

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

BILL NUMBER: #79-2025  
SUBJECT: Franklin County Tourism Grant Acceptance for a Fire Tower  
FOR AGENDA OF: 6/9/2025  
SPONSOR(S): Village Manager  
DATE SUBMITTED: 6/16/2025  
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. The Village will receive \$10k to help purchase a 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: Ryan      SECONDED BY: Williams

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR WILLIAMS	<u>yes</u>
TRUSTEE SCOLLIN	<u>no</u>
TRUSTEE BRUNETTE	<u>no</u>
TRUSTEE RYAN	<u>yes</u>
TRUSTEE WHITE	<u>no</u>

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY  
TOURISM GRANT AWARD FROM THE FRANKLIN COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM TO SUPPORT THE  
PURCHASE OF A FIRE TOWER**

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

WHEREAS, a 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: