

**TOWN OF SARANAC
BOARD MEETING
February 23, 2026**

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	
Tracy Eggleston, Councilor	X	
Conner Perry Councilor	X	
James Bassett, Councilor	X	
Josh Eggleston, Councilor	X	

Also in attendance: Steve McKenzie, Louis Plante, Ray LeDuc, Jacob LeDuc, Mark White, John Fountain and Lisa Racette.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **This meeting is being recorded.**
3. **General Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Floor – none offered**
4. **Correspondence**
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
5. **Supervisor's Report**
 - A. **Report on NYAOT** – Councilor Eggleston gave an overview of he and Councilor Bassetts attendance at the Association of Towns Training Session in NYC. Indications are that we should consider allowing online transactions for dog licenses as well as the water bills. They also indicated that NYS has substantial unclaimed funds & that everyone, both individuals and government agencies should check the listings. Overall, it was a great training session.
 - B. **Water Issues- Saranac** – The most recent information from BCA dealt with the cost for complying with the requirement for a second water service. Due to the high cost involved it was determined that a 2nd option should be sought. After arriving at a potential plan, we expect to have a public meeting for the Saranac water district.
 - C. **Mandatory Training, Workplace Violence, Sexual Harassment** – As many town employees still need the mandatory town training it was determined that we would set it up after plowing season, probably online.
 - D. **Personnel, Building & Ground's, Assessing** – The Supervisor indicated that he felt we will need to be more aggressive in seeking additional employees. Roger Harris, our building and grounds employee is currently spending most of his time assisting the highway dept. Mike Layne has indicated a willingness to assist the assessor on a voluntary basis. It was agreed that this would be allowable if Glen Cutter felt it was helpful or necessary.

E. **AED's** – The AED's have arrived; installation is nearly complete. The necessary signs will be up shortly. As this is an additional duty the Code Officer has undertaken, we will arrange additional compensation.

F. **Town Hall- Corner Office, Furnishings** – Work on the finishing touches for the Townhall remodeling has been slowed down by the lack of sufficient building and grounds personnel. The local craftsman working on the new desks is making significant progress. It is felt that the round table in the Supervisors office is inadequate. The board was uncertain as to whether the former long table should be moved back into the Supervisors office.

G. **Field Day / 250 Celebration** – It has been difficult to get adequate volunteers to assist with the field day. The option of only doing a kid's day in July and having fireworks afterward is being considered. We expect to do an online poll on our new website asking town residents for their input as to whether they would like to see the field day continue or just have the kid's day. We will also be looking for volunteers.

H. **Other** – On February 26, a meeting with the Town & County officials will discuss the county plowing contract.

I.

J.

K.

6. **Highway**

A. **Sand / Salt** – The sand/salt inventory may be adequate to get through the winter, with our weather being so unpredictable it may be wise to get one more day of hauling from the sand pit.

B. **Equipment** – The equipment for the new plow truck will be installed shortly. Steve and Connor will be going to the factory on March 2, to ensure the equipment has been properly specified.

C. **Personnel** – As noted earlier, manpower is a continuing challenge. As Chris Hartigan has recently gone from a full-time employee to part-time he would like to confirm his part-time pay will be at the same rate as his full-time. The Supervisor indicated that there is a part-time listing in the contract and that he believes the rates are the same. The board expressed a willingness to pay for CDL training if those individuals were willing to sign a commitment to remain with the Highway Dept. for a considerable amount of time.

D. **Paving Priorities** – Paving priorities were again discussed. Councilor Bassett indicated that the contacts he made at the recent training session have resulted in him possibly being able to have someone from Cornell do an onsite assessment of our needs, particularly, for the True Brook Road. Councilor Bassett to make contact with Cornell.

E. **Contract Negotiations** – We expect to resume contract negotiations shortly and hope to resolve the remaining issues.

F. **County Plowing Contract** – As previously mentioned there will be a meeting on County Contract on February 26, 2026.

G. **Posting Roads – Resolution 24-2026 – Authorization for the Highway Superintendent to post road closings at the appropriate time. Motion by James, second by Tracy – All in favor.**

7. **Reports**

- A. Town Clerk – **Resolution 25-2026** – Motion to accept the Town Clerks’ monthly report for the month of January 2026. Motion by Tracy, second by Connor – All in favor.
 - B. Water districts –
 - a. Redford-
 - b. Standish –
 - c. Saranac –
 - C. Town Crier –.
 - D. Tax Collector – All monies have been received except for Highway.
 - E. Assessor –
 - F. Code Officer – Ray indicated he worked with the assessor to clarify some of the new construction for the past 3 years.
 - G. Dog Control Officer – Lou indicated he was still having problems with the dog on Mountain View Drive.
 - H. Community Outreach program –
 - I. Building –
 - J. Historian –
 - K. Recreation -
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - L. Capital projects –
8. **Resolution 27 -2026** -Authorization to Pay Audited Warrant dated February 23, 2026. Motion by Connor, second by James – All in favor.
9. **Resolution 28 -2026** - Accept the minutes of the previous meetings dated January 26, and February 5, 2026. – Motion by Tracy, second by Connor – All in favor.
10. Other
11. Unfinished Business
12. New Business
13. Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Floor – John Fountain inquired as to the status of the radios he has requested for the highway employees. We are still seeking additional information.
14. Adjournment @ 7:49 – Motion by Tracy, second by Connor – All in favor.

Board Meeting March 23, at 6:00 PM at Town Hall
Board Meeting April 27, at 6:00 PM at Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie Pellerin
Town Clerk