

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
August 13, 2020

Meeting was held through ZOOM.

Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance lead by Trustee Catillaz.

**ROLL CALL FOR REGULAR MEETING:** Present: Mayor Clyde Rabideau  
Trustees: Thomas Catillaz, Melinda Little, Zelda Newman and Richard Shapiro.  
Staff also present: Village Manager, John Sweeney, Village Clerk Kareen Tyler, and  
Village Treasurer, Elizabeth Benson

**ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION:**

**Bill 80-2020 Authorize Mailing of Absentee Ballot Application to Registered Voters**

A copy of the bill is attached and made part of these minutes

Chair Mayor Rabideau called for a motion.

Motion: Little Second: Catillaz

Roll Call: Catillaz: yes, Newman: yes, Shapiro: yes, Little: yes

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Chair Mayor Rabideau called for a motion to adjourn

Motion: Little Second: Catillaz

Roll Call: Catillaz: yes, Newman: yes, Shapiro: yes, Little: yes

Respectfully submitted,  
Kareen Tyler, Village Clerk

**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: Little SECONDED BY: Catillaz

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR RABIDEAU

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TRUSTEE SHAPIRO

yes

TRUSTEE CATILLAZ

yes

TRUSTEE LITTLE

yes

TRUSTEE NEWMAN

yes

**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.