

VILLAGE OF SARANAC  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
August 12, 2019

The Saranac Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order by President Darby at 7:07 p.m. at the Saranac Village Office, 27 N Bridge Street.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Darby, DPW Simmons; Trustees – Klutman, Mulnix, Simmons, Whorley  
Absent: Straubel, Doll  
Guests: Mark Grieves (arrived at 8:00 p.m.)

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

Public Comments – None.

Council reviewed Ionia County Sheriff Office stats for Village of Saranac patrol for July 2019.

Due to recent inquiries, Darby brought up the topic of ORV's on Village streets. The Village does not have an ordinance allowing them and Ionia County's ORV Ordinance states that "An ORV may not be operated on any City or Village road surface, roadway, shoulder, or right-of-way in Ionia County, unless allowed by City or Village ordinance." Council discussed the topic and turned it over to the Streets Committee to research and report back to council.

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Klutman, to accept the minutes of the July 8, 2019 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

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

Various Accounts Payable items were reviewed and questions answered.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Mulnix, to approve the Accounts Payable of August 12, 2019, in the amount of \$214,238.86.

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

Council reviewed Fleis & VandenBrink's (F & V) Recommendation of Award letter regarding the Parsonage Street Improvements project. DPW Simmons reported that two bids were received for the project. Both bids came in under F & V's cost estimate. F & V recommends that the Village accept the low bid received from Youngstrom Contracting, in the amount of \$203,000.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Klutman, to accept the bid submitted by Youngstrom Contracting in the amount of \$203,000, for the Parsonage Street Improvements project.

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

The Zoning Administrators Report for July 2019 was reviewed.

Due to an influx of requests and recent issues on the topic, council discussed a proposed ordinance to impose a Moratorium on the operation of food trucks and/or on the issuance of permits, licenses or approvals for food trucks. The topic was tabled pending review of the proposed ordinance by Village attorney.

Council reviewed a proposed resolution to adopt the 2019 Master Plan, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Whorley, to approve the Resolution to Retain Final Authority to Adopt the Village Master Plan and to Approve the 2019 Master Plan, as recommended by the Village of Saranac Planning Commission.

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

### Committee Reports

#### Parks & Recreation

DPW Simmons reported on various topics relative to the Trailhead project, which is still on target to be completed by Bridge Festival.

DPW Simmons requested approval to purchase various miscellaneous items for the Trailhead project such as picnic tables, a trash receptacle and restroom items. Approval granted via council consensus.

DPW Simmons reported that a security camera system was purchased for the Trailhead property, after polling of the Parks Committee. Mulnix questioned the placement of the system and stated that he would have preferred it to be located at the Village office and accessed remotely by internet. DPW Simmons stated that he believes the system is secure where it is and questions the additional cost of remote access.

#### Streets

Klutman reported that the chip & seal project on Washington and Jackson Streets is complete and looks good.

Council briefly discussed the ongoing speed limit topic.

#### Buildings & Grounds

Whorley noted that the bathrooms at Scheid Park are in need of improvement and that the committee should meet to discuss a plan of action.

#### Public Safety

Chief Simmons reported on the outcome of the classified ad in the paper to recruit firefighters.

Water & Sewer – No report.

Budget – No report.

Personnel – No report.

#### Public Comments

Mark Grieves reported that the Rail-Trail extension has started in the Belding area and that they have 18 months to complete it.

Grieves also stated his concern about the relocation of the base to the stop sign at the WWTF. DPW Simmons stated that it wasn't moved by Village personnel.

Grieves informed council that he is addressing the Parsonage Street zoning issue with Jeanne Vandersloot, Zoning Administrator.

Additional Business

Mulnix reported that the City of Ionia has opted out of recreational marijuana facilities for the time being. Darby reported that Boston Township has opted out as well.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Christine Simmons, Trustee