

VILLAGE OF SARANAC  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
August 11, 2014

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, Smith, trustees – Doll, Klutman, Mackey, Whorley, DPW Simmons  
Absent: Straubel, Trustee Simmons  
Guests: None.

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

Public Comments – None.

Motion was made by Mackey, supported by Whorley, to accept the minutes of the July 14, 2014 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Mackey, supported by Klutman, to approve the Treasurer's Report of July 31, 2014. All yeas.

Council members reviewed Application for Payment No. 4 (final) from CL Trucking for the 2013 Street and Watermain Improvements Project, in the amount of \$1,736.20.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Doll, to make final payment to CL Trucking in the amount of \$1,736.20, for the 2013 Street and Watermain Improvements Project.

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

Discussion was held regarding various Accounts Payable items.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Whorley, to approve the Accounts Payable of August 11, 2014, in the amount of \$62,882.18.

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

The Zoning Administrator's report was reviewed.

Per Jeanne Vandersloot, Zoning Administrator, there have been several inquiries regarding possible land divisions within the village. She is reviewing village ordinances and Straubel is consulting with Village Attorney, Jim Doezema, to determine the correct way to process land division requests.

The Planning Commission did not meet.

Committee Reports

Public Safety

Council members reviewed Deputy Charon's July Status Report and "Tip of the Month".

The Public Safety Committee met with Ionia County Sheriff Dale Miller to review the contract between the Village of Saranac and Ionia County, for Sheriff's Office services. The proposed new contract locks the current per hour rate in place until 2/29/16. Rates for the subsequent four years of the contract will increase annually based on actual costs, but will not exceed 2%.

Council discussed the possibility of reducing contract hours. The current contract allows for not less than 1,200 or more than 1,750 hours annually, unless mutually agreed upon by both parties. Mackey inquired if there was an interest in pursuing a reduction in hours, to reduce costs. Council concurred that the Public Safety Committee could discuss this in the future.

Mackey requested that the Sherriff provide a more detailed monthly report.

Budget – No Report.

#### Parks & Recreation

Mackey reported that the purchase of property at 113 N Bridge Street is complete.

C.L. Trucking will be removing the dilapidated pole building that sits on the property, prior to Bridge Festival which is August 23<sup>rd</sup>. DPW Simmons suggested keeping the cement pad of the building in place and designating the area as trail user parking, until such time that a trailhead is constructed.

Required MDNR signage has been placed on the property, per DPW Simmons.

The Scheid Park connector grant is going forward, per Mackey. The hope is to have the connector completed this Fall.

DPW Simmons stated that the basketball rim in the park is rusty and has a metal net. He would like to switch rims. Council concurred.

Buildings & Grounds – No report.

#### Streets

Summit Street improvements have been completed very nicely, per Whorley.

#### Water & Sewer

Duckweed continues to be a problem per DPW Simmons. Darby suggested he contact Bowen for recommendations. Doll inquired about contacting a pond management company to inquire about recommended products.

Whorley stated that he received another complaint about reduced water pressure on DeWitt Street. DPW Simmons will follow up with the property owner.

#### Personnel

The committee is working on handbook revisions. Health insurance renewal rates were received. The committee will review and make a recommendation to council.

#### Additional Business

Darby received a complaint about persons parking on Bridge Street for long periods of time during business hours. Signage is already posted that states there is a 2 hour limit, per Klutman.

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Public Comments – None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Roberta Jo Smith, Clerk