

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

SUBJECT: Fire and Rescue Building Study

DATE: 2-12-2024

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Trustee Shapiro

BILL # 28-2024 EXHIBITS:

DATE SUBMITTED: 2-8-2024

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney

Village Administration

EXPENDITURE
REQUIRED

AMOUNT
BUDGETED

APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED:

Resolution authorizing Fire and Rescue Building Study for 100 Broadway

MOVED BY: Shapiro SECONDED BY: Catillaz

VOTE ON ROLL CALL: TO TABLE

MAYOR WILLIAMS	<u>yes</u>
TRUSTEE BRUNETTE	<u>yes</u>
TRUSTEE CATILLAZ	<u>no</u>
TRUSTEE SCOLLIN	<u>yes</u>
TRUSTEE SHAPIRO	<u>no</u>

Fire and Rescue Building Study

WHEREAS, the Village Fire Department and Rescue Squad are both in dire need of improved facilities; and

WHEREAS, the existing Fire Department Building, plus the two properties that the Rescue Squad owns, plus the recently purchased property behind the Fire Station and the possible addition of the property adjacent to the south end of the fire house may provide enough space to build a combined Fire and Rescue facility; and

WHEREAS, this scenario has not been sufficiently investigated as there is only one page describing it and two basic drawings in the 255 page Wendel study (Attachment A); and

WHEREAS, a rough concept drawing indicates that it might be feasible to place the Fire and Rescue Departments on this site (Attachment B) with potential parking under the building with rear entrance and offices, etc. on a second floor; and

WHEREAS, the use of any funds from the Capital Reserve Fund is subject to Permissive Referendum.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Saranac Lake Village Board of Trustees hereby directs the Village Manager to execute a contract with AES Northeast for a preliminary study to determine if it is possible to fit both Fire & Rescue at the aforementioned location, funded via a \$12,000.00 expenditure from the emergency services building capital reserve fund,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is authorized to make public notice for the intended use of the reserve subject to a Permissive Referendum

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any unspent funds resulting from this \$12,000.00 capital reserve fund expenditure be returned to the Public Safety Facilities Reserve Fund and any expenditure in excess of this resolution's appropriation is subject to board approval and permissive referendum.

ATTACHMENT "A"

Current Study and Deliverables:

The initial phase of this study included a series of meetings in which we held programming sessions for the fire, rescue and police departments to determine their individual department space needs, of which can be reviewed within this report. This information is essential in determining the amount of square footage required in any remodel, additions, or new facility.

Our team then created and reviewed large massing concepts using the existing downtown location (home of the existing fire station, rescue department and other adjacent properties) to determine if programmed space requirements would work within that property boundary and as show in the Appendix B of this report. Various scenarios were reviewed and are available for review in Appendix B of this report, but include:

- Public Safety Building with Fire, Rescue and Police departments combined.
- Fire and Rescue Building with the Police department omitted.
- Footprint of Pius School Building placed over the existing site to show square foot decencies.

Meetings with the Village's representatives and elected leaders concluded that the current property had many deficiencies that prevented a dual use facility from occurring, even if one of the organizations (police) were removed from that plan. They included to name a few:

- Overall total square footage required by each organization per the programming process and per the attached documents in this report.
- ADA compliance of all facilities and the ability to make them accessible in future remodels and additions.
- Significant grading issues from the front of the site to the rear of the site.
- Capability to include drive through bays in any new project with an appropriately sized front apron.
- Temporary quarters for the Fire and Rescue department during any new or remodeled construction.
- Overall shape of the existing property boundaries and development of adjacent parcels.
- Available space for appropriate parking, stormwater, and other site/civil requirements.
- Historical considerations of the existing fire station per the report located in Appendix F.

After much consideration, the committee realized early on that a public safety facility would not fit on the existing lots and they then reviewed other possibilities. The early leader in those possibilities became an existing school facility that was available for purchase. This solution became effective for multiple reasons being the possibility of an existing facility for rehabilitation, or the very least, enough property that would be acquired to consider new facilities.

