and higher-wage jobs. The Development Corporation in conjunction with the Local Development Corporation will handle the RFP's.

Letter to resident regarding use of Town Hall:

The Supervisor sent a letter to a Town resident regarding using the Town Hall. The person used supplies from the kitchen. Senior Citizens (Saranac Jammers) keep their supplies there. No one using Town Hall is allowed to use any supplies that are already there. The \$20.00 deposit the resident put down for the use of the hall will go to the Saranac Jammers to replace the products that were used. Everyone that uses the Town Hall for personal parties need to bring their own supplies, supplies in the kitchen aren't for the public to use, it is the seniors stuff for their Tuesday night gathering.

Budget update:

The Supervisor has the preliminary Budget ready; there will be a budget meeting October 5, 2009 at 6:30 to discuss the 2010 budget.

**Financial Report:**

**Resolution 60-2009**

Motion by: Bob Blair(C) second by: Mike Tedford(C)

PHIL RICE -YES

BOB BLAIR-YES

MIKE TEDFORD-YES

JERRY DELANEY-YES

JOE GERARDI-YES

**SAVING ACCOUNT BALANCES**

	<u>As of 8-31-09</u>	<u>as of 9-23-09</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>\$ 178,596.34</u>	<u>\$174,081.67</u>
<u>Saranac Ltg.</u>	<u>27,552.23</u>	<u>27,552.53</u>
<u>Standish Ltg.</u>	<u>3,841.35</u>	<u>3,841.35</u>

<u>General/Reserve</u>	<u>202,280.00</u>	<u>202,280.00</u>
<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>75,775.00</u>	<u>75,775.00</u>
<u>Highway</u>	<u>530,534.12</u>	<u>653,228.01</u>
<u>Roads &amp; Bridges</u>	<u>186,421.26</u>	<u>186,421.26</u>
<u>Redford Water</u>	<u>90,998.83</u>	<u>90,913.53</u>
<u>Standish Water</u>	<u>10,878.53</u>	<u>10,878.53</u>
<u>Saranac Water</u>	<u>13,266.04</u>	<u>13,048.60</u>
<u>Saranac Water F/ Pro.</u>	<u>20,145.81</u>	<u>20,145.81</u>

Expenditures in August    \$ 216,094.25  
Revenues in August         5,761.12

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

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**Highway Superintendent's Report:**

*The Superintendent spent the whole day at the Battle of Plattsburgh, Driving the Truck for the float in the parade.*

*There was a water problem in Standish; a standpipe was broken by accident by mowing up there. The Department has fixed the problem.*

*They will be hauling sand the whole month of October, the Highway Superintendent is asking everyone to use caution while the men are driving back and fourth hauling.*

*The shoulders will be done Ganong Drive soon.*

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**Water Districts Reports:**

**Redford Water:**

*Bob Blair reports:*

*Meeting was held September 2, 2009 they reviewed the by-laws for the Redford Water District, some things were added to the by-laws. Mary Bell re-typed up the new by-laws and Councilman (Robert Blair) sent them down to Andrew Abdallah (engineer) to review before the Advisory Board for the Redford Water District signs the resolution.*

**Standish Water:**

*Jerry Delaney reports:*

*There was a boil water order for the Standish Water District affecting Ross Street from corner of Ross St. and Wolf Pond Rd. and Depot St.*

**Saranac Water:**

*Mike Tedford reports:*

*Update on Water Plant upgrade:*

*Footer are in, and they will be putting up the walls this week.*

**Code Officer's report:**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>08/31/09</i>	<i>Jamie Laporte</i>	<i>Shed</i>	<i>True Brook Rd.</i>	<i>\$32.00</i>
<i>09/08/09</i>	<i>Deborah McDonald</i>	<i>Barn</i>	<i>93 Clinton St.</i>	<i>\$30.00</i>
<i>09/14/09</i>	<i>Dennis Guimond</i>	<i>D Wide Home</i>	<i>386 Bucks Cr Rd.</i>	<i>\$115.00</i>
<i>09/14/09</i>	<i>John Smith</i>	<i>Shed</i>	<i>22 Bridge St.</i>	<i>\$32.00</i>
<i>09/14/09</i>	<i>Frederick Reyell</i>	<i>Mobile home</i>	<i>244 True Brook Rd.</i>	<i>\$65.00</i>
<i>09/14/09</i>	<i>Larry Dashnaw</i>	<i>deck/porch</i>	<i>117 Square D. Rd.</i>	<i>\$30.00</i>
<i>09/21/09</i>	<i>Earl Lyman</i>	<i>Addition</i>	<i>524 Bucks Cr Rd.</i>	<i>\$40.00</i>

