

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

SUBJECT: Police Interface Ex-Officio Members

Date: 8/11/2025

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Trustee White

BILL # 110-2025

DATE SUBMITTED: 8/7/2025

EXHIBITS: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney

Village Administration

EXPENDITURE
REQUIRED: \$0

AMOUNT
BUDGETED: \$0

APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED: \$0

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Resolution appointing two ex-officio members to the Police Interface Committee

RECOMMENDED ACTION

MOVED BY: White SECONDED BY: Scollin

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR WILLIAMS yes

TRUSTEE BRUNETTE yes

TRUSTEE RYAN yes

TRUSTEE SCOLLIN yes

TRUSTEE WHITE yes

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING TWO EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS TO THE POLICE
INTERFACE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, in response to Executive Order 203 the Village of Saranac Lake formed the Saranac Lake Police Review Committee in July 2020 to perform a comprehensive review of the Village of Saranac Lake's current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices;

WHEREAS, the Saranac Lake Police Review Committee was also charged with developing a plan to improve all of the above, for the purposes of addressing the particular needs of the communities served by such police agency and promote community engagement to foster trust, fairness, and legitimacy, and to address any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color;

WHEREAS, as part of the plan it developed, the Saranac Lake Police Review Committee recommended forming a Citizen Police Review Committee in its final report which was submitted with Village Board approval to New York State on or about April 1, 2021;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Saranac Lake Citizen Police Interface Committee is to provide a vehicle for breaking down barriers and building a bridge between the SLPD and the citizens in our community that will enable ongoing constructive communication, enhance public safety and embrace and support a respect for the diversity of our residents and visitors;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Village Board of Trustees appoints Trustee Sean Ryan and Trustee Aurora White as Ex-officio members to the Police Interface Committee to attend committee meetings when requested.

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SUBJECT: Amend EMS Facility Committee Resolution Date: 8/11/2025

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Trustee White BILL # 111-2025

DATE SUBMITTED: 8/7/2025 EXHIBITS: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney

Village Administration

EXPENDITURE
REQUIRED: \$0

AMOUNT
BUDGETED: \$0

APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED: \$0

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Resolution to amend the Emergency Services Facility Committee Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION

MOVED BY: White SECONDED BY: Brunette

VOTE ON ROLL CALL: TO TABLE

MAYOR WILLIAMS

yes

TRUSTEE BRUNETTE

yes

TRUSTEE RYAN

yes

TRUSTEE SCOLLIN

yes

TRUSTEE WHITE

yes

Emergency Services Facility Committee (Public Safety Building Committee / Fire Building Committee)

Purpose:

To provide a committee that can bridge the SLPD, SLFD, SLVRS and the citizens in our community.

To assess the adequacy of the emergency services facilities to enable planning, funding, and other pursuits of these services for the Village.

Prompted by over a decade of concerns from various representatives from these Village functions about aging and inadequate facilities to support these critical services for the community into the future.

Membership:

Eleven (previously seven) volunteer members to be appointed by the Village Board of Trustees.

Village of Saranac Lake Chief of Police, Darin Perrotte

Village of Saranac Lake Head Fire Driver, Rick Yorkey

Volunteer Fire Department Chief, Brendan Keough

Volunteer Fire Department Treasurer, Michael Knapp

Volunteer Fire Department Secretary, Domenic Fontana

Volunteer Rescue Squad Chief, Ryan Siddell

Volunteer Rescue Squad, Ben Watson

Community Member 1: To be appointed at the August 25, 2025 Village Board Meeting

Community Member 2: To be appointed at the August 25, 2025 Village Board Meeting

Community Member 3: To be appointed at the August 25, 2025 Village Board Meeting

Community Member 4: To be appointed at the August 25, 2025 Village Board Meeting

Ex-officio:

Village of Saranac Lake Mayor, Jimmy Williams

Village of Saranac Lake Trustee, Matt Scollin

Terms:

Four years with staggered terms to ensure continuity. The terms that will be expiring in May of 2026 will be decided upon by August 25th, 2025 meeting.

The Village Board is responsible for filling vacancies.

Anticipated Activities:

- Hold regular meetings to discuss an Emergency Services Facility.
- Conduct an existing facility assessment.
- Identify existing facility deficiencies.
- Create a vehicle/large equipment inventory.
- Conduct a preliminary needs assessment.
- Determine the current and future space needs based on current and future staffing, current and future vehicles/equipment, and other factors.
- Recommend a consultant to develop conceptual plans for the Emergency Services Facility.
- Aid the Village Board of Trustees in decision making and selecting a direction for

the future of the Emergency Services Facilities.

- **And other activities to be determined by the Committee.**

Meetings:

To be held once a month, with the option of calling additional meetings as needed. The regularly scheduled meeting time will be decided upon before the August 25, 2025 meeting. Meetings will be open to the public as required by the Open Meetings Law.

Members will be asked to resign if they miss 3 consecutive meetings without a compelling reason for the absence. Time, day etc. to be determined when committee has been formed.