

VILLAGE OF SARANAC  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
June 10, 2013

The Saranac Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order by President Pro-tem Whorley at 7:06 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, trustees – Klutman, Mackey, Simmons, DPW Bowen  
Absent: President Darby, Straubel, Hendrick  
Guests: John & Brenda VanTholen, Green Valley Disposal Service, Inc.; Todd Richter, Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering, Inc.; Dave Hartman, Carhart Products; and Adam Doll, Saranac village resident

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

Public Comments

John Van Tholen of Green Valley Disposal Service Inc., was in attendance to present a new refuse contract for council's approval, as directed at May's council meeting. The proposed new contract has an effective date of December 31, 2013 and provides for current rates to remain effective through 2014, as discussed last month.

Motion was made by Simmons, supported by Klutman, to accept the contract as presented by John Van Tholen of Green Valley Disposal Service, Inc.  
Roll call vote: yeas – Mackey, Simmons, Whorley; nays – Klutman; absent – Darby, Hendrick.

Todd Richter of Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering, Inc. (F & V), was in attendance to bring to council's attention an upcoming grant opportunity for stormwater and wastewater asset management projects. The grant will be given for projects up to one million dollars with a 90/10 (grant/village match) cost split. It is expected that applications will be available in August or September of this year. Per Richter, engineering costs will be grant eligible. Richter will provide additional information, as it becomes available.

Council reviewed F & V's letter of recommendation for the 2013 Street and Watermain Improvements Project. Bids were received from two contractors, with the low bid being submitted by C.L. Trucking & Excavating, LLC, in the amount of \$147,209.00. F & V's estimate for the project was \$165,900.00.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Simmons, to accept F & V's recommendation of award to C.L. Trucking & Excavating, LLC for the 2013 Street and Watermain Improvements Project, in the amount of \$147,209.00.  
Roll call vote: yeas – Klutman, Mackey, Simmons, Whorley; nays – none; absent – Darby, Hendrick.

Adam Doll introduced himself and expressed a possible interest in a seat on the village council.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Mackey, to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2013 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Mackey, supported by Klutman, to approve the Treasurer's Report of May 31, 2013. All yeas.

Motion was made by Mackey, supported by Simmons, to approve the Accounts Payable of June 10, 2013 in the amount of \$71,397.53.

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

The Zoning Administrator's report was reviewed.

The Planning Commission did not meet.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Mackey, to reappoint Jason Ricket and Bill Goss to the Saranac Planning Commission with 3 year terms to expire the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of June 2016. All yeas.

#### Committee Reports

Public Safety – No report.

Budget – No report.

#### Parks & Recreation

Per Mackey, Sara Doll, a Saranac Village resident, will put together a citizen committee for larger park improvements. They will meet in a few weeks. Additional volunteers are needed.

Council reviewed a bid received from F & V, for assistance completing the requirements of the grant agreement from the MDNR, for property acquisition.

Motion was made by Mackey, supported by Klutman, to accept F & V's bid for assistance with MDNR grant requirements, in the amount of \$3,800.00.

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

Bowen stated that a Boy Scout will be starting his Eagle Scout project in the Nature Park and the village will be purchasing approximately \$500 in material for the project.

In regard to pending playground equipment purchase, Mackey inquired if it's possible for a boy scout to spearhead fundraising for the project and/or assist in assembling equipment as an Eagle Scout project.

Mackey inquired about the status of tree removal in the Nature Park and Riverwalk. Bowen stated that they are waiting for the ground to dry up, to be able to resume removing the trees.

#### Buildings & Grounds

The committee did not meet.

Per Bowen, there have been some issues with the cameras recording at the village office. Klutman inquired if we need to hire a company to maintain cameras for the village. Bowen stated that he could contact Grand Valley Automation, the company that installed cameras at Scheid Park. Bowen was asked to check on the cost of an annual maintenance agreement.

Streets

The committee did not meet.

Klutman will schedule a committee meeting to discuss the possible purchase of new trash cans for the business district.

Council discussed the upcoming "Girls Night Out" event. Last year it started at 4:00, with set up at 3:00. This year, Mindy (one of the event's organizers) is requesting to close Bridge Street at 2:30, to allow for more set up time. Per Bowen, the biggest issue is having the support of the businesses that would be affected by the street closure. He requested that Mindy inquire of other businesses. The general consensus is to have Mindy come to July's council meeting, to discuss further.

Water & Sewer – No report.

Personnel – No report.

Public Comments

The Fred Meijer trail has a lot of quad traffic per Mr. Doll. Mackey asked if there was signage posted. There is not, per Klutman.

Additional Business

Bowen's truck was side-swiped and damaged on the passenger side. He has an estimate from Hubble's Body Shop in the amount of \$2,506.77, to complete the repairs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Roberta Jo Smith, Clerk