

TOWN OF SARANAC
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2018, 7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL

Members Present:

Nick Carter (Councilman)
Gerald Delaney (Councilman)
Michele Petrashune (Councilwoman)
Tracy Eggleston (Councilman)
Jim Facteau (Councilman)
Mary Bell (Town Clerk)
James Waldron (Highway Superintendent)
Stephen Petrashune (Assessor)
Mark White (Tax Collector)
Todd Perry (Code Officer)

Also attending the meeting: Kathy Facteau, Phyllis Waldron, Barry Newcombe, Nancy Dow and Thomas Maggy.

The Supervisor opened meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mary Bell led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of the Minutes to the July 23, 2018 Regular Meeting and August 13, 2018 Work Session Meeting:

Resolution 74-2018

Motion by: Jerry Delaney (C) second by: Tracy Eggleston (C)

GERALD DELANEY-YES

MICHELE PETRASHUNE-YES

TRACY EGGLESTON-YES

JIM FACTEAU-YES

NICK CARTER-YES

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Floor:

Mark Plumadore comments: DOT will be drilling a Well at his sons place by the end of September. Looking like Hunt True's place is next. Hannah Mc Cormick's Well that they drilled is working (Water) good so far. Mark is just updating the Board on the Salt situation on Russia Hill.

Correspondence:

Dannemora Free Library:

Received letter from Library, giving information on all the things they offer to the town residents. The Town gives the Library a donation every year.

Verizon Damage Claim:

The Plant Facilities had damage: Location is :Napper Road & Chazy Lake Road, Saranac, N.Y. Total cost for damage claim was \$3,975.90

Supervisor's report:

Financial:

The Supervisor states that as of August first: the Highway Superintendent's budget line A5010.4 is over drawn \$454.74 and the Park Contractual is A7110.4 \$1487.84. They will take out of the Planning Board line A8020.4 \$855.00 for Highway and \$1488 for Parks.

Transfer From: A8020.4 \$1,488.00- to A7110.4

Transfer From: A8020.4 \$455.00- to A5010.4

Transfer:

Resolution 75-2018

Motion by: Michele Petrashune(C) second by: Tracy Eggleston (C)

GERALD DELANEY-YES

MICHELE PETRASHUNE-YES

TRACY EGGLESTON-YES

JIM FACTEAU-YES

NICK CARTER-YES

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Bridge over Cold Brook & High Banks:

The Detour for residents: Cold Brook Rd to High Banks to True Brook Rd.

The Supervisor spoke with the County, due to the fact they owns all bridges in our County. The State has closed the bridge because the condition of the deck and one of the support beams is deteriorated making the bridge unsafe.

Motion: to except Financial report:

Resolution 76-2018

Motion by: Jerry Delaney(C) second by: Tracy Eggleston(C)

GERALD DELANEY-YES

MICHELE PETRASHUNE-YES

TRACY EGGLESTON-YES

JIM FACTEAU-YES

NICK CARTER-YES

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCES		
	7/31/18	08/22/18
General	\$438,562.19	\$422,246.52
Saranac Ltg.	\$14,949.71	\$14,949.71
Standish Ltg.	\$1,803.27	\$1,803.27
General/Reserve	\$202,280.00	\$202,280.00
Building Fund	\$75,775.00	\$75,775.00
Highway	\$1,580,833.49	\$1,567,613.89
Roads & Bridges	\$229,093.88	\$229,093.88
Redford Water	\$125,112.58	\$125,112.58
Standish Water	\$34,418.51	\$34,418.51
Saranac Water	\$99,301.89	\$99,301.89
Standish Water Project	336,695.39	\$336,695.39
Expenditures in July	\$323,352.60	
Revenue in July	\$6,507.04	

EMS update:

Summary of EMS meeting recorded at the Saranac Town Hall July 27 2019 9 AM

Meeting began at 9 AM

Attending:

Jon Douglas supervisor Town of Blackbrook; William Chase supervisor Town of Dannemora; Michael Bennett Mayor Village of Dannemora; J.R. Trombley and Jason Dean Town Ellenburg; Nick Carter supervisor and Jim Facticeau councilman Town of Saranac, Todd Perry and Nancy Clancy Saranac Fire Department, Hunt True.

Supervisor Carter stated the reason for the meeting. "To explore ways to solve the Delivery of Emergency Medical Service at a reasonable cost to all Taxpayers within the Towns of Black Brook Dannemora Ellenburg and Saranac to include the Village of Dannemora."

Bill Chase, town's should set up EMS districts, then collaborate on setting up a not for profit EMS or contract with not for profit already set up?

Jim Facticeau, How would this work? Would Dannemora be the not for profit or could we contract with Lyon Mountain Fire?

