

TOWN OF SARANAC
BOARD MEETING
July 22, 2024

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: Steve McKenzie, Raymond LeDuc, Barry Newcombe, Todd Perry, Bonnie Snider, Lou Plante and Lisa Racette.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. This meeting is being recorded.**
- 3. General Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Floor** – Bonnie Snider wished to express thanks for the exceptional job that was done for the barn dance at the Saranac American Legion. The fireworks, music, decorations, food and company were wonderful. We certainly appreciate her feedback. Bonnie also recommended we send a letter of thanks to the Legion; it was determined we would include it in the next Town Crier.
- 4. Correspondence**
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
- 5. Supervisor's Report**
 - A. Redford Event – The barn dance at the Saranac Legion was a success. Although we expected more residents it was enjoyed by all who attended. A special thank you to the Legion for all they did and to Lisa Racette for organizing the event. Many compliments were received in regard to the fireworks, live music, food and decorations. For the first time Bi-centennial shirts were available. Also, donations were collected for the Honor Flight.
 - B. Standish Playground – Discussion of Standish playground indicated that the plan continues to be to remove the carousel, raise the grade in that area, install the new playground equipment in that general area, rehabilitate the basketball court and add a sandbox. We will try to leave as many of the current equipment pieces in place as possible.
 - C. Parking Lot Sealing -Several bids were received to seal the new pavement in the parking lot. Discussion revolved around how often the sealing would need to be done in the future and whether the cost was justified. The Supervisor shared his discussion with Tony Windover indicating that he felt it was a waste of money unless we were willing to

commit to do it on a regular basis. As the cost would have been over \$7,000 this year it was felt that we would not proceed with it at this time.

D. Future of Assessor Position – The Supervisor indicated he has spoken to a local resident about training for the Assessor position. Michele has obtained the documentation for applying to be an assessor. The board felt it was time to move forward finding someone to train for the position.

E. Town Green- Rock At – The proposed design for the two additional rocks would be for a depiction of the Redford Glass works and for a farmer plowing with a horse and maybe a stonewall. It is hoped that the clock for the Town Green will be here shortly.

F. Security Review- Courthouse – The office of court administration recently did a security review of the courthouse. The upgrades that will be proposed would be eligible for grant funding.

G. NYSEDA Grant, Benchmarking, Energy Audits- We have received notification that we are eligible for a \$10,000 grant for an energy upgrade. The benchmarking process to qualify for a full energy audit is underway. We expect to qualify for a free audit for one building, additional audits would cost \$3,400 each.

H. Phones/ Copier – We have received some pricing for new copiers and phones. It's felt that our existing firewall is in serious need of upgrading. Barry Newcombe offered to give us further assistance in this regard. Revisit in 3 weeks.

6. Highway

A. Backhoe Bids – We have received multiple bids for a used backhoe for Highway, it appears the Cat versus the John Deere on route 3 were considered the best candidates.

Resolution 113-2024 – Motion was made to go with the CAT backhoe for \$28,000. Motion by James, second by Michele – Roll call taken – all in favor

B. Authorization for 2nd Truck – **Resolution 114-2024 – Motion was made to purchase the 2nd Western Star Truck at a price of \$178,310. Motion by Tracy, second by Connor – All in favor**

C. Employees – We have recently hired 2 temporary employees. One does possess a CDL the other one will not start until July 29, 2024.

D. Paving Schedule – Hoping to pave next week on Herron Hill & Nashville roads.

E. Tire Purchases – Discussion concerning tires revolved around the difference between Tier 1 & Tier 3 tires. – **Resolution 115-2024 – Motion was made to buy 16 drive tires and 2 steer tires from Sequin Tires. Motion by Tracy, second by James – All in favor**

F. Volvo Truck – We have encountered difficulties in acquiring a crank shaft for the Volvo truck. Hoping the situation will be resolved shortly.

7. Reports

A. Town Clerk

B. Water districts –

- a. Redford- Water Leaks, Billing, Lightning Issues – Redford water district still has a possible leak. It was hoped that recent valve replacement would help the situation but has not. The Redford water board has indicated that there may be users not being billed. We are hoping to correct the situation soon. Lightning strikes continue to be an issue with the infra structure.

- b. Standish – The Standish & Saranac districts have been relatively trouble free lately.
 - c. Saranac –
 - C. Town Crier –.
 - D. Tax Collector –
 - E. Assessor –
 - F. Code Officer – Mr. LeDuc submitted his quarterly report. He indicated he would be going to Standish again on Friday and will be issuing warnings to people in violation before issuing tickets. The new fee schedule will take effect July 29, 2024.
 - G. Dog Control Officer – Mr. Plante indicated he would like to establish a temporary shelter in the old firehouse. As that building is not heated it was determined he would reach out to Janet Collier to determine what type of equipment would be appropriate.
 - H. Community Outreach program –
 - I. Building –
 - J. Historian – July 27, 2024 is kids day 1:00-6:00 at Bowen Road Park. Games, face painting, water slide, bounce house, ice cream truck, cotton candy and popcorn with a movie at 5:30 PM.
 - K. Recreation -
 - L. Capital projects –
8. **Resolution 116-2024 Authorization to Pay Audited Warrant dated July 22, 2024**
Motion by Michele, second by James – All in favor
9. **Resolution 117-2024 Accept the minutes of the previous meeting dated July 8, 2024.**
Motion by Tracy, second by Connor – All in favor
10. **Resolution -2024**
11. **Executive Session:**
12. **Other**
13. **Unfinished Business**
14. **New Business**
15. **Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Floor** – Todd Perry made mention that the last set of 15 hometown hero banners received were erected today.
16. **Adjournment @ 7:53 PM – Motion by Tracy, second by Connor – All in favor**

Board Meeting August 12, at 6:00 PM at Town Hall
Board Meeting August 26, at 6:00 PM at Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Pellerin
Town Clerk