

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2018

The Saranac Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order by President Darby at 7:01 p.m. at the Saranac Village Office, 27 N Bridge Street.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Darby, Straubel, DPW Simmons; Trustees – Klutman, Mulnix, Ricket, Simmons, Whorley
Absent: Doll, Smith
Guests: None

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

Public Comments – None.

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Simmons, to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2018 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Klutman, to accept the Treasurer's Report of May 31, 2018. All yeas.

Various Accounts Payable items were reviewed.

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Simmons, to approve the Accounts Payable of June 11, 2018, in the amount of \$66,119.47.

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

Straubel proposed two additional budget amendments for fiscal year ended 2/28/18. The budget amendments (see attached) are to record grant funds and total project costs associated with the Bridge Street Bridge and Bridge Street (from Church Street to North Village limits) Project. The original budget reflected Village costs only, as opposed to the entire project.

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Simmons, to accept two additional budget amendments as proposed, to record grant funds and total project costs for Bridge & Bridge Street Projects, to reflect entire project as opposed to Village costs only.

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

The Zoning Administrators Report for May 2018 was reviewed.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Whorley, to re-appoint Wesley Hackett and Gerald Kauffman to the Saranac Planning Commission with 3-year terms expiring the 2nd Monday of June, 2021. All yeas.

Ricket reported on an interview with Elizabeth Bush, a potential Planning Commission (PC) member. An interview for another potential PC member was scheduled for the same night, but the candidate mistakenly wrote the date down wrong. Ricket to reschedule the candidate's interview for next month.

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Klutman, to appoint Elizabeth Bush to the Planning Commission to fill a vacancy with term expiring the 2nd Monday of June 2019. All yeas.

Council reviewed proposed Ordinance #102, an Ordinance to Amend Section 3 (Appointments and Terms) of Ordinance #93, an Ordinance Confirming the Establishment of Planning Commission.

Ricket explained that the reason for the amendment was to allow Tony Koster to remain as a Planning Commission member. Straubel discovered that there is language in the existing ordinance stating that a Village employee is not eligible to be a member of the Planning Commission.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Simmons, to approve Ordinance #102, an Ordinance to Amend Section 3 (Appointments and Terms) of Ordinance #93, an Ordinance Confirming the Establishment of Planning Commission, to allow Village employees as members of the Planning Commission.

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

Ricket reported that the PC also discussed the over-abundance of signage throughout the village. Council concurred that DPW Simmons remove signs that are in the village right-of-way. Straubel will prepare a notice for the Village website and Facebook page, explaining sign regulations.

Council members discussed the Village logo being used on Farmer's Market signs. Darby explained that the Village Attorney provided a Trademark License Agreement for use in this instance.

Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation

Straubel reported that the survey and appraisal of Thompson's property is complete. Straubel will prepare a deed for the Thompson's signature and record it with Ionia County. Straubel suggested that a Resolution of Appreciation be presented to the Thompsons at the July council meeting if they are available to attend. Council members concurred.

Straubel reported that approval to proceed with bidding the Trailhead project has not yet been received. At this late date, it is highly unlikely that the project will be completed by Bridge Fest as hoped.

Streets

Klutman requested that DPW Simmons reevaluate his concerns with the sidewalk in front of his residence.

Per DPW Simmons, Ionia County is preparing for the upcoming chip and seal project but has not given him a start date yet.

Per Straubel, bid letting for the Bridge Street project is July 13th.

DPW Simmons reported that he received a bid for stamped brick and that it was 35-40% less costly than the quote for replacement brick. He will have samples for the July meeting.

Buildings & Grounds – No report.

Water & Sewer

DPW Simmons reported that PFAS testing information was released by the State of Michigan. The MDEQ will be sampling for PFAS at all community water supplies that have their own source of drinking water and at all schools classified as Non-Transient Non-Community Water Systems.

DPW Simmons inspected the water tower for possible warranty issues in regard to the exterior paint job by Fedewa in 2017. Per Simmons, the paint job is holding up great and there are no warranty issues to address at this time.

Public Safety

Council received a report of ICSO stats for Village of Saranac patrol through the month of May 2018.

Straubel received an email request from Lake Odessa's Village Manager, requesting completion of a questionnaire regarding the Village of Saranac's contract with the Ionia County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services.

Straubel will complete the questionnaire and email to the Public Safety Committee prior to submittal to Lake Odessa.

Budget – No report.

Personnel

Darby reported that the committee met and discussed employee retirement benefits, but that there was nothing to report to council at this time.

Public Comments – None.

Additional Business

DPW Simmons received a quote from Berger Chevrolet for a new truck, which was budgeted for in the 2018/2019 fiscal year. Simmons will obtain two other quotes before making a determination.

The Ionia County Economic Alliance (ICEA) sent a letter thanking the Village for their past contributions and requesting a 2018 financial investment in the amount of \$550.00.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Ricket, to remit \$550 to the ICEA as a financial investment for the 2018 calendar year.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



Becky A Straubel, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer