

**VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA 5:15PM
THURSDAY August 13, 2020
Roberts Rules of Order will be in Effect for this Meeting**

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD AS A ZOOM MEETING

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

D. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

BILL	80	2020	Authorize the Mailing of Absentee Ballot Application to All Registered Village Voters
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I. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

**RULES FOR PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS AND
PUBLIC COMMENT
PERIOD OF MEETINGS**

- 1. Anyone may speak to the Village Board of Trustees during the public comment period of a public hearing or the public comment period of the meeting.**
- 2. As a courtesy we ask each speaker to give their name and address.**
- 3. Each speaker must be recognized by the chairperson before speaking.**
- 4. Individual public comment is limited to 5 minutes and may be shortened by the meeting chairperson.**
- 5. When a meeting is attended by a group of people who share the same or opposing views on a public comment topic, the chair may require that the group(s) designate not more than two spokespersons and limit the total time public comment to 5 minutes for each point of view or side of an issue.**
- 6. Individual time may not be assigned/given to another.**
- 7. A public hearing is meant to encourage resident comment and the expression of opinion, not a direct debate, nor should a commenter be intimidated by a village board rebuttal, therefore public hearings are limited to public comment and should a village response be asked by individuals the response shall be generally given after the public hearing during the village board regular meeting, or subsequently, by telephone or letter, unless factual in nature where the facts are fully known by staff, in which case a village official may respond.**
- 8. All remarks shall be addressed to the board as a body and not to any individual member thereof.**
- 9. Interested parties or their representatives may address the board at any time by written or electronic communications.**
- 10. Speakers shall observe the commonly accepted rules of courtesy, decorum, dignity and good taste.**

Please note- During the course of regular business, discussion and commentary is limited to board members and village staff only. We ask for this courtesy, for the board and staff to conduct their business and discussion without interruption. All village board members and staff are available after the conclusion of a meeting for one on one discussion.

**Business of the Village Board
Village of Saranac Lake**

SUBJECT: Authorize Mailing of Absentee Ballot Applications Date: 8-13-2020

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Mayor Rabideau

Bill # 80-2020

DATE SUBMITTED: _____

EXHIBITS: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney

Village Administration

EXPENDITURE
REQUIRED \$5,900

AMOUNT
BUDGETED: \$

APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED

Authorize the mailing of an Absentee Ballot Application to Registered Village Voters

MOVED BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR RABIDEAU _____

TRUSTEE SHAPIRO _____

TRUSTEE CATILLAZ _____

TRUSTEE LITTLE _____

TRUSTEE NEWMAN _____

Whereas, our nation and the Adirondack Region is enduring the COVID-19 Pandemic, which requires, by science, executive orders, and law, social distancing and the avoidance of confinement, closeness, and crowds to mitigate the spread of this disease, and

Whereas, a village election is scheduled for September 15, which, unchecked, would bring a number of residents into an area of confinement and closeness, and

Whereas, the Saranac Lake Village Board of Trustees desires to protect the health and safety of its residents, then, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize and direct the Village Clerk to immediately initiate a mass mailing of absentee ballot applications to registered voters and the return of ballots those applying, at a cost not to exceed \$5,900, the funds for which shall be encumbered from the existing General Fund Contingency Fund of the general budget and appropriately disbursed with the usual protocols and approvals by the treasurer and Board of Trustees, and be it

Further Resolved, that the village staff shall encourage village residents through its social media and other normal mailings to utilize this voting option to avoid crowds, confinement, and closeness, and protect the health of our citizenry.