

**Town of Saranac
Minutes of Work Session
April 8, 2019**

Call to Order at 7:03

Attending: Gerald Delaney, Michele Petreshune, Jim Facticeau, Jim Waldron, and Heather Alden of CC Health Department Health & Safety Division. Nick Carter

Jerry Delaney led the Group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Healthy Neighborhood Program: Heather gave the members a presentation on CC Health Department's Healthily Neighborhoods Program. (See attached brochure). Their Grant funding was cut (20%) and they are asking for support from the county Towns for the supplies they use in their program. Mr. Delaney asked if they used state contract pricing. They will credit the town with any donations by labeling smoke detectors etc. with a sticker noting the town's support. The board will discuss helping with donations.

Highway Department: Jim Waldron: Asked, about the temporary hire who is filling the position vacated by an employee who is out on medical leave. Jim would like to make that temporary hire permanent CC County has informed Jim that temporary hire is filling a position for an employee who is out on long term medical leave. They can hold that position for 2019 as a partime employee until the injured employee comes back or leaves service in Aug... We do not have a policy to provide full benefits to a part time position Mr. Delaney pointed out that this is a monetary issue and we are following civil service law, and we do not have to provide health benefits to part time employees at this time. If the employee unit would like to add this benefit they need to bring a proposal to the Board for consideration.

Our attorney has offered to meet with the Board to review the summary she forwarded to the supervisor and the Board. A meeting for the sole reason of discussing the contract negotiations will be scheduled prior to April 22.

The supervisor passed out proof of extended warrantee from EATON Roadranger E.P.P. for the new truck 1FVHG3DV5KHKN2454 (attached). Jim Waldron reports that truck 6 is in the body shop and should be ready for operations shortly. This truck has been out of service due to an accident during a storm.

Impact of New York State Budget: Short fall of \$ 57,829.00 between AIM and Winter Recovery. There was much discussion on the future of funding from the State. Gerald Delaney asked Jim Waldron to review his budget for possible cuts. This board must look in to solving the AIM short fall. We will begin 2020 Budgeting in May.

FEMA Region II Report: for the Saranac River Watershed is available on line at [Saranac River Watershed](#).

Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) sent out information on funding opportunities. Mr. Delaney suggested that Liz Tedford Consulting be asked to review this grant opportunity for the Board and make recommendations to the Board for possible funding for the Town.

Board of Assessment Review Members Needed. 2 members are retiring at the end of their terms. Training is 4/24/19 and Assessment Review Day is 5/28/19. This is a 5 year commitment.

Supervisor proposed Tom Maggy as a new board member.

Moved by: Gerald Delaney Seconded by Nicholas Carter Mr. Delaney YES Ms. Petrashune YES
Mr. Facteau YES Mr. Carter YES. *Resolution #52-2019*

The Supervisor will ask Ellen to stay on, she would have to attend Training

Old Garage Roof: no quotes as yet, Gerald Delaney suggested to follow up with phone calls to all who showed interest in the project.

Alexander Problem: Jim Waldron and Todd have spoken to Alexander about parking. There is concern about the mess and is the problem code violations/safety. Gerald Delaney reminded all that this is a Zoning issue and the board should investigate zoning.

CDGB: Jim Facteau and Gerald Delaney have been added as additional authorized signatories for Request for Funds.

Standish Water Project;

The board members reviewed the Change orders, form E submittals and BAN closeout. The board discussed possible uses of any surplus money from the project (storage shed, GPS location of shut offs, tools, security cameras etc. (see list of possible equipment attached) Jim Facteau asked if any surplus could be used to pay down the Loan. Gerald Delaney suggested a work session at Standish Water District for next work session in May.

Motion: by Gerald Delaney Seconded: by Michele Petrashune to authorize the Supervisor to Sign the change orders, and Form E submittals.

Mr. Delaney YES Ms. Petrashune YES Mr. Facteau Yes Mr. Carter YES. *Resolution # 53-2019*

Replacing Assessor Steve will be retiring this September. Gerald Delaney suggested placing an ad to see who might apply. The Supervisor will poll other towns on what they pay their assessor. The Supervisor explained that the County has a program to do Assessment for the Town.

It is a 3 year contract that currently cost \$13.75 per parcel. For the Town of Saranac with 2477 parcels this would be \$34,058.75 per year. The town must provide an office with phone etc.

Options for the Supervisor Department The board briefly discussed the Supervisor's Office and staffing. We must begin planning for Patty's retirement (2021). Jim Facteau asked Patty for a listing of Daily duties. Jerry reminded all, that the Auditor was very impressed with Patti's work.

Electrical Issues at the Redford water Plant. Michele reports that Charles Grant Jr. of 62 Clinton Street Redford has asked to reduce his water bill by ½. Board members will not entertain this request as it would be in violation of Redford Water by Laws.

Michelle reports that the ongoing electrical issues at the Plant need to be addressed. Triangle Electric has assessed the problems and recommends the attached repairs be done. The failure of the exhaust fan creates a dangerous situation and Michele recommends the Board declare an emergency to do the work. The Supervisor has talked with our water consultant Liz Tedford and she concurs that this situation is an emergency.

Motion by Gerald Delaney Seconded by Nicholas Carter to declare that do to the electrical issues at the Redford Water Plant an emergency exists and accept the proposal by Triangle Electric to repair the problems as soon as possible. Mr. Delaney YES Ms. Petrashune YES
Mr. Facticeau YES Mr. Carter YES *Resolution # 54-2019*

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 AM
Respectively Submitted
Nick Carter

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