

**TOWN OF SARANAC
WORK SESSION MINUTES
June 8, 2020 7 PM TOWN HALL**

Present:

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

Attending: Jim Waldron, Highway Superintendent; Todd Perry, Code Enforcement Officer; Meg LeFevre

Pledge of Allegiance

Jim Facteau provided an update on quotes for uniforms and current use of rags in highway. He made a motion to sign the contract with Unifirst. Jerry seconded. All in favor.

Jim confirmed the dealership on Ganong Drive is registered. The board asked Jim Waldron to move the Jersey barriers back to the road. Tim referenced information provided by the Association of Towns on local laws regarding parking on right of ways. Jerry suggested if the town creates a local law the language should state that no unlicensed cars may be parked on town right of way. There was discussion about what constitutes an unlicensed vehicle and the gray areas. Tim will reach out to get the ball rolling for the local law.

Tim reviewed the packet that was sent to DOL in response to the unemployment insurance notice for Justice Drollette.

Jerry made a motion to approve payroll training through KVS and any additional training needed for the secretary/bookkeeper position. Michele seconded. All in favor.

There was discussion regarding final payment for Tom Maggy and the current status off the Wood house RPC project.

The generator issue at the Standish Water plant seems to be resolved. Since snow removal is not a budget line for Standish Water, the board opted to pay Patrick Chase the \$600.00 annual stipend out of the contractual expenses line.

Tim gave a brief outline of the proposed new health insurance plan. He said the pitch from Clark Forster seemed to have gone over well, and Legislator Patty Waldron was there for support. Tim cited the line in the CSEA contract that states, "Any change should be equal to or better than the existing plan." Emy

Pombrio said CSEA state president said no changes can be made until a new contract is negotiated. Michele confirmed this stance, stating that health insurance is a negotiated benefit and must be done under collective bargaining.

LMAS bank account issue remains unresolved.

Resolution 56-2020, Supervisor Approval Needed for All Purchases, was passed. Motion by Jim, seconded by Jerry. All in favor.

Tim made a suggestion to reduce the cost of trash removal and save the town \$1,000/year—a six-yard dumpster at town hall and an eight-yard dumpster at the highway garage each picked up once/month. The board agreed to try it out, and if it doesn't work, go back to the old way.

The board agreed to sign the 284 agreement with roads to be paved: Starkey, McCutcheon and Lamkins, in that order.

Tim asked Jim Waldron why his guys replaced four brake shoes on a truck when it was recommended by the salesman to only replace two. Jim W. said it was only \$40 extra per wheel to repair both sides while the truck was opened up. Tim wanted it clarified that it was actually \$85 extra. Jim Facticeau suggested going to a PO system if highway isn't getting prior approval for purchases. Jerry said the board is most concerned about further financial hardship due to COVID-19 and that the board needs to do all it can to be responsible.

Jerry said the pool can be opened with up to ten people, per health department guidance, and there will be adult supervision in addition to the lifeguards. The rec team is working on a plan for fitness in the park. Pool heaters will be installed Saturday, June 13. A solar array is being designed and sent to NYSERDA for approval. Tim said the concrete was poured last week for the heaters and shade structure.

Tim said that AES has requested more money from DOT for the Dashnaw Bridge project. The board asked Tim to follow up with AES.

Tim said he will let the state of emergency expire when phase 3 is approved.

Tim brought up the idea of a digital town crier to save on printing expenses.

Todd Perry reviewed information related to advancing from phase 1 to phase 2.

Justice Drollette referenced her unemployment insurance claim and said she did tell DOL she was still being paid by the town but she qualified for the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance anyway. She also said the court will be getting updated computers and software from the state to provide digital court services.

Adjournment at 7:45

Jerry motioned to adjourn, Tracy seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Napper
Supervisor