<u>09/21/09</u>	<u>James Farnan</u>	<u>shed</u>	<u>129 Cane Rd.</u>	<u>\$ 32.50</u>
<u>09/28/09</u>	<u>Patrick Freeman</u>	<u>Addition</u>	<u>46 Ron Craig Rd.</u>	<u>\$42.00</u>
<u>09/28/09</u>	<u>Wilford Parrotte</u>	<u>Shed</u>	<u>23 Champlain St.</u>	<u>\$32.00</u>

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**Community Outreach Center:**

*Cindy Waldron reports:*

*(August 24, 09-September 25, 09)*

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

*10 # rides coordinated to medical appointments.*

*14 # households received emergency food.*

*29 # purchased monthly co-op.*

*40 # volunteer hours given to center.*

*10 # information & referrals (health insurance, Red Cross, Senior Programs weatherization, housing etc.)*

*HEAP will open on November 2, 2009*

*Christmas Bureau applications will also start on November 2, 2009.*

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**Dog Control Officer's report:**

*Report is attached to these minutes.*

**Recreation:**

*Nothing at this time.*

**Assessor:**

*Stephen Petrashune reports:*

*The Assessor has applied for Maintenance aid.*

**Planning Board:**

*Nothing at this time.*

**Senior Citizens:**

*Phil Rice Wanted to Thank Lee Vann (Highway Superintendent) For all he done for the Battle of Plattsburgh day for the Seniors.*

**Saranac Fire Department:**

*Nothing at this time.*

**Building:**

*Nothing at this time.*

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

*Joe Gerardi reports:*

*Patti has been have problems with her email, they are working on the problem.*

**Historian:**

*Nothing at this time.*

**Attorney:**

*Nothing at this time.*

**Unfinished Business:**

Chateaugay Woodlands, vs. Town of Saranac:

The Town received notice from the Supreme Court Justice regarding the law suit Chateaugay Woodlands vs. Town of Saranac. The suit was dismissed on August 27, 2009.

**New Business:**

Resolve to apply for 2009 LWRP grant:

**Resolution 61-2009**

Motion to apply for grant by: Gerald Delaney (C) seconds by: Philip Rice (C)

PHILIP RICE -YES

ROBERT BLAIR -YES

MICHAEL TEDFORD-YES

GERALD DELANEY-YES

JOE GERARDI-YES

WHEREAS the Town of Saranac, with funding from the Department of State Division of Coastal Resources, has begun development of a Waterfront Revitalization Strategy; and

WHEREAS the Project Advisory Committee formed to develop the Waterfront Revitalization Strategy has identified access and site improvements at the Town's recreation park, located on the Saranac River, as a key revitalization priority project; and

WHEREAS the area along the Saranac River at the Town's Picketts Corners Recreation Park proposed for improvement is the site of the annual Flatwater Canoe Challenge, a key promotional event which increases awareness of the recreational opportunities offered by the Saranac River; and

WHEREAS improvements to the site will increase opportunities for enjoyment of the Saranac River by residents and regional tourists, thereby advancing Town of Saranac waterfront revitalization goals; and

*WHEREAS a notice of funding availability for Environmental Protection Fund grant monies for this purpose has been made by the Department of State Division of Coastal Resources;*

*NOW HERE BE IT RESOLVED:*

*That Joe Gerardi, as Supervisor of the Town of Saranac, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds to the New York State Department of State*

*Division of Coastal Resources for grant monies to advance the Town of Saranac's revitalization efforts through access and site improvements at the Town's recreation park on the Saranac River, to act on behalf of the Town of Saranac Board in all matters related to this financial assistance, and to certify the information contained in this application.*

*I, Mary Bell, the duly qualified Clerk of the Town of Saranac, New York, do hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Town of Saranac Board held on September 28, 2009, and is incorporated in the original minutes of said meeting, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.*

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*Quadricentennial Day report:*

*Phil Rice reports:*

*Quadricentennial Day was held on September 19, 2009. Phil Rice and his wife attended the ceremonies. There were many themes throughout the day to celebrate history, exploration, and nature.*

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

*Gerald Delaney wanted to discuss with the Board about a grant he has been looking into. Solar Panels for the Highway Department. Asking if the Town Council would consider using \$ 12,000 up to \$15,000 out of the Saving account to consider applying for the*

*grant that is available. All Board members agreed to have Gerald look into the grant process. More information in the months to follow.*

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*Phil Rice commented on, he has received a few calls about the wood boiler that's been put up across the rode from the school. Some towns have regulations on them. The Supervisor asks Phil Rice to check in the other towns in the county.*

**Authorization to pay Audited Warrants:**

**Resolution 62-2009**

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

*PHIL RICE-YES*

*BOB BLAIR-YES*

*MIKE TEDFORD-YES*

*JERRY DELANEY –YES*

*JOE GERARDI-YES*

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. the next regular meeting will be held on October 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mary Bell*

*Town Clerk*

*09/28/09*