Hunt True, Suggested hiring Morrisonville EMS Corporation.

Todd Perry, the commissioners met with Lyon MT, to get an understanding of their EMS operation. They still have issues and are working with Pennsky to address them. Todd feels that Lyon Mt. is not ready to expand yet. Mickey Bennet asked that the Village be included in future meetings with Lyon Mt and the Saranac Fire Dpt.

Bill Chase, we should combine Saranac, Dannemora, the Village, Black Brook Ellenburg maybe Lyon Mt into one corporation. Look out for the entire community.

Nick Carter, Are the Towns willing to attend necessary meetings to set up the EMS districts and Corporation or hire an existing corporation? Are the Departments willing to transfer equipment to the new corporation or Towns however that would need to be done?

There was general agreement to move forward. Most agreed that hiring an advisor (attorney) would be the next logical step. There is general agreement that the Towns should have the EMS districts set up by 2019.

Mickey Bennet and Todd Perry, agreed to continue the Agreement between the Village and Saranac Fire District for one more Year to the End of 2019.

Bill Chase and Jon Douglas asked for a letter to all the towns to that effect.

Jon Douglas, the Towns need a MOU to collectively set up EMS districts (I have map of mine) and establish a not for profit corporation with advice from Tarrence H. and the towns should share the cost.

Nick Carter there are grants to help this entire process under shared services.

It was agreed that the Supervisors would go to their boards to get resolutions to jointly pursue establishing a regional EMS service and by a MOU hire a legal advisor to move forward with a goal of completing the process by December 2019.

Jim Facticeau stated that, as he understood what was being proposed, he could support it for Saranac.

The resolutions should be approved as soon as possible. Everyone thought these resolutions should be complete by end of August or sooner.

Meeting Adjourned 10:15 AM

To summarize:

The town supervisors will ask their boards for resolutions to work jointly to set up EMS districts, set up or hire a not for profit corporation to provide EMS service, hire jointly, a qualified legal advisor to assist the process. The MOU's need to be agreed on

The Saranac Fire Department and Village of Dannemora will provide the Towns a letter spelling out their agreement to continue EMS for one more year (2019)

This process should be complete by November/December 2019 with the new system live January 2020.

Respectively Submitted
Nicholas Carter

There was much discussion on the EMS situation.

Councilman Gerald Delaney speaks: His feels this is a path to many steps~ First the Town would need to get the cost for services. Need to address the concerns to the voices that aren't in favor with this whole situation. We would need a letter of understanding from Fire Department also, These are just some of the things that the Town Board has to consider and discuss and figure out.

*They need to get a attorney that has dealt with this situation before and have the knowledge to help & guide the Town with making further decisions.
Right now the Board will look into finding the right attorney and do a resolution to continue the research in this matter*

Resolution to take steps to continue looking at a solution:

Resolution 77-2018

EMS:

Motion by: Jerry Delaney (C) second by: Tracy Eggleston(C)

GERALD DEALNEY-YES

MICHELE PETRASHNE-YES

TRACY EGGLESTON-YES

JM FACTEAU-YES

NICK CARTER-YES

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Resolution _____

Whereas: The Village of Dannemora and the Saranac Fire Department are considering discontinuing Emergency Medical Services as of December 31st 2019 and

Whereas: this affects the Towns of Black Brook, Dannemora, Ellenburg, and Saranac who are within the current Emergency Medical Services (EMT) district of the Saranac Fire Department and The Village of Dannemora and

Whereas: All concerned parties have been meeting to find a solution to provide EMS services should the Village of Dannemora and The Saranac Fire Department terminate EMS service.

Now Therefore: be it resolved that the Town of Saranac will, upon permissive referendum, create a town wide Emergency Medical Services district (EMS) and further work diligently with the other affected parties to best continue EMS services in the event that the Village of Dannemora and the Saranac Fire Department terminate EMS services December 31st 2019 or in the future.

Resolution to Bid OUT (Hire) Attorney for the EMS
Resolution 78-2018

Motion by: Jerry Delaney(C) second by: Tracy Eggleston (C)
GERALD DELANEY-YES
MICHELE PETRASHUNE-YES
TRACY EGGLESTON-YES
JIM FACTEAU-YES
NICK CARTER-YES

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Department Reports:

Town Clerk's Monthly report:

Resolution 79-2018

Motion by: Jerry Delaney(C) second by: Tracy Eggleston (C)
GERALD DELANEY-YES
MICHELE PETRASHUNE-YES
TRACY EGGLESTON-YES
JIM FACTEAU-YES
NICK CARTER-YES

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Tax Collector:

Not at meeting

Assessor:

Not at meeting

Code Officer:

Not at meeting:

But received report :

Total permits to date- 29

4 New mobile homes, 4 stick built.

Opened permits for Standish Water project.

