**TOWN OF SARANAC**

**BOARD MEETING**

**May 8th, 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

Also in attendance: Todd Perry, Conner Perry, Julie Cane, Jim Waldron, Lisa Racette and Jamie Giroux

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **This meeting is being recorded.**
3. **General Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Floor –** Local resident James Giroux presented a resume with his work experience and indicated he would be happy to help the town in any way he could.
4. **Executive Session** -At 6:05 PM Supervisor Napper made a motion to go into an executive session, seconded by Michele – all in favor.

At 6:13 PM Michele made a motion to reconvene, seconded by James – all in favor

1. **Correspondence**

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1. **Supervisor's Report**
2. Authorization for Liz Tedford to do water report.

**Resolution 52-2023 – Authorizing Liz Tedford to do the required Federal water reports on all 3 districts – Motion by Jerry, second by Tracy - all in favor.**

1. Action on Handicap Ramp – Discussion held on buying a handi-cap ramp from a private home for $4,500.

**Resolution 53-2023 – Motion made that upon submission of two more quotes we purchase the cheaper of the three.**

**Motion by Tracy, second by Tim – all in favor**

C. Authorization to pay 50% of flag cost on arrival.

**Resolution 54-2023 Authorization to pay 50% of the flagpole cost upon arrival of materials. Motion by Michele, second by James – all in favor**

1. Term Adjustments for BAR

**Resolution 54-2023 – Authorization to correct the term end dates for the Board of Assessment members as follows:**

**Nick Carter – remain 9/30/23**

**Tom Maggy – from 9/30/23 to 9/30/24**

**Ben Gadbois – from 9/30/26 to 9/30/25**

**Joel Revette – remain 9/30/2026**

**Travis McDougal – remain 9/30/27**

**Motion by Tracy, second by Michele – all in favor**

E. Tentative CSEA contract – Supervisor reported there was a tentative CSEA agreement.

F. Renovations – The renovation in the basement is continuing and the maintenance men are doing a great job.

G. Playground Dedication – Redford playground was dedicated to Rita Wilson on May 5, 2023. The event was attended by approximately 70 people. The Redford American Legion hosted a meal afterwards to mark the dedication.

H. Insurance Review -The Supervisor indicated that the NYMIR representative had recently done a safety review focusing on the highway garage. The 2 items he referenced in the review were the necessity of doing a sign inventory on the roads and recommending that “Children at Play” signs should no longer be erected.

I. Local Law #1-2023 – Michele Petrashune indicated that she was in the process of revising the proposed solar law to make it applicable to our needs and that she would be submitting the proposed law to the attorney.

J. Accounting systems – A recent exchange with a representative of the KVS system indicated that our experience with having difficulties dealing with system personnel was not unusual. He indicated that he understood why many people were leaving the system and indicated that he would be helpful in our transition, at the same time indicating that he hoped we would reconsider. He further indicated that we would need to keep some of their services well into the future in order to have access to our historical data.

K. Walk through – Cyber Security - A report of the walk-through analysis was included in the councilors packet. This will require further study going forward.

1. **Highway –** We received our letter indicating that approximately $443,00 was available from the state for highway improvements this year, The supervisor indicated if the sales tax overage check was primarily used for paving that we would actually have more funding this year than we did last year even though we have no rollover fund this year. Councilor Delaney indicated that we had already allocated the 2022 overage to last year’s expenses which exceeded budgeted amounts. The supervisor responded that he did not believe that to be the case and that he only previously indicated that the amount of sales tax might be a source to pay for road striping.

**\*\* Point of info: At the February 27, 2023 meeting it was recognized that the 2021 overage of $145,750 was assigned to highway. The 2022 overage sales tax of $152,935.21 was received in January 2023 and was transferred in March of 2023.**

A. Paving – Jim Waldron submitted 284 agreements for possible approval @ the next meeting.

B. Personnel – Jim indicated that one of his employees has left Town Services resulting in the Highway being down 2 positions.

C. Equipment – Mr. Waldron also indicated that he expected the roller to be delivered in the near future. The truck should be here in the not to distant future.

D. Fence – Discussion focused on a potential fence between the Highway garage and the adjacent sport fields. Various conflicting ideas were discussed.

F. Clean up. – The board did not object to paying for the disposal of used tires.

1. **Reports**
2. Town Clerk
3. Water districts – Michele Petrashune – Water testing is still causing significant cost to all the water districts.
4. Redford – New Pump – Hose testing scheduled for May 9th.
5. Standish – Battery – It was decided the existing personnel could maintain a proper battery and it was not necessary to pay $1,700 to an outside firm.
6. Saranac – Michele, Pat Chase and Jim Waldron met with a resident on Ganong drive to ascertain whether their shut off was in good repair.
7. Town Crier – Nancy Dow
8. Tax Collector – Mark White
9. Assessor – David Galarneau
10. Code Officer – James E. Facteau
11. Dog Control Officer – Willie Nelson –
12. Community Outreach program – Cindy Waldron-
13. Building – Tracy Eggleston
14. Historian – Lisa Racette – Lisa indicated she would be having a meeting on May 11th at 6:00 PM to discuss Bicentennial preparations.
15. Recreation - Jerry

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1. Capital projects –
2. **Resolution 55-2023 Authorization to Pay Audited Warrant dated May 8, 2023**

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

1. **Resolution 56-2023 Accept the minutes of the previous meeting dated April 24, 2023**

**Motion by Tracy, second by Tim – all in favor**

1. **Resolution -2023**
2. **Other** – Hometown Heroes – James Terry indicated that the Hometown Heroes was going very well. At this point 27 banners have been ordered and hope to have them up by Memorial Day.
3. **Unfinished Business**
4. **New Business**
5. **Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Floor**
6. **Adjournment @ 7:13 PM – Motion by Tracy, second by James – all in favor**

**Board Meeting May 22th at 6:00 PM at Town Hall**

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Pellerin

Town Clerk