

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2014

The Saranac Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order by President Pro-tem Whorley 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 Pro-tem Whorley, Smith, Straubel, trustees – Doll, Klutman (arrived at 7:25 p.m.), Mackey, Simmons, DPW Simmons

Absent: President Darby

Guests: Cathy Merrifield, Jillian Merrifield and Kelsey Merrifield

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

Public Comments – None.

Motion was made by Mackey, supported by Whorley, to accept the minutes of the February 17, 2014 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Mackey, supported by Simmons, to approve the Treasurer's Report of February 28, 2014. All yeas.

Council discussed various accounts payable items.

Motion was made by Simmons, supported by Mackey, to approve the Accounts Payable of March 10, 2014 in the amount of \$59,128.03.

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

Council reviewed the financial results for fiscal year ending 2/28/14.

Straubel provided council members with a "Summary of Net Income/(Loss) by Fund" report.

Council reviewed proposed budget amendments.

Motion was made by Simmons, supported by Doll, to accept the budget amendments for fiscal year ending 2/28/14, as presented.

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

The Zoning Administrator's report was reviewed.

Council members discussed what action to take on a zoning violation ticket issued to a property owner on Parsonage Street. Council members concurred to table the issue until April in the hopes that the change in weather will prompt compliance.

The Planning Commission did not meet in March.

Committee Reports

Public Safety

The Fire Department has purchased a new rescue boat, to replace the 1978 one they have been using. The budget for this item was \$25,000. Fire Department members were able to negotiate a purchase price of \$19,000, for a 2013 demonstrator's model. Some additional costs for lighting, lettering, rope, battery, wet suits, etc. will be incurred.

Budget

Fiscal year 2013/2014 financial results and budget amendments were reviewed and approved earlier this evening. The Budget Committee has nothing further to report.

Parks & Recreation

DPW Simmons requested that installation of the playground equipment purchased last fall, be scheduled as soon as possible. Council concurred that professional installation is appropriate. Straubel will contact All About Play.

Buildings & Grounds

The upper roof of the Fire Department building is leaking, per DPW Simmons.

Streets

Klutman inquired about trash receptacles. Straubel explained that 3 had been purchased in the 2013/2014 fiscal year and 3 will be purchased this year. The receptacles are to replace the existing ones in the business district, and will match in color and be made from the same recycled material, as the memorial benches.

DPW Simmons met with MDOT regarding the 2013 bridge report prepared by Scott Civil Engineering. DPW Simmons and Straubel will meet with Fleis & VandenBrink, regarding possible MDOT funding assistance for repair work needed on the N. Bridge Street, bridge.

Water & Sewer

DPW Simmons reported that several residents have experienced loss of water, due to frozen pipes and/or meters. So far, 4 meters have been replaced.

Discussion was held regarding charging residents for new meters in these instances. Council members concurred that the village must recoup the cost of the new meter.

Personnel – No Report.

Additional Business

DPW Simmons questioned Whorley about the computer monitors for the remote security cameras. Whorley stated they can meet this week or next, to test the monitors.

Public Comments – None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Roberta Jo Smith, Clerk