

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

SUBJECT: Board Member Statements

Date: 8/14/2023

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Trustee Scollin

Bill # 111-2023

DATE SUBMITTED: 8/10/2023

EXHIBITS:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney

Village Administration

EXPENDITURE
REQUIRED:

AMOUNT
BUDGETED:

APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED:

Resolution calling on all members of the Village Board to provide signed statements regarding the unauthorized release of Saranac Lake Police Department Incident Report

MOVED BY: Scollin SECONDED BY: Brunette

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR WILLIAMS yes

TRUSTEE BRUNETTE no

TRUSTEE CATILLAZ no

TRUSTEE SCOLLIN yes

TRUSTEE SHAPIRO no



**RESOLUTION CALLING ON ALL MEMBERS OF THE
VILLAGE BOARD TO PROVIDE SIGNED STATEMENTS
REGARDING THE UNAUTHORIZED RELEASE OF SLPD
INCIDENT REPORT NO. 59010**

WHEREAS, the unauthorized release of an unredacted copy of Saranac Lake Police Department Incident Report No. 59010 has impaired the village's ability to internally pursue and credibly assign any accountability that may be warranted, with regard to alleged violation(s) of the village's workplace violence policy; and

WHEREAS, witnesses identified in the report had every reason to believe their voluntary participation in a law enforcement investigation would be treated with discretion, respect, and all appropriate confidentiality; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, members of the village board cannot be compelled by board resolution to take any individual actions, but may be encouraged to take such individual actions by their own consciences and the expectations of the village residents they serve on the board, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Saranac Lake Board of Trustees hereby calls on each individual member of the board (the four village trustees and the village mayor) to make the following signed statement to Saranac Lake Police Department Chief Darin Perrotte, for inclusion in Incident Report No. 59010:

"I, [board member's full name], was offered nothing in return for making this statement nor was I threatened in any way. I have also been told that making a false statement is punishable as a Class A Misdemeanor pursuant to section 210.45 of the Penal Law of the State of New York. Between the dates of July 11, 2023, and July 26, 2023, I did not share the unredacted full or partial electronic PDF file of Saranac Lake Police Department Incident Report No. 59010, or a full or partial



hard copy print out thereof, with any other individual, for any reason. End of statement."