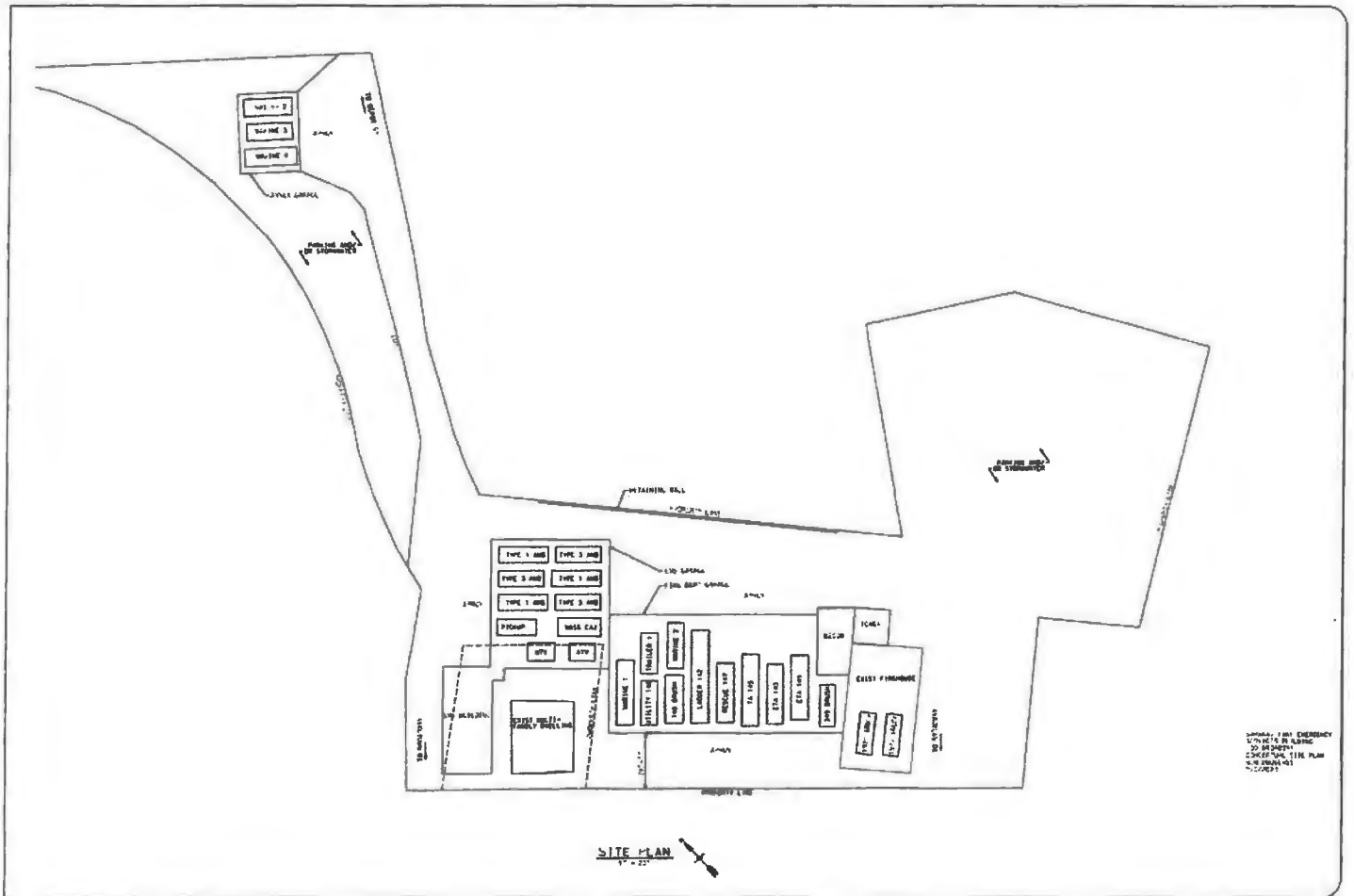


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ATTACHMENT "B"



SCALE: 1" = 100' EMERGENCY
 1/16" = 1' 0" AS SHOWN
 20' = 1" AS SHOWN
 1/8" = 1' 0" AS SHOWN
 1/4" = 1' 0" AS SHOWN
 1/2" = 1' 0" AS SHOWN
 1" = 1' 0" AS SHOWN