

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2012

The Saranac Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order by President Darby at 7:05 p.m. at the Saranac Municipal Building, 27 N. Bridge Street.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Hendrick, Whorley

Guests: Tim Simmons

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

Public Comments – None.

Motion was made by Mackey, supported by Klutman, to accept the minutes of the August 13, 2012 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

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

Council members reviewed Application for Payment No 2 (final), submitted by Ron Meyer & Associates Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$43,082.72, for street improvements. Fleis & VandenBrink, village engineers, have recommended payment as requested.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Simmons, to pay Ron Meyer & Associates Excavating, Inc., \$43,082.72 for street work performed through September 7, 2012, as per Application for Payment No 2 (final).

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

Motion was made by Mackey, supported by Simmons, to approve the Accounts Payable of September 10, 2012 in the amount of \$102,810.35.

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

The Zoning Administrator's report was reviewed.

The Planning Commission did not meet. Planning Commission members and Village Council members have received draft copies of the updated Village of Saranac Master Plan.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Mackey, to forward a copy of the draft Master Plan to the Ionia County Planning commission and Boston Township. All yeas.

Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation

The Parks Committee met with Aaron Catlin of Fleis & VandenBrink, to regarding Preliminary Reviews of the Michigan Recreation Passport Grant and Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Applications. Catlin will submit supplemental information by the September 21st due date, in hopes of gaining additional points.

Council discussed various ways to post Scheid Park pavilion rentals, to avoid potential scheduling conflicts. Bowen and Straubel will confer and report back to council.

DPW Simmons is scheduled to attend a Certified Playground Safety Inspector Course, in October of this year.

Public Safety

Darby reported that a Fire Board meeting was held and that members voted to allow the Fire Department to seek bids for a mini pumper that would meet their specifications.

Budget – No report.

Personnel – No report.

Buildings & Grounds – No report.

Water & Sewer

Bowen reported that the DPW will begin flushing water mains next week. A notice will be placed in the September 15th Ionia County Shopper's Guide.

Bowen explained that the village received a violation letter and \$200 fine, for delivering Consumer Confidence Reports after the July 1st deadline. The late delivery was an oversight.

Straubel reported that she is planning to attend a Water/Sewer Rate Study seminar, hosted by Michigan Rural Water Association in early 2013.

Streets

The Streets Committee will be scheduling a meeting with Todd Richter, to discuss possible 2013/2014 street maintenance projects.

Motion was made by Simmons, supported by Klutman, to block off Bridge Street, between Main & Church, on Thursday, September 27th from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m., for the 2nd Annual Girls Night Out. All yeas.

Council discussed the idea of replacing the three wooden memorial benches that are on Bridge Street (due to wear and required upkeep), with benches that match those that have been purchased for the parks and trails. Darby suggested that the original purchasers of the benches be asked if they would consider contributing to the purchase.

DPW Simmons reported that downtown trash containers are beginning to rust.

Bowen would like the Streets Committee to discuss downtown trees at their next meeting.

Public Comments – None.

Additional Business

President Darby will attend a meeting of BSA Troop 71, on Saturday, September 15th, to present Nicholas Allen Fuller with a Proclamation for achieving Eagle Scout status on May 10th, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Roberta Jo Smith, Clerk