

**VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
39 MAIN STREET SARANAC LAKE NY
MEETING AGENDA 5:30PM
Monday, March 8, 2021**

Roberts Rules of Order will be in Effect for this Meeting

**This meeting will be held in the Harrietstown Auditorium Enter at the Back of the Building
and Thru WEBEX**

Meeting Information

Meeting link:

<https://franklincounty-ny.webex.com/franklincounty-ny/j.php?MTID=m42893872178074a90ebc5f43004746e6>

Meeting number:160 971 3509

Password: fAfWdgcS438

Host key:921700

Join by video system

Dial [1609713509@franklincounty-ny.webex.com](tel:1609713509)

You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

Join by phone +1-415-655-0001 US Toll Access code: 160 971 3509

A. CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ROLL CALL

C. AUDITING:

- a. Pay Vouchers
- b. Approve Minutes 2-22-2021

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

E. CORRESPONDENCE-Letter from Robert Sweet

E. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

BILL	12	2021	Authorize Utility Owned LED Street Lights
Bill	13	2021	Nomination of Candidate for Village Election March 16, 2021

F. NEW BUSINESS:

G. OLD BUSINESS:

H. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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 village resident or not.**
- 3. Each speaker must be recognized by the chairperson before speaking.**
- 4. Individual public comment is limited to 3 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 2.5 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.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, February 22, 2021

Meeting was held through WEBEX.

ROLL CALL FOR REGULAR MEETING: Present: Mayor Rabideau
Trustees: Richard Shapiro, Zelda Newman, Thomas Catillaz and Melinda Little
Staff also present: Village Manager, John Sweeney, Village Clerk Kareen Tyler, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Lidia O’Kelly, Development Code Administrator, Paul Blaine, Community Development Director, Jamie Konkoski and Village Treasurer, Elizabeth Benson.

PUBLIC HEARING: CDBG GRANT PROJECT

Mayor Rabideau opened the public hearing and asked for comments
No one made comments
Mayor Rabideau closed the public hearing

AUDITING:

Chair Rabideau called for a motion to approve payment for the 2021 budget \$ 211,427.30 voucher number 11045894 to 11045985 complete detail of these vouchers is attached and made part of these minutes.

Motion:Little Second:Shapiro

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

Chair Mayor Rabideau called for a motion to approve minute of 2-16-2021.

Motion:Shapiro Second: Catillaz

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one spoke

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION:

11-2021 Bill Authorize the Installation of Projection Art in Riverside Park

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

Chair Mayor Rabideau called for a motion.

Motion:Little Second: Shapiro

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Shapiro gave an update on COVID numbers for the area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chair Rabideau called for a motion to enter into executive session for – the proposed acquisition/sale/lease for real property when publicity

Might affect value

Motion:Little Second: Shapiro

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

Chair Rabideau called for a motion to return to regular session.

Motion: Catillaz Second: Little

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Chair Mayor Rabideau called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Newman Second: Catillaz

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

yes

Respectfully submitted,
Kareen Tyler, Village Clerk

Dear Mayor Rabideau and Village Board members

I am writing to ask that you do something about the rental properties within the Village limits. We are directly across from one rental property that has been full with short term renters/transients for the past 2 years. Although some renters that have visited fit into a neighborhood setting, many of the groups that come have no respect for the fact that most of us are permanent residents and they party late into the night, and often until 1:00 or 2:00am in the morning. As if this isn't bad enough, many of the groups drink all day swearing loudly. There are no quiet hours within the Village limits and we as residents have no recourse for this inappropriate behavior. This rental property allows people to bring their pets with them. More often than not, we end up chasing these renter's pets off our property. We also have had to tell the renters themselves that the rental property ends where we have clearly posted signs to that effect. Again, we have had to go down to our dock and tell the renters that the dock and adjacent property is not part of the rental property. We pay taxes for our property and stand to lose our house if one of these folks were injured on our posted property.

These are *businesses* and we are not zoned for businesses of any kind. We just were notified that another property has been purchased for short term rentals. Enough is enough. This is a residential neighborhood and we are at wits end with the rental properties.

We are asking that the Board enact regulations for rental properties including, but not limited to:

- put moratorium on any new rental properties until such time as the Village has put into place
- quiet hours of 10pm to 8am or there about
- have our local police patrol at night, not just during the daylight hours
- limit on the number of rental properties, either by neighborhood, or proximity to others in an area
- Fine owners for groups that violate quiet hours or other Village ordinances

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

SUBJECT: LED Street Lights

Date: 03/08/21

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Trustees Little and Catillaz Bill # 12 -2021

DATE SUBMITTED: 03/04/21

EXHIBITS: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney

Village Administration

EXPENDITURE
REQUIRED

AMOUNT
BUDGETED:

APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED

Resolution authorizing utility-owned conversion of village street lights to LED.

MOVED BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR RABIDEAU _____

TRUSTEE SHAPIRO _____

TRUSTEE NEWMAN _____

TRUSTEE CATILLAZ _____

TRUSTEE LITTLE _____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UTILITY-OWNED CONVERSION OF VILLAGE
STREET LIGHTS**

WHEREAS, street lights make up a large portion of municipal electricity bills and consume a significant amount of energy; and

WHEREAS, an LED streetlight conversion project could reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, and result in energy cost savings; and

WHEREAS, there are two potential options for LED conversion, which include a utility-owned conversion and municipal buyback of the street lights from National Grid; and

WHEREAS, after extensive investigation into options and costs, and a work session with the Village Board on February 23, 2021, the preferred course of action is to pursue converting the street lights in the village to LED lights through the National Grid conversion program; and

WHEREAS, National Grid will continue to own and maintain the lights and the Village will continue to pay for monthly maintenance charges; and

WHEREAS, Village staff will work with National Grid staff to ensure that the replacement lighting is appropriate for village streets; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Saranac Lake Board of Trustees supports converting all village street lights to LED lights through the National Grid conversion program and directs staff to work to ensure that lighting specifications and placement minimize costs, energy use, and light pollution, while enhancing safety and attractiveness.

**GENERAL VILLAGE ELECTION
THE VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE, NEW YORK**

WHEREAS, The General Election for the Village of Saranac Lake will be held on the 16th day of March in the year of 2021.

WHEREAS, The Polling Place for the General Election for The Village of Saranac Lake will be The Harriestown Town Hall located at 39 Main Street in the said Village

WHEREAS, The Polls will be open from 12:00 noon until 9:00pm on said day

WHEREAS, The Terms of Office for One Trustee Positions will be 1 Year Unexpired Term

WHEREAS, Nominations have been made for the One Trustee Office

Kelly Brunette, 33 Winona Ave, Saranac Lake

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saranac Lake Board of Trustees duly adopts this resolution for Nomination of Candidates for the Village General Election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be effective immediately.