

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

BILL NUMBER: #76-2025
SUBJECT: Franklin County Tourism Grant Acceptance for WP Fire Tower
FOR AGENDA OF: 5/22/2025
SPONSOR(S): Village Manager
DATE SUBMITTED: 5/22/2025
EXHIBITS: Franklin County Grant Award

BUDGET INFORMATION

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: \$10k
AMOUNT BUDGETED: \$10k
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED: \$0

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Resolution authorizing acceptance of Franklin County Experiential Tourism grant award from Franklin County Government Office of Economic Development & Tourism to help support the Ward Plumadore Fire Tower project. The Village will receive \$10k to help purchase the Fire Tower. The grant requires a match of \$10k by the Village which will be funded by the budgeted 2025 Community Enhancement Fund, per recommendation of the Community Enhancement Committee.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION

MOVED BY: Brunette SECONDED BY: Williams

VOTE ON ROLL CALL: To Table

MAYOR WILLIAMS

yes

TRUSTEE SCOLLIN

absent

TRUSTEE BRUNETTE

yes

TRUSTEE RYAN

absent

TRUSTEE WHITE

yes

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY
TOURISM GRANT AWARD FROM THE FRANKLIN COUNTY GOVERNMENT
OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM TO SUPPORT THE
WARD PLUMADORE FIRE TOWER PROJECT.**

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Government Office of Economic Development & Tourism makes available grant funding to promote tourism throughout Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, the Ward Plumadore Fire Tower would be a local attraction drawing visitors to Saranac Lake; and

WHEREAS, the grant award requires a match of \$10k; and

WHEREAS, the Community Enhancement Fund has been budgeted for \$10k in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Community Enhancement Committee has made a formal request to spend its budgeted dollars for 2025 on the purchase of a 35' Fire Tower; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Manager to accept the Franklin County Experiential Tourism grant for \$10k to support the purchase of a 35' Fire Tower.

David A. Vana
Fire Tower Restoration
393 Fletcher Farm Road
Bloomington, New York 12913

INVOICE: For Fire Tower Purchase

May 27, 2025

To: Village of Saranac Lake, New York
Mr. Bachana Tsiklauri, Village Manager
manager@saranaclakeny.gov

This INVOICE is for the purchase the purchase an Historic Original 35 foot tall AERMOTOR MC-39 Fire Tower. This includes the Fire Tower structural materials package Only, i “As Is”. The Tower height to floor is 33 feet, to peak of cabin 43 feet.

Cost for 33 foot tall AERMOTOR MC-39 Tower Kit \$ 20,000.00

Purchase Cost is fifty percent non-refundable. \$ 10,000.00

Should the Village fail to move forward and cancel the project and wish to return the Tower Kit.

****** All Elective Options and Modifications are Extra.**

These will be fabricated to fit before the Tower Kit is delivered.

Further discussions are needed to coordinate all works Required for the project; siting, engineering, timeline, degree of Tower Restoration as well as any Options and Modifications for Public Access.

The Fire Tower Kit is being Sold by David A Vana

Dated: _____,
_____, 2025

By: _____
David A. Vana

Tower Kit being purchased by

Dated: _____,
_____, 2025

By: _____

SARANAC LAKE

Fire Tower Deposit. May 2025

Name:

Title: