

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2014

The Saranac Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order by President Darby at 7:02 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 – Doll, Klutman, Mackey, Simmons; DPW Simmons

Absent: Whorley

Guests: Larry Tiejema, Ionia County Commissioner

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

Public Comments

Larry Tiejema, Ionia County Commissioner, updated council members on Ionia County items of interest including county finances, a proposed building project and personnel.

Motion was made by Mackey, supported by Klutman, to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2013. All yeas.

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

Council discussed various accounts payable items.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Klutman, to approve the Accounts Payable of January 13, 2014 in the amount of \$59,650.04.

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

The Zoning Administrator's report was reviewed.

Council discussed an area of concern that Vandersloot has been addressing, regarding residents driving over sidewalks, other than at their driveway. Vandersloot has had contact with Jim Doezema, Village Attorney and Deputy Brian Brinks of the Ionia County Sheriff Department regarding enforcement of village ordinances, the Michigan Vehicle Code and the Uniform Traffic Code, which have both been adopted by the village. A notice will be mailed to all residents this week, addressing this and other topics (copy of notice attached).

The Planning Commission did not meet.

Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation

Straubel stated that the Ionia County Conservation District has scheduled a household hazardous waste collection for May 10th, from 8:00 am. until noon, at Scheid Park. This will coordinate well with the village's annual spring cleanup, which is scheduled to begin May 5th.

Straubel provided an update on the status of the MDNR Trust Fund Grant. An appraisal of the building is expected to be completed by 2/7/14.

Public Safety

The Fire Board annual meeting is scheduled for January 27th, 7:00 p.m., at the village office.

Budget

Straubel provided committee members with budget vs. actual reports for the ten months ending 12/31/13. Straubel requested that committee chairs turn in budget requests no later than 1/31/14.

Buildings & Grounds

DPW Simmons stated that, according to the contractor, repairs to the roof at the Fire Department cannot commence until the weather maintains 40 degrees over several days.

Streets

Klutman provided council members with a map showing the proposed street repair projects as discussed with Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering. Areas include limited sections of Parsonage and/or Summit Street.

Council discussed overall road conditions, collaborating with Ionia County for better pricing, as well as generalized budget numbers necessary to “keep up” with road maintenance.

Darby asked for Klutman to provide estimated costs for streets projects for the next Street Committee meeting, so that budget numbers can be provided to Straubel prior to 1/31/14.

Motion was made Klutman, supported by Simmons, to authorize Fleis & VandenBrink to begin survey work for proposed projects, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00.

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

Klutman inquired of DPW Simmons, whether Main Street was on the list to receive Rural Task Force monies. Simmons will attend the next Rural Task Force meeting and update council on the status.

Darby stated that there are several potholes on the Bridge Street bridge, north of Main Street. DPW Simmons stated that the holes are scheduled to be filled tomorrow morning.

Water & Sewer

Straubel informed council members, that Bowen signed a proposal from Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering, to complete the renewal process of the village’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,950.00.

DPW Simmons informed council members that the motor on the generator at the WWTF was damaged recently, when the village lost power. He explained that condensation from the muffler ran back into the top of the motor of the generator causing the motor to burn up. A stand-by generator is currently being rented, at a cost of approximately \$900/week. Simmons explained further, that in the event of a power outage, the DPW has a limited amount of time to get a generator up and running, before the sewer system starts to back up. Having an operational generator on stand-by at all times is a necessity.

Simmons requested and received three quotes from Cummins Bridgeway, as follows; repair the existing motor on the generator, \$11,581.65; replace the motor on the existing generator, \$11,630.76; or purchase a new generator, \$17,953.00.

Council discussed at length, the feasibility and financial impact of each option.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Klutman, to replace the motor on the existing generator, as per estimate from Cummins Bridgeway in the amount of \$11,630.76.

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

Personnel – No Report.

Public Comments – None.

Additional Business

Per Darby, the damaged fire truck will be sent to Florida, as per the warranty requirements for repairs. The cost of the repairs is estimated to be \$62,500.00.

Darby read aloud, a letter addressed to council, from Dennis Bowen. Bowen wanted to express his gratitude for the support of council members throughout his years of employment with the Village of Saranac. He stated that he has fond memories of his 31 years of working for the village and that he will miss the employees, council members and residents of the village.

Per DPW Simmons, the village garage does not have an eye wash station. Council members agreed that one should be installed. Darby suggested plumbing one in. Simmons will take care of this at his convenience.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Roberta Jo Smith, Clerk