**TOWN OF SARANAC**

**BOARD MEETING**

**December 18, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by the presiding officer at the

Town of Saranac Town Hall

**MEMBERS** **PRESENT** **ABSENT**

Timothy R. Napper, Supervisor X

Jerry Delaney, Councilor X

Michele Petrashune. Councilor X

Tracey Eggleston, Councilor X

James Terry, Councilor X

Also in attendance: James Waldron, Steve McKenzie, Todd Perry, Connor Perry, Lou Plante, and Lisa Racette

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **This meeting is being recorded.**
3. **General Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Floor**
4. **Correspondence**

A. The Supervisor indicated we had received over $400,000.00 reimbursement from the State for the chips type of work. The money has been moved to New York Class where the present interest rate is generating over $400.00 a week.

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1. **Supervisor's Report**

A. Ambulance Service – The Supervisor presented the proposed agreements with the Saranac Fire District and the Morrisonville ambulance service to provide coverage

to Standish.

**Resolution 140-2023 - Present the proposed memo of understanding to both the Saranac Fire District and the Morrisonville EMS to cover Standish.**

**Motion by James, second by Michele – All in favor**

B. Water Study Report – The engineer has been here and indicated the report would be available in the near future. Due to the survey results it was clear that there was insufficient support for extending any of the districts. It was also noted that the single biggest need was probably an additional service for the Saranac District.

C. Dog Control – Councilor Petrashune reported that the interview committee unanimously recommended that Lou Plante be appointed as dog control officer. Discussion included concerns that the town currently had more than 2 times as many handicap tags issued as it did dog licenses. It was also noted that the board expected the DCO to keep a log of his activities and mileage travelled. In keeping with our local law, it was felt some progress was needed in conducting a dog census.

**Resolution 141-2023 – Appoint Lou Plante as Dog Control Officer.**

**Motion by James Terry, second by Michele Petrashune – All in favor**

D. FEMA – Meetings with FEMA officials continue. There are some application deadlines. The system requires an enormous amount of documentation. Beach Way & Spruce Street extension are 2 roads which have extra difficulties involved in their repair to make them resilient for the future.

E. Remodeling – It was pointed out most of the lights in the main hall had been upgraded to 2 LED bulbs which appeared to be brighter than the four former bulbs. An overall plan is needed dealing with flooring, walls, ceilings and the kitchen. The idea of a possible elevator for handicap access was also discussed.

F. Bicentennial – We continue to plan for the 2024 Bicentennial. A group from the 118th NY Regiment made another visit to the Town and indicated they would be willing to stage an encampment the weekend of September 7, 2024. It was expected that the Town would provide firewood, potable water and porta potties.

G. Tree Lighting – Held on 12/3/23.

H. Health Insurance - The Supervisor indicated it was open enrollment for health

insurance.

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1. **Highway**

A. Volvo Truck – Options for repairing the Volvo truck were discussed. The Highway Superintendent elect and the current Superintendent are going to try to do another evaluation of the truck and try to find the best path forward.

B. Equipment Inventory – It was indicated that a comprehensive inventory should be made of all the highway equipment so to learn what was needed. Dannemora has taken the 2011 truck back to their shop as we had not moved forward with purchasing it. Options exist including removing a box from one of our trucks for the summer or possibly buying a different trailer.

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1. **Reports**
2. Town Clerk - **Resolution 142-2023 – Motion made to accept the Town Clerk’s monthly report for the month of November. Motion by James, second by Tim – All in favor**
3. Water districts –
4. Redford- Pump/Scada Issues – Problems persist with the Scada system at the Redford district.
5. Standish – Still a possibility of hooking an additional user at the old Catholic Church.
6. Saranac –
7. Town Crier – Out Shortly
8. Tax Collector –
9. Assessor – Councilor Petrashune indicated she was going to attend the Assessment Review Board training in April.
10. Code Officer –
11. Dog Control Officer –
12. Community Outreach program –
13. Building –
14. Historian –
15. Recreation - Plans to order the foul poles for the Bowen Road ball field.

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1. Capital projects –
2. **Resolution 143-2023 -Authorization to Pay Audited Warrant dated 12/18/23.**

**Motion by Michele, second by James – All in favor**

1. **Resolution 144 -2023 -Accept the minutes of the previous meeting dated 11/27/23.**

**Motion by James, second by Michele – All in favor**

1. **Resolution -2023**
2. **Other**
3. **Unfinished Business**
4. **New Business**
5. **Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Floor**
6. **Adjournment @7:00 PM – Motion by James, second by Michele – All in favor**

**Organizational Meeting January 2nd, at 6:00 PM at Town Hall**

**Board Meeting January 8th, at 6:00 PM at Town Hall**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Debbie Pellerin,**

**Town Clerk**