

**TOWN OF SARANAC
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2009, 7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL**

Members Present:

*Joe Gerardi (Supervisor)
Philip Rice (Councilman)
Robert Blair (Councilman)
Michael Tedford (Councilman)
Gerald Delaney (Councilman)
Mary Bell (Town Clerk)
Lee Vann (Highway Superintendent)
Stephen Petrashune (Assessor)*

There was no one else at the meeting.

Joe Gerardi opened Organizational Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Joe led the Town Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the floor:

None

Supervisor's report:

There will be no reports at this time. (Financial)

Contracts need to be approved:

Enter into contract with JCEO for the year of 2009

Resolution 01-09

JCEO Contract:

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

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JERRY-YES

JOE-YES

Enter into contract with the Nutrition Program:

Resolution 02-09

Nutrition Program for the Elderly:

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

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JERRY-YES

JOE-YES

Highway Superintendent report:

Every year there are some projects that the highway needs to look at fixing. Highway Superintendent would like to tend to a few of these projects throughout the year.

One is on the Town Line Road- put in a cross culvert to repair the drainage problem that has been an issue for some time.

Another one is on the Newell Road – the plow has a hard time plowing the road, Mr. Vann wants to cut down a piece of it to fix the problem.

Also on the Downs Road- remove stumps from the telephone poles.

Mr. Vann would like to get quotes on getting the fuel tanks at the garage inspected.

Departments Reports:

There will be no reports at this meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Nothing at this meeting.

New Business:

Resolution 03-09

Approval of Appointments:

Motion by: Joe Gerardi(S) second by: Mike Tedford (C)

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JERRY-YES

JOE-YES

2009 APPOINTMENTS

Deputy Supervisor
Deputy Highway Superintendent
Deputy Town Clerk
Board of Assessment Review

Bob Blair
Keith Cringle Jr.
Leo Bell
Ed Liberty Jr.
Ellen LaMora

Budget Officer

Joe Gerardi

Sole Assessor
Dog Control Officer
Historian
Park Manager
Recreation Leader
Buildings and Grounds
Code Enforcement Officer
Registrar of Vital Statistics
Deputy Registrar
Town Bookkeeper/Secretary to Supervisor
Attorney for the Town
Town Hall Custodian
Water Treatment Plant Operators/Laborer
 Redford Water
 Saranac Water
 Standish Water
Deputy Tax Collector
Court Clerk
Planning Board

Steve Petrashune
Mark Plumadore
Jan Couture
Ken Carter
Brent Cringle
Glen Hamel
Jeff Reisdorf
Mary Bell
Leo Bell
Patti LaMora
Frank Zappala
Larietta Hamel

Glen Hamel/Brian Waldron
Glen Hamel
Martha Chase
Shirley Otten
Carol Plumadore
Joe Donnery, Joe Racette,
Harold Ryan, Cindy Waldron
Ellen LaMora

Mileage will be current state rate for authorized town business. Salaries will be paid at the rate agreed upon at the Budget Hearing held on November 6, 2008. Overtime rate is 1 ½ times the hourly rate in excess of 40 hours per week, and holidays, if worked. Official Bank will be Key Bank in Dannemora NY. Official town newspaper will be the Plattsburgh Press Republican.

Regular Town Board Meetings are scheduled as follows:

January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27, May 18, June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28, October 26, November 5 (Budget Hearing), November 23, December 21 (End of Year Meeting). Organizational Meeting for 2010 will be January 4, 2010. All meetings are held at the Saranac Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

Liaison Committee Appointments

Recreation Committee
Planning Board
Senior Citizens

Bob Blair
Jerry Delaney
Philip Rice

Saranac Water District
Redford Water District
Standish Water District
Saranac Fire Dept.

Mike Tedford
Bob Blair
Jerry Delaney
Mike Tedford

JCEO
Building
Highway
Newsletter & Website
Saranac Central School

Philip Rice
Bob Blair
Joe Gerardi/Bob Blair
Joe Gerardi
Joe Gerardi

Approval of Mileage:

Resolution 04-09

Motion to approve mileage by: Phil Rice (C) second by: Mike Tedford (C)

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JERRY-YES

JOE-YES

Approval of Official Newspaper:

Resolution 05-09

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

To approve (Press Republican) as the Towns Official New paper.

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JERRY-YES

JOE-YES

Approval of Official Bank:

Resolution 06-09

Motion by: Joe Gerardi (S) second by: Jerry Delaney (C)

To approve (Key bank of Dannemora) as the Official Bank.

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JERRY-YES

JOE-YES

Approval of Town Board Meeting Dates for 2009:

Resolution 07-09

Motion by: Phil Rice (C) second by: Mike Tedford (C)

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JERRY-YES

JOE-YES

Meeting Dates for 2009 calendar year:

January 26, 2009

February 23, 2009

March 23, 2009

April 27, 2009

May 18, 2009

June 22, 2009

July 27, 2009

August 24, 2009

September 28, 2009

October 26, 2009

November 23, 2009

December 21, 2009

January 4, 2010 Organizational meeting

Approval to pay postage/utility bills on arrival (if necessary to avoid late fees)

Resolution 08-09

Motion by: Jerry Delaney (C) second by: Joe Gerardi (S)

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JERRY-YES

JOE-YES

CD Renewal due 1/26/09

The Town Council will go with the 6 months CD.

Election of Delegate and Alternate to Assoc. of Towns Meeting in New York City:

Resolution 09-09

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

Approval to make: Joe Gerardi the Delegate

Approval to make: Phil Rice the Alternate

PHIL RICE-YES

BOB BLAIR-YES

MIKE-TEDFORD-YES

JERRY DELANEY-YES

JOE GERARDI-YES

Set up insurance presentations dates:

The Board will have two presentations. The Supervisor will call with dates.

Tax Cap Resolution:

The Town Board is opposed to the Tax Cap: The Supervisor will send Resolution on behalf of our Town.

Resolution 10-09

Motion by: Joe Gerardi (S) second by: Philip Rice (C)

PHILIP RICE-YES

ROBERT BLAIR-YES

MICHAEL TEDFORD-YES

GERALD DELANEY-YES

JOE GERARDI-YES

Whereas, Gov. David Paterson included a measure in his budget which orders a cap on all current property-tax payments paid by the state, and

Whereas, an 1886 law clearly states that the State is supposed to pay fair market value on their lands, and

Whereas, the State has a legal obligation to pay Forest Preserve property taxes, and

Whereas, the State's tax payments on the Forest Preserve was upheld by the NYS Supreme Court's Appellate Division earlier this year, in the case of Dillenburg vs. NYS, and

Whereas, we view the payment of taxes on the Forest Preserve as a permanent, essential and inviolate commitment from the people of New York State, who benefit so greatly from the Preserve, to the taxing districts in which those State lands are located, and

Whereas, the proposed tax cap would set a dangerous precedent by creating two separate ad valorem tax rates, one for the State and another for private property owners,

Be it therefore Resolved that we are opposed to a plan to trim State spending by capping the state's property tax payments on Forest Preserve lands to Adirondack towns, counties and school districts, and

Be it further Resolved that the governor rescind his amendment to Section 544 of the real property tax law, paragraph 3, which proposes to cap property taxes on State

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Floor:

None

Authorization to Pay Warrants:

Resolution 11-09

Approval to Pay Warrants

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

PHIL-YES

BOB-YES

MIKE-YES

JERRY-YES

JOE-YES

Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m. The next Regular Board meeting will be January 26, 2009, at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mary L. Bell
Town Clerk*

January 5, 2009