**TOWN OF SARANAC**

**BOARD MEETING**

**October 30, 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

Tracy Eggleston, Councilor X

James Terry, Councilor X

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **This meeting is being recorded.**
3. **General Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Floor - none**
4. **Correspondence**

A. Recent correspondence from the comp. alliance indicated that our experience rating is much better than the previous years. It was suggested we lock in a 2 or 3 yr. Policy at renewal next year to ensure a lower rate.

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1. **Supervisor's Report**

A. Budget Review – Discussion ensued concerning the need to increase the budgeted amount for Highway health insurance in case new employees require a family plan health insurance. The health insurance of the DB budget was increased by $30,000. Additional funds would be taken from the fund balance.

The previous recommendation to adjust the revenue for the lighting districts was brought up again. The tentative budget now reflects a higher amount for the lighting districts but will still receive less revenue than in 2023. It was also noted that the final number to finance the Standish district is still unknown.

Councilor Eggleston expressed concerns with the amount of time required to mow grass. He advocated for buying a zero-turn mower. The equipment line for the grounds budget was increased by $5,000 to facilitate that purchase. The money would be taken from the fund balance.

B. Action on Budget – **Resolution 124-****2023 Adopt tentative budget with these changes as a preliminary budget. Motion by Michele, second by James – All in favor**

C. Dog Control Situation – Due to the recent resignation of the dog control officer, the position should be advertised. It was felt that a legal ad should be placed in the Press Republican and a help wanted ad in the Sun. One person from out of the area had already expressed some interest and Janet Collier (NYS) had indicated she might have another local individual interested. – **Resolution 125-2023** **- Approval to place a legal ad in the Press Republican and a help wanted ad in the Sun for dog control officer position. Motion by Michele, second by Jerry – All in favor**

D. FEMA Update – Meetings with FEMA officials have continued, initial estimates need to be forwarded by 11/10/23

E. Redford Water Access – The estimate for the work on the Redford water access road is still being formulated.

F. Ambulance Situation – The ambulance situation continues to evolve, it appears the Saranac Fire Commissioners intend to use the Morrisonville EMS. It will be necessary to firm up coverage for Standish. The Supervisor intends to meet with the Morrisonville EMS to figure out the path forward.

G. SCS shared services renewal – **Resolution 126-2023 Approval to renew the shared service agreement with Saranac Central School. Motion by Jerry, second by James** - **All in favor**

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1. **Highway**

A. Action on Volvo Truck - The situation with the Volvo truck was discussed, it was felt that the truck should be moved to a shop willing to fix the truck with after-market injectors.

The supervisor indicated that Dannemora had offered to sell us the low boy truck. An appropriate amount will be discussed at a further meeting.

B. **Resolution 127- 2023 – Authorization for Highway Superintendent to hire Brian Bailey permanently at the Highway garage. Motion by Jerry, second by Tracey – All in favor**

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1. **Reports**
2. Town Clerk
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 -

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1. Capital projects –
2. **Resolution -2023 Authorization to Pay Audited Warrant dated**
3. **Resolution -2023 Accept the minutes of the previous meeting**
4. **Resolution -2023**
5. **Other**
6. **Unfinished Business**
7. **New Business**
8. **Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Floor**
9. **Adjournment @7:34 PM – Motion by Tracey, second by James – All in favor**

**Budget Hearing November 9th, at 6:00 PM at Town Hall**

**Board Meeting November 13th, at 6:00 PM at Town Hall**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Debbie Pellerin**

**Town Clerk**