**TOWN OF SARANAC**

**BOARD MEETING**

**February 12, 2024, 6:00 PM**

**Public Hearing @ 5:45 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM by the presiding officer at the

Town of Saranac Town Hall

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

Timothy R. Napper, Supervisor X

Michele Petrashune. Councilor X

Tracey Eggleston, Councilor X

James Terry, Councilor X Conner Perry, Councilor X

Also in attendance: Jamie Giroux, Steven McKenzie, Maitland Root, Thomas Maggy, Raymond LeDuc, Nick Carter, Julie Cane, Ron Cane, Louis Plante, Lisa Racette and Michael Layn. Eleven students from the High School attended to observe the meeting.

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

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1. **Supervisor's Report**
2. Local Law #1-2024 –**Resolution 31-2024 The board adopted Local Law 1-2024 qualifying volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers partial real property tax exemption on town levied taxes only. Motion by Tim, second by Tracey – Roll call**

**Michele Petrashune – abstain**

**Tracey Eggleston – aye**

**James Terry – absent**

**Conner Perry – aye**

**Tim Napper - aye**

B. Review of Recommendations of Board of Assessment Review – Two members of the Board of Assessment were present. One individual questioned what the rationale was for how the numbers for the 2023 assessment came to be. Nick Carter stated it was the largest and longest session he is ever attended. He also estimated the previous long-term assessor was in the office between 15 & 20 hrs. a week. It was decided it would be appropriate for the BOA review members to meet with the assessor to determine the best way to educate the public on understanding the process and their rights.

C. Bicentennial – Next meeting will be at the beginning of March to prepare for the Easter egg hunt. Councilor Petrashune stated her, and a friend were getting recipes together to compile a cookbook to be available for the field day in September. Solar eclipse – food truck and games at Bowen Road Park. Discussion was held on putting a time capsule together. We are still urging volunteers to come forward as we have much to do.

D. Bridge Audit – **Resolution 32-2024 – Authorization to sign the agreement with Lumsden McCormick, LLP certified public accountants to complete the bridge audit. – Motion by Tim, second by Michele – All in favor**

E. FEMA – Next meeting scheduled for February 15, 2024

F. Cleaner Position – Executive session to be held at end of meeting.

G. Budget Revisions – Some discussion was held regarding closing the 2023 budget. Michele indicated she felt we should recognize additional revenue. Tracey wished to know how much money would be available to move to the equipment reserve fund.

H. Town Hall Renovations – Renovations are continuing in the main hall, the kitchen is pretty much complete. Next step will be the offices.

I. Association of Towns Legislative Program – Supervisor indicated he read the propositions to be voted on. He felt he had no problem voting on them and Michele could use her best judgement.

J. Legislation of Reserve Account – **Resolution 33-2024 – Motion to request the State Legislature pass enabling legislation to allow for creation of a reserve account for retiree benefits. Motion by Michel, second by Conner – All in favor**

K. St. Lawrence County Emergency Services Towers – **Resolution 34- 2024 – Motion to support St Lawrence County emergency services towers. Motion by Tim, second by Tracey – All in favor**

L. Standish Playground – **Resolution 35-2024 – Motion to apply to Clinton County for $15,000 grant to be used for Standish playground equipment primarily.**

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

1. **Highway**

A. Equipment – Highway Supt. McKenzie received 3 estimates for a new dump trailer. Tedford’s garage was the most reasonably priced. **Resolution 36-2024 Authorization to purchase the dump trailer from Tedford’s garage for $9,795.80. Motion by Tracey, second by Tim – All in favor**

B. Employees – **Resolution 37-2024 – Motion to hire Michael Alexander as a Motor Equipment Operator Mechanic at an hourly rate of pay of $25.15 effective 2/25/24. Motion by Conner, second by Tim – All in favor**

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D.

1. **Reports**
2. Town Clerk –**Resolution 38-2024 - Accept the Town Clerk’s report for the month of January 2024. – Motion by Michele, second by Conner – All in favor**
3. Water districts –
4. Redford-
5. Standish –
6. Saranac –
7. Town Crier –.
8. Tax Collector –
9. Assessor –
10. Code Officer –
11. Dog Control Officer –
12. Community Outreach program –
13. Building –
14. Historian –
15. Recreation -

a.

b.

c.

1. Capital projects –
2. **Resolution 39 -2024 Authorization to Pay Audited Warrant dated 2/12/24.**

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

**9.** **Resolution 40-2024 Accept the minutes of the previous meeting dated 1/22/24.**

**Motion by Tracey, second by Tim – All in favor**

1. **Resolution -2024**

**11. Executive Session: 6:55 PM Motion was made by Tim to go into an executive session, seconded by Michele to discuss cleaning position.**

**7:09 PM Motion was made by Tim to reconvene the meeting, second by Michele**

1. **Resolution 41-2024 – Motion was made to hire Anika Clausen for the cleaning**

**position at an hourly rate of $17.50 effective 2/19/24. Motion by Tim, second by Michele – All in favor**

1. **Unfinished Business**
2. **New Business**
3. **Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Floor –** Jamie Giroux was in attendance and expressed his willingness to help in any way possible.

**16. Adjournment @ 7:25 PM – Motion by Tracey, second by Conner – All in favor**

**Board Meeting February 26, at 6:00 PM at Town Hall**

**Board Meeting March 11, at 6:00 PM at Town Hall**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Debbie Pellerin**

**Town Clerk**