

**TOWN OF SARANAC  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
January 25, 2021 6 PM TOWN HALL**

Present:

Tim Napper, Supervisor  
Gerald Delaney, Councilman  
Michele Petrashune, Councilwoman  
Jim Facteau, Councilman

Tracy Eggleston, Councilman -- Absent

Attending: Jim Waldron, Highway Superintendent; Jim E. Facteau, Code Enforcement Officer; Meg Bobbin

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

**Approve the minutes of the January 11 work session.**

Motion by Michele Petrashune, second by Jerry Delaney, all in favor.

**Supervisor's report**

The town's share of 4th quarter Clinton County sales tax is \$13,133.85, which is higher than expected. There was a question of where the money will be recorded and what it will be used for.

**Resolution 27-2021 Appointment of Benjamin Gadbois to the Board of Assessment Review**

Motion by Jerry Delaney, second by Michele Petrashune

GERALD DELANEY	Yes
MICHELE PETRASHUNE	Yes
TRACY EGGLESTON	Absent
JIM FACTEAU	Abstain
TIMOTHY NAPPER	Yes

Supervisor Napper noted for the record that Ben is Jim Facteau's son-in-law and the appointment was at the recommendation of Supervisor Napper.

**Insurance**

Supervisor Napper met with Ed Davis from Northern Insuring earlier in the week to finish the in-depth insurance questionnaire. There are just a couple of outstanding items. Supervisor Napper commended Jaki Carter for her assistance in filling out the recreation portion.

### **Computer update**

Nothing has moved forward with computer upgrades. Supervisor Napper expressed concern about both proposals requiring a substantial deposit.

### **Upgrading phone lines**

Discussion about upgrading the phone system led Jerry Delaney to offer three solutions, all of which include moving from the current outdated copper phone line to internet based phone service while keeping at least one hard line for emergency purposes:

1. Make the switch but keep one existing hard line through Verizon
2. Invest in a standalone generator in case of power outage and/or the need for town hall to be an incident command post
3. Invest in battery backup for the internet system

Supervisor Napper asked for a short-term solution for the phone system. The board agreed to invite Symquest to the next work session.

### **Update on Square Dashnaw Bridge**

No news on Square Dashnaw Bridge - same delays.

### **Salt storage facility**

The contractor will be ready to start construction on the salt storage facility in May. Supervisor Napper asked Highway Superintendent Jim Waldron to let the board know what he will need to complete the in kind portion of the project, and that it be planned out as best as it can be ahead of time.

### **Legal review**

Supervisor Napper is working with the Amish contractor to get a legible copy of his liability policy.

### **Public Employer Emergency Health Plan**

A draft copy was provided to the board and Supervisor Napper asked that the board get back to him with any changes they would like to see before Friday as it is due to the Union rep by Feb. 4.

### **Resolution 28-2020 Budget Adjustment**

Motion by Jerry Delaney, second by Michele

GERALD DELANEY	Yes
MICHELE PETRASHUNE	Yes
TRACY EGGLESTON	Absent
JIM FACTEAU	Yes
TIMOTHY NAPPER	Yes

### **APA Review Board donation**

Motion by Jim Facteau, second by Michele

GERALD DELANEY	Abstain
MICHELE PETRASHUNE	Yes

TRACY EGGLESTON	Absent
JIM FACTEAU	Yes
TIMOTHY NAPPER	Yes

### **Highway**

There was continued discussion about specifications for the new truck. Supervisor Napper asked for a motion allowing Jim Facteau, highway superintendent to research and go out to bid for the truck and equipment with two options:

1. stainless steel with multi-body
2. straight dump body

Motion by Jerry Delaney, second by Michele Petrashune, all in favor.

Dana Monty's truck is having issues. The highway crew was down two men during the recent snow storm; Supervisor Napper commended Jim W. for helping with plowing when it was needed.

Supervisor Napper will re-introduce the NYSDOT shared services agreement at the February 8 work session.

The town is making good progress collecting rollover balances from CHIPS, PAVE-NY and EWR.

The board asked Jim W. to begin 284 planning for 2021.

### **Water districts**

Ed Garrow has begun the curb valves install project.

### **Tax Collector**

Mark White paid most small accounts on January 25 and will come through with the others as he collects taxes.

### **Assessor**

Newly appointed assessor Dave Galarneau is putting in a lot of hours.

### **Code Enforcement Officer**

New CEO Jim E. Facteau completed all of the required online training. He requested the board approve a purchase of hard copies of the building codes; he will check various associations for the best value.

Motion by Jim Facteau, second by Michele Petrashune, all in favor.

### **Dog Control Officer**

A report from November 2020-January 2021 was submitted.

### **Recreation**

Still awaiting news on the state of a basketball season.

**Executive session**

**The meeting adjourned at 8 PM**

Motion by Jim Fecteau, second by Michele Petrashune, all in favor

**Work session February 8, 2021 6 PM Town Hall**

**Board meeting February 22, 2021 6 PM Town Hall**