

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2018

The Saranac Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order by President Pro-tem Whorley 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 Pro-tem Whorley, Smith, Straubel, DPW Simmons; Trustees – Doll, Klutman, Mulnix, Ricket, Simmons

Absent: President Darby

Guests: Mike Callton

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

Public Comments

Mike Callton introduced himself, stating that he is running for State Senate this year.

Motion was made by Simmons, supported by Doll, to accept the minutes of the February 19, 2018 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Klutman, to accept the Treasurer's Report of February 28, 2018. All yeas.

Various Accounts Payable items were reviewed.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Mulnix, to approve the Accounts Payable of March 12, 2018, in the amount of \$256,428.92.

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

Council reviewed the financial results for fiscal year ending 2/28/18, as well as the proposed budget amendments presented by Straubel.

Motion was made by Simmons, supported by Klutman, to accept the budget amendments for fiscal year ending 2/28/18, as presented.

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

The Zoning Administrators Report for February 2018 was reviewed.

The Planning Commission did not meet this month.

Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation

Council members discussed timing of the Trailhead Project. Ricket expressed the opinion that he would like to see the project completed prior to August 25th, BridgeFest day. Council concurred, that this would be the perfect opportunity to present the new Trailhead to the community, possibly with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Straubel will communicate council's expectations to Rick Stout, F & V engineer on the project.

Streets

Klutman and DPW Simmons drove the village to assess which streets are in need of chip/seal treatment. The Village will be entering into an Agreement with the Ionia County Road Commission, for the work that is to be performed, and is included in the 2018/2019 Streets Budget.

Council reviewed the postmasters request for two 10-minute parking spaces in front of the Post Office between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to accommodate elderly and handicapped customers. Klutman stated that his concern regarding the request is enforcement. Doll stated that his concern is that other businesses might be in need of short term parking for their customers as well. Council members tabled the topic, to allow DPW Simmons time to address the issue specific to the Post Office.

Buildings & Grounds – No report.

Water & Sewer – No report.

Public Safety

Council reviewed the monthly stat report from the Ionia County Sheriff's Office.

DPW Simmons (in Fire Chief capacity), sent a letter to Life EMS regarding their current stand-by location, which is at the corner of M-44 and M-66. In his letter, Simmons provided stats on response times from that location. He also offered suggestions for a more central location.

Budget – No report.

Personnel – No report.

Public Comments – None.


Additional Business

Per Klutman, the Fred Meijer GRV Rail/Trail will be hosting a YMCA Youth Fun Run on April 21st.

The Dirty 30 Gravel Grinder bike race will begin and end in the Village of Saranac on March 31st. Those wishing to participate or volunteer for the event can sign up on the event's website at www.Dirty30Gravel.com.

Whorley inquired if council would like to look into the possibility of purchasing land adjacent to Scheid Park, should it become available for sale. Ricket stated that it would be a great location and could be integrated into the park very nicely. Council concurred. Whorley will make some inquiries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



Roberta Jo Smith, Clerk