

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 9, 2012

The Saranac Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order by President Darby at 7:00 p.m. at the Saranac Municipal Building, 27 N. Bridge Street.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Darby, Straubel, trustees – Hendrick, Klutman, Mackey, Simmons, Whorley, DPW Bowen

Absent: Smith

Guests: Larry Tiejema, Ojars & Mary Jo Smits, Tim Simmons

Motion was made by Mackey, supported by Whorley, to approve the Regular Agenda. All yeas.

Public Comments

Ojars Smits, Director for the Ionia County Commission on Aging, provided council members with a handout entitled "Senior Citizen Millage Fact Sheet 2012" (copy attached). The Commission will be requesting a millage increase (from .375 to .5 mills), in the upcoming election.

Larry Tiejema, Ionia County Commissioner, updated council members on Ionia County items of interest, finances and policies.

Motion was made by Mackey, supported by Klutman, to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2012 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Simmons, to approve the Treasurer's Report of June 30, 2012. All yeas.

Motion was made by Hendrick, supported by Mackey, to approve the Accounts Payable of July 9, 2012 in the amount of \$63,593.85.

Roll call vote: yeas – Hendrick, Klutman, Mackey, Simmons, Whorley, Darby; nays – none; absent – none.

The Zoning Administrator's report was reviewed.

The Planning Commission minutes were reviewed.

Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation

Straubel reported that Aaron Catlin of Fleis & VandenBrink attended a boat launch and Scheid Park site visit with the DNR, in reference to the grants the village has applied for.

An inquiry was made in regard to holding a concert at Scheid Park, as a fundraiser for the Class of 2013. Council concurred that it would be difficult to if not impossible to find a way to charge admission. The park would still have to remain open for other users and specific areas would not be able to be roped/blocked off, due to the fact that it is a public park. The rules sign also states, "loud music is prohibited".

Bowen reported that the cement pad for the gazebo has been poured, but the building project is not yet underway.

DPW Simmons reported that repairs to Scheid Park playground structures is ongoing.

Public Safety

Darby reported on her and Chief Darby's attendance of the Boston Township Board meeting. Boston Township would support the purchase of a mini-pumper, which would be in a price range between \$230,000 and \$250,000. Darby inquired if Village Council members would be comfortable going that route. No opposition was heard.

Darby also reported that separate Agreements between the Fire Department and the Townships are pending.

Budget – No report.

Buildings & Grounds – No report.

Water & Sewer – No report.

Streets

Bowen received a request from a resident to consider removing the “no parking” restrictions on the west side of Vosper Street, near South Street. After much discussion, council members concurred that for safety and traffic flow purposes, the parking designations will remain as is.

Bowen reported on the status of the street projects.

Personnel – No report.

Public Comments – None.

Additional Business

Council members discussed issues that have been brought to their attention, since the new state fireworks law became effective.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Becky A. Straubel, Deputy Clerk