

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2019

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 – Klutman, Mulnix, Simmons, Whorley

Absent: Doll

Guests: Jami Voshell, Pat Essig, Kerry Fountain, John Gussenbauer - Saranac Public Library

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

Public Comments – None.

Council reviewed an offer from the Saranac Public Library Board, to purchase Village property known as 57 & 63 N Bridge Street (current location of the Library). They offered to purchase the property "as is" for \$175,000. The Library is seeking to purchase the building so they can obtain district library status to better serve library patrons and service areas. Should the Library cease to exist, the Village would receive the building and contents. Should the Library decide to sell the property, the Village would be given "right of first refusal".

Kerry Fountain, Saranac Library Director and Library Board members were present in support of the offer and to answer any questions.

Council members and Library representatives discussed various aspects of the proposed purchase.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Mulnix, to accept the Saranac Public Library Board's offer to purchase 57 & 63 N Bridge Street for \$175,000.00, contingent upon a purchase agreement acceptable to both parties.

Roll call vote: yeas – Mulnix, Simmons, Whorley, Darby; nays – Klutman; absent – Doll.

Motion was made by Simmons, supported by Whorley, to accept the minutes of the March 8, 2019 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Simmons, to accept the Treasurer's Report of March 31, 2019. All yeas.

Various Accounts Payable items were reviewed and questions answered.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Mulnix, to approve the Accounts Payable of April 8, 2019, in the amount of \$97,836.02.

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

The Zoning Administrators Report for March 2019 was reviewed.

Klutman and Darby reported on the April 3rd joint Master Plan Workshop led by Tim Johnson of MainStreet Planning.

Council members reviewed proposed Ordinance #103, an Ordinance granting a gas franchise to Consumers Energy Company.

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Klutman, to adopt Ordinance #103 as presented.
Roll call vote: yeas – Klutman, Mulnix, Simmons, Whorley, Darby; nays – none; absent – Doll.

Council members received an invitation to attend an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for four individuals who have obtained their Eagle Badge through BSA Troop #71. Straubel prepared framed Proclamations for each recipient, and Darby will attend the event to present them.

Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation

The Trailhead project to expected to begin April 15th, weather permitting. Straubel will prepare a notice for posting on Facebook and the Village website.

DPW Simmons provided council members with an aerial photo of Scheid Park, with future plans for ballfields drawn in. Saranac Youth Baseball League would like to put a t-ball field in the northeast corner of the park, as soon as weather conditions permit. Council members concurred with the plan.

DPW Simmons reported that the DPW crew has begun clearing the newly acquired property, for additional Scheid Park parking.

Streets

Spring Cleanup is scheduled for May 20th this year.

Buildings & Grounds – No report.

Water & Sewer – No report.

Public Safety

Council reviewed Ionia County Sheriff Office stats for Village of Saranac patrol for the month of March 2019.

Chief Simmons reported that Saranac Fire Department recently participated in a parade in honor of Peyton Dennis, a terminally ill cancer patient from Ionia. The event was held to celebrate Peyton's 5th birthday.

Budget – No report.

Personnel – No report.

Public Comments – None.

Additional Business – None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



Becky A Straubel, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk