

VILLAGE OF SARANAC  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
November 12, 2012

The Saranac Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order by President Darby at 7:20 p.m. at the Saranac Municipal Building, 27 N. Bridge Street.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Darby, Smith, trustees – Klutman, Simmons, Whorley, DPW Bowen  
Absent: Straubel, Hendrick, Mackey  
Guests: Tim Simmons

Motion was made by Simmons, supported by Klutman, to approve the Regular Agenda. All yeas.

Public Comments – None.

Darby inquired about the water heater situation at 61 Summit Street. Bowen reported that the residents signed an agreement releasing the village from further liability and were reimbursed ½ the cost of their new water heater.

Bowen stated that the downed tree discussed at last month's meeting, has been removed.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Simmons, to accept the minutes of the October 8, 2012 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Darby inquired about the \$50,000 in "Reserve for Capital Outlay", which is shown on page 3 of the Treasurer's Report. Straubel reported by telephone, that the \$50,000 is the village match portion of land acquisition, in the event that the acquisition grant is awarded and the property purchased in this fiscal year.

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

Council members inquired about various Accounts Payable items.

Discussion was held regarding the handling of street repairs due to sewer issues in the Jackson Street and Wyandotte Court area. A few residents complained via Facebook, about the manner in which the village handled the situation. The village provided an explanation in response via Facebook and delivered a flyer to every resident in the neighborhood.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Klutman, to approve the Accounts Payable of November 12, 2012 in the amount of \$60,907.79.

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

The Zoning Administrator's report was reviewed.

The Planning Commission did not meet.

### Committee Reports

#### Parks & Recreation

Correspondence was received from the Michigan DNR, regarding the final evaluation of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application. The village received an additional 20 points from the supplemental information that was submitted. Final recommendations will be made on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

DPW Simmons passed the NRPA Certified Playground Safety Inspector exam and is now a Certified Safety Inspector, through 10/31/15.

DPW Simmons is preparing a report regarding the status of the playground equipment in Schied Park. Darby requested that Simmons forward the report to the Parks Committee for review.

Public Safety – No report.

#### Buildings & Grounds

Klutman suggested that council may want to consider purchasing a laptop, for use by the DPW. Council concurred to obtain a price quote for a laptop.

The program needed to obtain remote access to surveillance cameras, has been installed on village computers.

Simmons inquired if the IP address could be accessed from multiple computers.

Straubel's computer is in need of a new hard drive.

Water & Sewer – No report.

#### Streets

Bowen reported on the status of the replacement of the three memorial benches in the downtown area. All three families would prefer engraving, as opposed to plaques and have agreed to pay for the engraving on the boards.

The two dead trees in the business district have been removed and replaced. Council may want to consider budgeting for replacement of additional trees, as well as sidewalk repairs. Fleis & VandenBrink suggest using the same type of trees.

#### Budget

Straubel requested that committee chairs submit their budgets for the 2013/2014 fiscal year, by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Personnel

The committee met and reviewed health insurance rates for 2013. If no changes are made to the policy, the rate will increase by 27%. The committee will be meeting again, to review options and will make recommendations to council at the December council meeting, along with their recommendations for wages and SEP contributions.

Darby inquired about a wage incentive for Simmons, for becoming a Certified Playground Safety Inspector. Whorley suggested tabling the topic, until all council members are present.

Public Comments – None.

Additional Business – None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Roberta Jo Smith, Clerk