

**TOWN OF SARANAC
PUBLIC HEARING / BOARD MEETING
October 27, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM by the presiding officer at the
Town of Saranac Town Hall

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

Alson in attendance: Steven McKenzie, Nick Carter, Louis Plante, Ray LeDuc, James Bassett and Lisa Racette.

PUBLIC HEARING 5:45 PM

COPIES OF BUDGET

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. This meeting is being recorded.**
- 3. General Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Floor on Budget – No Comments**
- 4. Explanations of Budget Changes –** There were no comments from the floor on the budget. The Supervisor offered an overview indicating that we would still be levying fewer taxes than in 2022. Rising electrical costs made it necessary to raise the funding for the two light districts. The original tentative budget rates were brought back to the level they were at a few years ago. As the electricity costs are expected to increase again next year the budget under consideration tonight includes an additional 10% increase. An additional change from the preliminary budget was an increase in assessor's contractual line A 1355.4 by \$15,000. This results in additional money being allocated from the fund balance. The JCEO budget was cut to \$20,000 for the year.
- 5. Correspondence**
 - A.
 - B.
 - C. Comments on other matters
- 6. Supervisor's Report**
 - A. Action/ if any on Budget— **Resolution 125-2025** – Motion was made to accept the revised 2026 preliminary budget and change preliminary budget to final budget with the exact tax rates to be calculated by Clinton County. Saranac and Lyon Mountain fire departments to be included. As the electricity costs are expected to increase again next year the budget under consideration tonight includes an additional 10% increase. An additional change from the preliminary budget was an increase in the Assessor's contractual line A 1355.4 by \$15,000. Motion by Tim, second by James – All in favor.

Resolution 126-2025 - Motion made to close the public hearing at 6:05 PM and open the regular board meeting. Motion by Tim, second by James – All in favor.

- B. Web page---.gov- The town has received one proposal & has sought additional proposals to conform with the requirements for .gov websites and web pages. The Supervisor indicated that there appeared to be adequate funding left in the supervisor contractual line A 1220.4 to pay the upfront cost.
- C. Health Insurance – The contract negotiations have indicated a willingness to consider other health insurance plans. As much of our current cost is related to retiree insurance, we are working to attempt to lower those costs as well.
- D. Court Security – Judge Lawton has received one proposal from Brooks Security at a rate of \$99.00 per hour for a minimum of 4 hours. If we don't use them, we don't pay. Judge Lawton to make a few phone calls. No action was taken at this time.
- E. Accounting – The Supervisor indicated that the accounting statement for the month of September is available. He indicated he was willing to review it with the board to discuss discrepancies as they are still working through kinks and errors in the statement.
- F. Speed Zones – Our request to reduce the speed limit on Route 3 has been rejected by NYS. It was further indicated that the speed limit on Pickets Corners Road should have been reduced in 2016 which did not happen. NYS once again indicated that the buses should be routed across part of the athletic field to the Pickets Corners Road.
- G. McCutcheon Lane – McCutcheon Lane will remain a one-way street with Sharky Lane remaining a two-way street.
- H. Other
- I.
- J.
- K.
- L.

7. Highway

- A. Plowing of Roads – We do expect to be plowing the County Roads this winter as it is widely understood that the Town can do a timelier job.
- B. Equipment – Indicators are we will not have a new truck this year.
- C. Personnel – We are still looking for drivers with a CDL. Councilor Eggleston suggested that as we are short-handed, the Highway Superintendent should develop a schedule for 5 routes, 6 routes and 7 routes.
- D. CSEA Contract – We are trying to negotiate a new contract with highway employees.
- E. Paving – The Supervisor indicated that between the chips fund and the excess sales tax we had approximately \$612,000 available. As the paving cost was \$531,000 there should be about \$80,000 available toward the labor and equipment portion. Our chips balance will be zero at the end of the year as we have already received approval on our latest reimbursement for about \$232,000.

8. Reports

- A. Town Clerk
- B. Water districts – Nothing heard from Pat.
 - a. Redford-
 - b. Standish –
 - c. Saranac –
- C. Town Crier –.

- D. Tax Collector –
- E. Assessor –
- F. Code Officer –
- G. Dog Control Officer – Census – The dog control officer is still working on a possible dog control census.
- H. Community Outreach program –
- I. Building –
- J. Historian – This year's trunk or treat at the Town Hall is canceled.
- K. Recreation -
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
- L. Capital projects –

9. **Resolution 127-2025** - Authorization to Pay Audited Warrant dated 10/27/2025.
Motion by James, second by Connor – All in favor

10. **Resolution 128-2025** -Accept the minutes of the previous meeting dated 10/13/2025. Motion by Tracy, second by James – All in favor.

11. **Resolution -2025**

12. **Executive Session:**

13. **Other** – Two proposals were received for the electrical upgrade at the 184 Bowen Road park. Ace Electric & Rick Casey Electric.

Resolution 128-2025 – Motion was made to accept Rick Casey Electrics proposal for the electrical upgrade. Motion by Tim, second by James – All in favor.

14. **Unfinished Business**

15. **New Business**

16. **Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Floor** – Case loader is due for a 1000 hr. service. Oil & filter change at \$1625.00 for the parts.

17. **Adjournment** – 7:05 Motion by Tracy to adjourn, second by Connor – All in favor.

Organizational & Board Meeting November 17, at 6:00 PM at Town Hall
Board Meeting December 15, at 6:00 PM at Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie Pellerin

Town Clerk