

**TOWN OF SARANAC
BOARD MEETING
September 8, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by the presiding officer at the
Town of Saranac Town Hall

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Timothy R. Napper, Supervisor	X	
Michele Petrashune, Councilor	X	
Tracy Eggleston, Councilor	X	
James Terry, Councilor	X	
Conner Perry, Councilor	X	

Also in attendance: Louis Plante, Donna Herbold, Mark White, John Schnaars, Josh Eggleston, Steve McKenzie, Barbara Duquette, Terry Ducatte, Todd Perry, Lisa Racette, James Bassett and James W. Facteau.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. This meeting is being recorded.

3. General Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Floor

4. Correspondence

A. James Facteau asked what the rationale was for making McCutcheon Lane a one way street. The Supervisor indicated that a survey had indicated that the McCutcheon Lane/Picketts Corners intersection allowed traffic to enter McCutcheon Lane at an excessive rate of speed. The Town is working with the county to improve walkability in the town, and this is a high traffic area. At a minimum the intersection must be narrowed in order to slow down the speed in that area.

B.

C.

5. Supervisor's Report

A. Parade/ Field Day Review – Rain once again impacted our field day. Discussion surrounded whether a rain date or a date earlier in the summer might be more conducive to a more successful event.

B. Budget – see below

C. McCutcheon Lane/ Bowen Road – More discussion on McCutcheon Lane indicated that residents of the area favored the one way approach. Barb Duquette invited anyone to witness what happens on a school day with people dropping off students at the elementary school.

D. Sidewalks – The third concrete pour was done last week. The worst spots have been done. The Supervisor indicated that it now would seem necessary to pursue a sidewalk from the west end of the town park to route 3.

E. County Roads – The Supervisor gave an overview of the current situation regarding plowing their roads. Equipment prices have skyrocketed, and the county has been somewhat unresponsive in recognizing the true cost of plowing their roads. A group of Supervisors intend to attend a Clinton County Transportation Committee meeting on

September 15, 2025 to try to gain support for a more reasonable compensation rate and contract for plowing county roads.

Resolution 110-2025 – Councilor Terry made a motion to support the move to have at least a 15% increase in snow plowing rates and the effort to clean up some of the wording in the contract. The board indicated a willingness to forgo signing the county contract. Second, by Councilor Perry. All in favor.

F.

G.

H.

I.

J.

K.

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6. Highway

A. Personnel – **Resolution 111-2025 -The Supervisor made a motion to hire James Manor as a Motor Equipment Operator, second by Councilor Perry – All in favor.**

B. Paving – Paving will start next week on the Bowen Road.

C. Equipment – No counter on the trailer, will put back up for bid.

D. Budget – In keeping with the original plan to not raise taxes the draft budget was presented with no increase on the main portions of the budget. The one area of particular concern is the lighting district which may need an increase due to significant increases in lighting cost. As interest income is significant the budget is being prepared assuming the 12 month total for 2026 will be what the 8 month total for 2025 was.

Most raises include elected officials projected at 3%. As the duties and requirements of the Code Enforcement Officer position have evolved, an increase in that position will rise by a larger percentage, much of it funded by the fact our code officer is no longer in the retirement system. At this point the Supervisor lines were left blank as it was noted that the hours required for that job result in the hourly rate being very low. Should the Supervisor lines be raised from the current \$72,715 the result would be that nearly \$50,000 less than in 2025 would be required from the fund balance. The Supervisor lines include the Supervisor's salary, the confidential secretary and the salary of the Deputy Supervisor as well as equipment and contractual costs. The Supervisor indicated if his salary was increased, he would not take the pay raise for 2026.

7. Reports

A. Town Clerk – **Resolution 112-2025 – Motion to accept the Town Clerks monthly report for the month of August 2025. Motion by James, second by Michele – All in favor.**

B. Water districts –

a.Redford- Training

b. Standish –

c.Saranac –

C. Town Crier –.

D. Tax Collector –

- E. Assessor – The Supervisor indicated the new assessor will be working 2 days per week.
 - F. Code Officer –
 - G. Dog Control Officer – Census – Lou indicated he would call Janet Collier for information on how to go about it.
 - H. Community Outreach program – The Supervisor indicated he would like to see the JCEO worker go from 3 days per work to 2 days.
 - I. Building –
 - J. Historian –
 - K. Recreation -
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - L. Capital projects –
8. **Resolution 114-2025 -Authorization to Pay Audited Warrant dated September 8, 2025. Motion by Tim, second by James – All in favor**
9. **Resolution 115-2025 - Accept the minutes of the previous meeting dated August 25, 2025. Motion by Tim, second by James – All in favor.**
10. **Resolution -2025**
11. **Executive Session:**
12. **Other**
13. **Unfinished Business**
14. **New Business**
15. **Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Floor**
16. **Adjournment @7:40 pm, motion by Tracy, second by Conner – All in favor**

**Organizational & Board Meeting September 22nd, at 6:00 PM at Town Hall
Board Meeting October 8th, at 6:00 PM at Town Hall**

Respectfully submitted,



**Debbie Pellerin
Town Clerk**