

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

SUBJECT: Condemning Release of Police Report

Date: 8/14/2023

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Trustee Scollin

Bill # 109-2023

DATE SUBMITTED: 8/10/2023

EXHIBITS:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney

Village Administration

EXPENDITURE
REQUIRED:

AMOUNT
BUDGETED:

APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED:

Resolution condemning the unauthorized release of Saranac Lake Police Department Report NO. 59010

MOVED BY: Scollin SECONDED BY: Brunette

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR WILLIAMS

yes

TRUSTEE BRUNETTE

yes

TRUSTEE CATILLAZ

no

TRUSTEE SCOLLIN

yes

TRUSTEE SHAPIRO

no



**RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE UNAUTHORIZED
RELEASE OF SARANAC LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENT REPORT NO. 59010**

WHEREAS, the Village of Saranac Lake is committed to transparency, accountability, and its responsibilities under the federal Freedom of Information Act [5 U.S.C. § 552] and state Freedom of Information Law [Public Officers Law, Article 6 § 84-90]; and

WHEREAS, multiple duly submitted Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) requests were received by the Village of Saranac Lake pertaining to Saranac Lake Police Department Incident Report No. 59010; and

WHEREAS, the unauthorized release of an unredacted copy of the same report on July 25, 2023 invalidated the Village's option to withhold disclosure of the report under Article 6, § 87-2(b) – "if disclosed would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy"; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII of the Village of Saranac Lake's Workplace Violence Policy – adopted April 10, 2023 – states "The Village shall maintain the confidentiality of investigations of workplace violence to the fullest extent possible," therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Saranac Lake Board of Trustees hereby condemns the unauthorized release of Saranac Lake Police Department Incident Report No. 59010 and offers its sincere apologies to the witnesses identified in the report, who had every reason to believe their voluntary participation in a law enforcement investigation would be treated with discretion, respect, and all appropriate confidentiality; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Saranac Lake Board of Trustees has no logical reason to believe, or information to suggest, the source of this unauthorized release of information was anyone other than a member of the village board.