

VILLAGE OF SARANAC  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
December 10, 2018

The Saranac Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order by President Darby at 7:00 p.m. at the Saranac Village Office, 27 N Bridge Street.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Darby, Smith, Straubel, DPW Simmons; Trustees – Doll, Mulnix, Simmons, Whorley

Absent: Klutman

Guests: Deputy Bindus

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

Public Comments – None.

Deputy Bindus shared law enforcement items of interest with council. The Ionia County Dive Team is hosting a "Light the Park" event at Bertha Brock Park on December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

Adam Andrew Doll took the Oath of Office for Village Trustee, term to expire November 2022.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Whorley, to appoint Eva Maile to replace Sharon York as Tenant Commissioner of the Saranac Housing Commission Board and as Director of the Saranac Non-Profit Housing Corporation, effective January 1, 2019 and expiring May 1, 2019. Roll call vote: yeas – Doll, Mulnix, Simmons, Whorley, Darby; nays – none; absent – Klutman.

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Simmons, to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2018 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Mulnix, to accept the Treasurer's Report of November 30, 2018. All yeas.

Various Accounts Payable items were reviewed and questions answered.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Whorley, to approve the Accounts Payable of December 10, 2018, in the amount of \$121,514.57.

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

The Zoning Administrators Report for November 2018 was reviewed.

The Planning Commission did not meet. Darby reported that due to recent resignations, the Planning Commission is down to 2 members.

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Simmons, to proceed with an Ordinance to amend the number of Planning Commission members from 7 to 5. All yeas.

Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation

The committee met and discussed 2019/2020 budget items including the Trailhead and Phase 1 of Scheid Park expansion. DPW Simmons suggested that an informational letter be sent to residents on Main Street whose property abuts or is in close proximity to the new park property. Council members concurred.

### Streets

Per Darby, the committee met and discussed 2019/2020 budget items including resurfacing one block of Parsonage Street and crack-sealing or chip-sealing various streets. DPW Simmons recommends resurfacing all of Parsonage Street at the same time, to eliminate seaming the two portions. Consideration will be given to this recommendation during the budgeting process.

### Buildings & Grounds

DPW Simmons reported on his inspection of property for sale on Division Street. He recommends that council not pursue purchase of the property at this time.

### Water & Sewer

Council received Asset Management Plan Executive Summaries for the Village of Saranac's Stormwater and Wastewater Systems. The reports were prepared and submitted by Fleis & VandenBrink as required by the MDEQ SAW Grant. Detailed reports for both Stormwater and Wastewater are forthcoming. Per Doll, the committee is waiting on the detailed reports to determine what items to include in the 2019/2020 budget.

Per DPW Simmons, after reports from two Village residents of sand in their water, he shut down well #4 until Peerless Midwest can diagnosis the problem.

### Public Safety

Council received Ionia County Sheriff Office stats for Village of Saranac patrol for the month of November 2018.

Per Darby, the 4 bay heaters in the fire station are cracked and need to be replaced. One is currently shut down for safety reasons. The other 3 are near the end of their useful life. Straubel polled Fire Board members by email and they unanimously agreed to replace all 4 heaters now as a safety measure. The cost benefit of replacing all 4 now is \$800 (\$7,000 vs \$7,800).

Chief Simmons reported that the Fire Department is at 412 calls so far this calendar year.

Budget – No report.

### Personnel

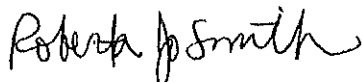
The committee met to discuss budget numbers which Darby will provide to Straubel.

Per Darby, village employees would like council to consider adding a short-term disability policy to their benefit package. The Personnel Committee will provide council with a recommendation.

Public Comments – None.

Additional Business – None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Roberta Jo Smith, Clerk