

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

SUBJECT: Funding Request for SLPD

Date: 6/23/2025

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Trustee White

Bill # 87-2025

DATE SUBMITTED: 6/19/2025

EXHIBITS:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney

Village Administration

EXPENDITURE
REQUIRED:

AMOUNT
BUDGETED:

APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED:

MOVED BY: Ryan SECONDED BY: White

VOTE ON ROLL CALL: TO TABLE

MAYOR WILLIAMS

yes

TRUSTEE BRUNETTE

yes

TRUSTEE RYAN

yes

TRUSTEE SCOLLIN

yes

TRUSTEE WHITE

no

AUTHORIZING FUNDS TO REPAIR THE STAIRS AND THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF AN ACCESSIBILITY RAMP AT THE SARANAC LAKE POLICE STATION

WHEREAS, the Village of Saranac Lake is committed to ensuring equal access to municipal services, facilities, and buildings for all residents and visitors, regardless of physical ability; and

WHEREAS, the Village previously adopted the “Access to Everyone” initiative and has taken steps to assess and improve accessibility at multiple municipal parks and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Saranac Lake Police Department, now operating out of the former National Guard Armory, serves as a critical point of contact for public safety, emergency services, and community support; and

WHEREAS, the current main entrance to the police station is not ADA-accessible, creating a barrier for individuals with mobility impairments and limiting their access to police services; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief and members of the Saranac Lake Police Department, alongside the Department of Public Works and the Village Manager, have dedicated time and effort—often outside of regular hours—to physically relocate the department, set up necessary infrastructure, refresh interior spaces, meet incoming deliveries, and make key improvements to the new facility; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board acknowledges that continued improvement is necessary to align our facilities with the values and needs of the community we serve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby reaffirms its commitment to accessibility, equity, and the fair treatment of all residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes the allocation of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the contingency fund (001-1990-0400) reasonably allocated to the following three accounts 001-3120-0200, 001-3120-0401, 001-3120-0400 to support the repairs to the stairs, purchase and installation of an ADA-compliant accessibility ramp at the main entrance of the Saranac Lake Police Station; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Village staff shall coordinate with appropriate contractors and vendors to ensure the timely and compliant installation of said accessibility improvements.