

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2016

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, Klutman, Mackey, Mulnix, Simmons, Whorley, DPW Simmons

Absent: None

Guests: Alec Doll, Garrett Hardman, Nathan Hardman

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

Public Comments

Garrett Hardman of BSA Troop 71 presented his idea for an Eagle Scout project. He would like to remove the graffiti from the Division Street bridge and paint a mural in its place. Hardman had cellphone pictures of the graffiti. DPW Simmons stated that he did some research and discovered that the cement on the bridge cannot be painted, per MDOT regulations.

Doll stated that Hardman would be open to suggestions from council, for an alternate Eagle Scout project. Klutman mentioned an improved canoe launch area. Mackey suggested signage near the depot, listing area businesses. DPW Simmons brought up the idea of placing a “carving board” at Scheid Park, similar to the one at Bertha Brock Park.

Hardman has until 2018 to complete his project, but is anxious to begin as soon as possible. He provided DPW Simmons with his contact information so they could further discuss potential projects.

Motion was made by Mackey, supported by Mulnix, to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2016 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Simmons, to approve the Treasurer’s Report of March 31, 2016. All yeas.

Various Accounts Payable items were reviewed.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Doll, to approve the Accounts Payable of April 11, 2016, in the amount of \$63,331.98.

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

Council members discussed recommendations from Village Attorney, James Doezenia, relative to confirming and reestablishing speed limits within the Village.

Council reviewed a proposed resolution to adopt Ordinance No. 99, an ordinance repealing Section 26-2 (the Uniform Traffic Code) of the Village Code of Ordinances.

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Mackey suggested that law enforcement opinion be sought regarding citations being written strictly under the MVC.

DPW Simmons stated that in his position of Public Works Director and Street Administrator, he has reviewed streets, speed limits and traffic throughout the Village. Based upon his investigation, it is his opinion that the speed limits in the Village should remain as they have been over the past number of decades.

Council reviewed a proposed resolution to confirm and reestablish speed limits for the Village of Saranac.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Mulnix, to approve as presented, the Resolution to Adopt Ordinance No. 99, an Ordinance repealing Section 26-2 of the Village Code of Ordinances.

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

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Whorley, to approve as presented, the Resolution to Confirm and Reestablish Speed Limits for the Village of Saranac.

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

Council reviewed proposed Amendment #1 to the existing Agreement for additional Sheriff's Office services between the Village of Saranac and the County of Ionia.

The proposed Amendment reflects adjustments to the hourly rates paid by the Village for patrol services. The original Agreement, entered into on March 1st, 2015, allows for annual adjustment of the rates based on actual costs, not to exceed 2%.

Actual costs decreased, per the Ionia County Sheriff's Office, thereby decreasing the hourly rate charged to the Village (see proposed Amendment, attached).

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Mulnix, to accept Amendment #1 to the Agreement between the Village of Saranac and the County of Ionia, effective March 1, 2016, as presented.

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

The Zoning Administrator's Report was reviewed.

The Planning Commission did not meet.

Committee Reports

Public Safety

Council reviewed monthly Law Enforcement reports for the months of February and March, as submitted by Deputy Pieters.

Council members discussed attending Boston Township's upcoming meeting on Wednesday, April 13th to discuss the fire millage that will be on the August primary ballot.

Budget – No report.

Parks & Recreation

DPW Simmons has a meeting this week with a representative from the Ionia Conservation District, to discuss recommendations for tree plantings in the Village.

Straubel reported that the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application for the Trailhead project was successfully submitted. Preliminary scores should be received in August or September of this year and notifications of award will be made in December 2016.

Buildings & Grounds – No Report.

Streets

Council discussed a request for a memorial bench in the CBD. The task of determining if there is enough space for an additional bench was given to DPW Simmons and the Streets Committee.

Water & Sewer – No Report.

Personnel – No Report.

Additional Business

Straubel provided council members with an update on a complaint from a village resident on Washington Street.

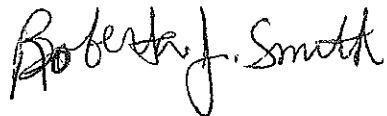
Council members will review the information provided and determine appropriate action to take, if any, at the May 9, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.

Darby provided information on Saranac Promise and encouraged council members to pledge their support.

Darby reported that Relay for Life is being held in Saranac on July 8th at the High School.

Public Comments – None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roberta Jo Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Roberta Jo Smith, Clerk