

VILLAGE OF SARANAC  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
September 8, 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, Straubel, trustees – Doll, Mackey, Whorley, DPW Simmons

Absent: Klutman, Simmons

Guests: Greg Slocum, Dan Campbell, Aimee Divine, Robert & Deborah Ghareeb

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

Public Comments

Greg Slocum was present to thank council members for their contribution in memory of his daughter and granddaughter.

Aimee Divine and Dan Campbell, residents of Wyandotte Court, were present to make council aware of a drainage issue in their neighborhood.

Divine suggested the possibility of putting in a rain garden to help filter the water. Darby expressed concern about the amount of space required for a rain garden.

It was noted that the original culverts were not installed by the village, but by the developer of the property.

DPW Simmons made the recommendation to fill the ditch completely and make the space level, so that the rain would drain to the street. DPW Simmons will investigate other remedies, as well.

Darby proposed that the Streets Committee meet to look at the problem area, discuss remedies and make a recommendation to council at their October meeting.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Mackey, to accept the minutes of the August 11, 2014 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

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

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Mackey, to approve the Accounts Payable of September 8, 2014, in the amount of \$52,160.16.

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

The Zoning Administrator's report was reviewed.

Mackey inquired about the use of portable signs in the Central Business District. In Vandersloot's Zoning Administrator report, she states that they are prohibited by village ordinance. Straubel will clarify with Vandersloot, as several businesses utilize this type of sign for advertising purposes.

Council reviewed a proposed Resolution to Authorize the Zoning Administrator of the Village of Saranac to Review and Approve or Deny Applications for Non-Platted Land Divisions.

Per Vandersloot, the Land Division Act requires that a Municipality appoint the Assessor or another person to review land divisions. There have been recent inquiries from property owners in the village, as to the application process for land division requests. Council concurred that the Zoning Administrator, currently Jeanne Vandersloot, is the logical choice, as she has knowledge of the laws and experience in reviewing land division applications. The village and Vandersloot have a service agreement and her review of Parcel Division Applications would fall under that.

Motion was made by Mackey, supported by Doll, to accept the proposed Resolution to Authorize the Zoning Administrator of the Village of Saranac to Review and Approve or Deny Applications for Non-Platted Land Divisions.

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

Council reviewed Vandersloot's proposed Parcel Division Application and discussed her fee recommendation for review of the application.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Doll, to approve the proposed Parcel Division Application with an application fee in the amount of \$25 per resulting parcel.

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

The Planning Commission did not meet.

### Committee Reports

#### Public Safety

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

Per the Public Safety Committee's request, Charon submitted a more detailed report. Council members concurred that they are pleased with the new report format.

Darby noted that the Fire Department has placed a new sign on the exterior of their station.

Budget – No report.

#### Parks & Recreation

Straubel provided an update on the status of the Scheid Park sidewalk extension project. The advertisement for bids will be posted this week, with a due date to submit bids of September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A memorial bench for Brooke & Audi Slocum has been ordered by their family and will be placed at Scheid Park, per Straubel.

Mackey inquired if trail users have been parking on the cement pad at the village's newly acquired property at 113 N Bridge Street (west side of Bridge Street, just north of the rail trail). Council discussed possible ways of informing trail users that the area is designated as trail user parking. A sign has been posted at the entrance drive of the property per DPW Simmons, stating as such. Straubel suggested the possibility of placing a directional sign on the depot property, stating "trail user parking across the street", or something similar. Mackey suggested that Straubel post a notice on the Village Facebook page.

Buildings & Grounds – No report.

Streets – No report.

Water & Sewer

DPW Simmons has researched the ongoing problem of excessive duckweed in the sewer lagoons and found that other communities are having the same problem this year.

Personnel

The Personnel Committee met with Bill Lewis to discuss health renewal options. Darby summarized for council members, two potential options. Council discussed and concurred to table the decision until October's council meeting, due to the fact that two Trustees are absent.

Additional Business – None.

Public Comments – None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Roberta Jo Smith, Clerk