

VILLAGE OF SARANAC  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 11, 2013

The Saranac Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order by President Pro-tem Whorley 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 Pro-tem Whorley, Smith, Straubel, trustees – Hendrick, Klutman, Mackey, Simmons, DPW Bowen

Absent: President Darby

Guests: Greg Grieves

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

Public Comments

Mr. Grieves stated that he would like to see more trees in the nature park. He stated that he could make metal plaques with tree names, that could be hung on the trees. He would like to see a lot more trees planted along the walkway and possibly in the open field.

Bowen stated that removing dead ash trees is ongoing and new trees should not be planted or fear of damaging them during the process.

Mr. Grieves stated that some of the trees might be left after they have fallen as part of the nature process.

Klutman stated his concern regarding safety for walkers vs. planting trees in the open field. Bowen stated that being able to mow the field also helps with the food plots for the animals.

Motion was made by Mackey, supported by Hendrick, to accept the minutes of the February 18, 2013 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Simmons, to approve the Treasurer's Report of February 28, 2013. All yeas.

Motion was made by Mackey, supported by Klutman, to approve the Accounts Payable of March 11, 2013 in the amount of \$46,306.24.

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

Council reviewed the financial results for fiscal year ending 2/28/13.

Council reviewed proposed budget amendments.

Motion was made by Hendrick, supported by Klutman, to accept the budget amendments for fiscal year ending 2/28/13 as presented.

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

The Zoning Administrator's report was reviewed.

The Planning Commission did not meet in March.

## Committee Reports

### Public Safety

Council reviewed a two page report submitted by Deputy Charon, including a new "Tip of the Month", which will be posted on the village website and Facebook page.

Per Straubel, the contract and addendum for the new mini pumper has been signed by both parties and the downpayment has been sent.

### Budget

Fiscal year 2012/2013 financial results and budget amendments were reviewed and approved earlier this evening. The Budget Committee has nothing further to report.

### Parks & Recreation

DPW Simmons is scheduled to meet with Carl Pietila, a representative from Superior Play, to discuss playground upgrade options.

Mackey inquired about the status of pole building acquisition. Bowen had nothing further to report at this time.

Mackey suggested that council consider a pre-planned outline of where future memorial benches can be placed, to avoid getting too many in one area.

Bowen will try to locate a map of the walkways, to mark where current benches are located, for further discussion.

Mackey informed council about a Community Easter Egg Hunt which is scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup> at Scheid Park, 10 a.m. The egg hunt is sponsored by Impact-Saranac Church, Saranac Community Church and Walmart of Ionia.

Simmons inquired if restrooms could be opened for the event. Bowen stated that the reason the park restrooms are not open until approximately May 1<sup>st</sup>, is the potential for pipes to freeze.

### Buildings & Grounds

Per Bowen, DPW Simmons received a quote for materials to replace the roof on the garage attached to the park restrooms in the amount of \$3,000.00. DPW personnel will provide the labor. They will begin work, as weather permits.

### Streets

Spring Clean Up is scheduled to begin Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Flyers will be distributed.

Ionia County Resource Recovery will be sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Clean up day at Scheid Park this year, tentatively scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow at a later date.

Water & Sewer

DPW Simmons attended a 3 day class on sewer lagoon operations. He will attend a 1 day lagoon class in May, prior to taking the state exam for Sewer Lagoon Operator Certification. Upon certification, he will receive a dollar an hour wage increase.

Personnel – No report.

Additional Business

Whorley asked Grieves if he could bring a sample of the metal plaque that could be placed on the trees with the tree names.

Public Comments – None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Roberta Jo Smith, Clerk