Dog Control Officer:

The report will be attached in the Minute Book

Community Outreach Center:

Not at meeting

Recreation:

Report on next 2 pages.

Town of Saranac Recreation and Park Report

End of Summer 2018

We have come to the close of a very successful summer. From the pool to all our youth programs participation has been extraordinary.

1. The improvements to the pool have proven to be money well spent. Few problems occurred this year with the running and operation of the pool and in their report the Health Department noted the overall improvement in the safety and operation of the pool.
-Over 2,500 people used the pool throughout the summer this year. That is up from just over 2000 last year
-100 children participated in the swim lesson program
-We will be getting back \$1500.00 for our WSI from the county to pay for this program
2. The baseball/softball season went very well.
3. Soccer has begun and participation there is extremely high.
4. Fitness in the Park was a great success as well. Both karate and Hip Hop were well attended and I look forward to offering these again next year. These were also paid for by grant \$ and cost the town nothing.
5. Our kayak program was also very successful and will continue next year. I would like to see more people involved in this. It is a great program and opportunity.
6. Adult yoga was well attended and I know Jackie is looking to include more adult activities next year.
7. Playground has been very well-received by the town and is heavily used.

I am very thankful for all the town and board have done and the support we have received in making the park a vital and strong part of the community. Going forward in the budget process for next year I make the following suggestions:

1. Kayak program
-I can fund some of this with money from Fitness in the Park grant. The remaining fee I budgeted out of the money received from the county, \$900.00 this year.
2. Funds to purchase more clay for park baseball field. I do not have an exact number as this time but I am working with Jon Parks. Hopefully they can order what we would need with their order so they could transport it and then we would just pay them. We have created the base of the infield at no cost and now we should build on that to make the field even better.
3. I would also still like to try and put a permanent outfield fence in, I am still looking into this and what it would entail, cost, and possible outside funding.
4. Guard budget to remain at \$14,000. Pool will be open sooner, hopefully end of June, and stays open longer, August 24 next year. I would ask we increase guard pay from \$11.00 to 12.00 to stay competitive with the Town of Plattsburgh.
5. We need to replace the fence at the playground in Standish. Rick and I went and looked at it and this should be no problem.

6. The treating the pool water and then covering the pool for the winter worked excellent this past year and we will continue to do it this way going forward. It saved much time and money. Lake Champlain Pools will again help with the proper closing.
7. Is there a time frame yet for when the improvements and additions from our grant will go into play?
-If possible, and if extra money is available in the grant, could we look into refurbishing the basketball court with a multi-purpose in mind?

Thank you

Cullen A. Coryer

Town Crier:

Nancy Dow reports:

Deadline for all articles is September 7th, 2018.

Buildings:

Nothing at this time.

Historian:

Not at meeting.

Water Districts:

Redford Water:

Michele Petrashune reports:

There will be a meeting Thursday at 7:00 pm at Fire Station in Redford.

Saranac Water:

Nothing at this time.

Standish Water:

The Project is under way.

They have a meeting every 2 weeks for updates on the progress.

Highway Superintendent report:

Jim Waldron reports:

Received a Check for \$3,075.20 for Soil

Check for CHIPS- \$ 213,150.22

Been doing patching

Ditching

Mowing
Will be receiving Plow truck in October
The 1 Ton truck is in.

Unfinished Business:

The Plow bid they received was very low. The Highway Superintendent says lets just keep it for now. the Board agrees it worth more in scrap metal than what the bid came in as.
Resolved :that the Board will reject the bid.

New Business:

Snow plowing of Redford and Saranac Water Districts:

The Highway Department will do the plowing and sanding for both Districts.

Resolution 80-2018

Motion by: (C) second by: (C)
GERALD DELANEY-YES
MICHELE PETRASHUNE-YES
TRACY EGGLESTON-YES
JIM FACTEAU-YES
NICK CARTER-YES

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Questions, Comments, Petitions from the floor:

Nothing at this time.

Authorization to Pay Audited Warrants:

Pay Warrants: Check # 29226-29269

Resolution 81 -2018

Motion by: Tracy Eggleston (C) second by: Jerry Delaney(C)
GERALD DELANEY-YES
MICHELE PETRASHUNE-YES
TRACY EGGLESTON-YES
JIM FACTEAU-YES
NICK CARTER-YES

The Supervisor closed Regular meeting to enter into Executive Session.8:15p.m.

Meeting was opened again at 8:23 p.m.

Meeting was Adjourned at 8:24 p.m. The next Regular BoardMeeting will be held on September 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. and the Work Session Meeting will be Sept 10th, 2018 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted.

Mary Bell
Town Clerk
August 27, 2018