

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 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: Greg Grieves, Todd Richter, James Lower, Tim Simmons

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

Public Comments

Greg Grieves reported on the Lion's Club tree planting project. The Lion's Club & Boy Scouts would like to plant trees at the Nature Park next year, as well. Discussion was held regarding location of the trees and communication between the Lion's Club and the Parks Committee before the trees are planted next year.

Todd Richter, Fleis & VandenBrink Engineer, provided council with an explanation of the difference between Chip Sealing and Microsurfacing, which are both street maintenance processes. Additionally, Bowen provided council members with a handout, describing the two maintenance processes, as well as the process for complete road reconstruction.

Council reviewed Fleis & VandenBrink's Recommendation of Award for the Village of Saranac 2012 Street Improvements Project and the Village of Saranac/City of Ionia 2012 Street Maintenance Project (see attachments).

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Simmons, to accept the low bid from Ron Meyer & Associates in the amount of \$194,785.75, for improvements to Pleasant Street and Summit Street (from Bridge Street to Union Street).

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

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Hendrick, to accept the low bid from Pavement Restoration of Michigan in the amount of \$38,161.48 (village portion), for maintenance to various village streets, as per bid documents.

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

Council reviewed Fleis & VandenBrink's Change Order Recommendations for the Street Maintenance Project (see attachment).

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Klutman, to accept Fleis & VandenBrink's Change Order Recommendation to switch from Chip Sealing Division, Church & Orchard Streets, to Microsurfacing, reducing the cost of the maintenance project from \$38,161.48 to \$28,788.63.

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

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Simmons, to accept Fleis & VandenBrink's Change Order Recommendation to add Microsurfacing of Main Street (west of Bridge Street) & Vosper Street (Main Street to Mill Street) to the maintenance project, increasing the cost of the maintenance project from \$28,788.63 to \$38,058.55.

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

Motion was made by Mackey, supported by Klutman, to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2012 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Mackey, supported by Klutman, to approve the Treasurer's Report of May 31, 2012. All yeas.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Klutman, to approve the Accounts Payable of June 11, 2012 in the amount of \$112,854.40.

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

The Zoning Administrator's report was reviewed.

Straubel reported that the Planning Commission approved a Special Use Permit application submitted by Alex & Holly Buckallew, at their June 6th meeting.

Committee Reports

Public Safety

Council received March, April & May stats from Deputy Charon.

Deputy Brinks will be receiving a Life Saving Award June 13th, 3 p.m. at the Boston Township Hall. Council members are invited to attend. Fire Department members who assisted at the scene will be recognized by their department, at a later date.

Pres. Darby reported that she and Chief Darby will be attending Boston Township's meeting on June 13th, to discuss the potential purchase of a new pumper.

Pres. Darby and Bob Dunton, Boston Township Supervisor, met with Keene Township to discuss the proposed new Fire Protection Agreement between the Saranac Community Volunteer Fire Department and Keene Township. Keene Township indicated that they would not be able to contribute to the purchase of a new pumper on a lump sum basis, but perhaps on an annual percentage basis or per run basis.

Parks & Recreation

The Eagle Scout candidate would like to start building the gazebo as soon as possible. The Parks Committee will meet later tonight, to agree on an exact location.

Bowen would like to pour cement pads for picnic tables at the Nature Park at the same time the pad is poured for the gazebo. Council concurred.

Bowen suggested that the village send a letter to property owners who live along the rail bed, advising them to clean up any debris they may have discarded along the property line, before the state starts the trail project. Bowen has been informed that the state will not hesitate to issue citations, to those in violation.

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

Budget – No report.

Buildings & Grounds

Bowen reported that the DPW garage located at Scheid Park is in need of a new overhead door and opener. The existing door is a hazard at this time.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Klutman, to accept a bid from Overhead Door Company in the amount of \$3,902.00, to replace an overhead door on the DPW garage at Scheid Park.

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

Water & Sewer – No report.

Streets

Bowen informed council members, that there are approximately 22 improperly addressed properties in the village. Ionia County Equalization and Ionia County Central Dispatch have contacted him and he has agreed to contact the property owners himself, as opposed to the county getting involved. The changes will occur around the beginning of August, 2012.

Personnel – No report.

Public Comments

James Lower introduced himself as a Candidate for Ionia County Clerk. Lower spoke about his background and perspective.

Additional Business – None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Becky A. Straubel, Deputy Clerk