

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 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, Straubel, DPW Simmons; Trustees – Doll, Klutman (arrived at 7:13 p.m.), Mulnix, Rickett, Simmons, Whorley

Absent: Smith

Guests: John VanTholen - Granger

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

Public Comments

John VanTholen was present to request approval of Granger's bid for a residential refuse, recycling and bulk waste contract with the Village of Saranac. An Invitation to Bid was extended on August 20th to Granger Waste Services, Les's Sanitary Service, Republic Services and Waste Management, with bids being due by noon on September 5th. Granger was the only company to submit a bid.

VanTholen pointed out several changes that Granger incorporated into their bid, compared to their current contract with the Village. Should the Village accept Granger's bid, the following changes will take effect 1/1/2019:

New Carts:	New trash and recycling carts and new steel containers will be provided to all residents.
Fuel Surcharge:	The fuel surcharge allowance will be removed from the contract.
Senior Refuse Rate:	Seniors (residents 60 years and older) will pay \$1.30 less per month for refuse service than non-seniors (eligibility criteria apply).
Bags Outside Cart:	Up to (3) bags or an equivalent bulk item will be allowed outside of refuse carts, at no additional charge.
Recycling Rate:	The recycling rate will increase \$0.94/mo. due to increases in Granger's cost of disposal.
Bag Tag Rate:	The cost of bag tags will increase from \$1.25/tag to \$2.00/tag (last rate increase was in 2009).

Trustee Simmons inquired about putting recyclables in a bag before placing them in the recycle cart. Per VanTholen, Granger prefers that recyclables are loose in the cart, as it is easier for sorting purposes at the recycle facility.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Mulnix, to accept Granger's bid for collection of residential refuse, recyclables and bulk waste in the Village of Saranac, effective 1/1/2019. A mutually agreed upon contract for services will be entered into prior to this date.

Roll call vote: yeas – Doll, Mulnix, Rickett, Simmons, Whorley, Darby; nays – none; absent – Klutman (arrived at 7:13 p.m.).

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Simmons, to accept the minutes of the August 13, 2018 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

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

Various Accounts Payable items were reviewed and questions answered.

Motion was made by Simmons, supported by Doll, to approve the Accounts Payable of September 10, 2018, in the amount of \$110,452.45.

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

Darby reported that Meadow Valley Lawncare & Landscape LLC (MVLL) was the highest bidder on the 2001 Ford F350 Village pickup truck (with snowplow).

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Mulnix, to sell the 2001 Ford F350 Village pickup truck (with snowplow) to MVLL for \$5,400.00. Should MVLL fail to complete the purchase by 9/18/18, the second highest bidder will be notified. All yeas.

Council reviewed a letter from Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C. (FSCS), requesting that the Village Council consent to their firm assisting the Saranac Public Library in drafting a new district library agreement. The Village would be a participating municipality of the new district library and therefore have the ability to appoint a member to its board.

The Village and the Library are both currently represented by FSCS attorneys in all general legal matters. Due to the fact that the Village of Saranac would be a participating municipality in the new district library agreement, a conflict of interest waiver must be signed by both the Village and the Library to allow FSCS to assist the Library in drafting said agreement.

Motion was made by Ricket, supported by Klutman, to agree to the terms of the letter submitted by FSCS regarding their representation of the Saranac Public Library in drafting a district library agreement to create a new district library with the Village of Saranac as a participating member and waive any conflict arising from such representation. All yeas.

The Zoning Administrators Report for August 2018 was reviewed.

The Planning Commission did not meet.

Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation

Straubel reported on the results of the bid opening for the Trailhead project. Two bids were received, both of which were significantly higher than project estimates. Council members concurred to re-bid the project as is, with a spring start date.

Streets

Per Klutman, two refuse companies that had expressed to him their interest in bidding the refuse contract, did not.

Per Klutman, the repairs at 71 Main Street look great and he is hopeful that it will hold up when it rains.

Per DPW Simmons, the project agreement for Bridge Street did not include putting the brick back in place along the sidewalk. Simmons received a bid from MVLL to do the work. Council would like Simmons to discuss the topic further with Fleis & VandenBrink before committing to absorbing the cost.

Buildings & Grounds

Council briefly discussed a potential future location for the DPW Department. The Building & Grounds Committee will meet to discuss pursuing the option.

Water & Sewer – No report.

Public Safety

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

Budget – No report.

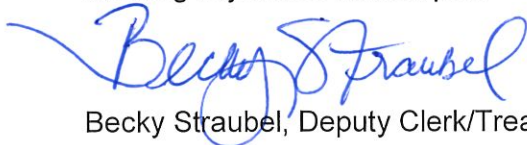
Personnel – No report.

Public Comments – None.

Additional Business

The deadline for Village candidates to file their Affidavit of Identity and Nonpartisan Nominating Petition for the November 2018 general election was July 24th. The terms of Trustee Doll, Ricket and Klutman expire November 2018. Doll stated that he filed his paperwork prior to the deadline. If Ricket & Klutman wish to run for another 4-year term they will need to file a Declaration of Intent form by October 26th, to run as write-in candidates.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Becky Straubel, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer