

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 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 – Doll, Klutman, Mulnix, Simmons, Whorley

Absent: None

Guests: John Nave, Zach Nave

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

Public Comments

Boston Township resident John Nave, informed council of what appears to him to be pools of oil at the boat launch property where the creek empties into the river. Nave shared a photo of the area, which he took a few days ago with his cellphone. DPW Simmons will follow up on the information Nave provided.

Zach Nave, Ryan's son, was in attendance to observe the council meeting as a requirement of his Government class.

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

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Whorley, to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2019 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

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

Various Accounts Payable items were reviewed and questions answered.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Whorley, to approve the Accounts Payable of September 9, 2019, in the amount of \$141,942.29.

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

The Zoning Administrators Report for August 2019 was reviewed.

Doll inquired about the status of the light poles at 117 Main Street. Straubel will follow up with Jeanne Vandersloot, Zoning Administrator.

Klutman reported that the Planning Commission (PC) approved Zoning Ordinance language changing second story residential uses in the Central Business District (CBD) from special uses to permitted uses, as proposed by Vandersloot. The PC plans to hold a public hearing on the proposed change on October 2nd at 6:30.

Straubel informed council that the Zoning Ordinance needs to be updated to reflect the newly adopted Master Plan. Tim Johnson of MainStreet Planning offered to provide a cost estimate to add the required language. Council was in agreeance to seek a bid from Johnson, as he provided consulting services on the Master Plan amendment.

Council reviewed a proposed Ordinance to Impose a Moratorium on the Operation of Food Trucks. After discussion, council members concurred to table the Moratorium Ordinance and begin working on a stand-alone ordinance, as advised by Village Attorney, Jim Doezema.

Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation

Mulnix shared with council, how pleased he is to see the Trailhead property being used on a regular basis.

Darby commented that she has heard numerous positive comments, especially about the bike fix-it station.

Council concurred that they would like to see something placed/planted in the circle area where the wood chips are.

The Parks & Recreation and Buildings & Grounds committees agreed that they need to meet to discuss Scheid Park restrooms.

Streets

DPW Simmons reported that the Parsonage Street pre-construction meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11th. Youngstrom is planning to start the project shortly thereafter. Per contract, the work must be complete by October 18th.

Straubel & DPW Simmons met with Todd Richter, Village Engineer and Cathy Sampsel, Grant Coordinator for MDOT, regarding the 2020 Center Street project. Richter estimates that bid letting will be scheduled for January 2020 with a spring project start date.

Darby informed council that MDOT recently requested that Straubel revisit the "non-motorized improvements" numbers reported on the Village of Saranac annual Act 51 report, going back to fiscal year ending 2012. Darby and Straubel further explained that the Village is required to spend 10% over 10 years of Act 51 revenues, on non-motorized improvements.

Klutman inquired if DPW Simmons has any street scheduled to be crack sealed this year, as budgeted for. To date, \$18,000 of the \$30,000 budgeted for chip seal and crack seal collectively, has been spent on chip seal. DPW Simmons will survey the streets to determine if crack seal would be cost effective on any streets at this time.

DPW Simmons reported that on October 1st he will be actively enforcing no parking on Village streets, in preparation for snowfall.

Buildings & Grounds – No report.

Water & Sewer – No report.

Budget – No report.

Public Safety

Chief Simmons inquired about reimbursement to the Fire Department for debriefing/counseling costs incurred relative to the recent fatal incidents. Council members unanimously agreed that such expenses should be shared by members of the Fire Board as opposed to paid for by the Fire Department membership.

Personnel

Darby reported that she received renewal information for employee's health insurance and that the committee will soon meet to discuss the proposed options.

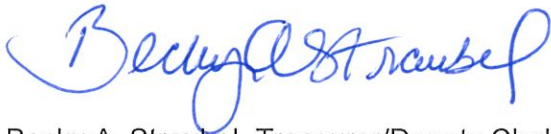
Public Comments – None.

Additional Business

Straubel reported that the Saranac Community Association asked if they could wrap the guardrails on Bridge Street, with Christmas decorations. Council members concurred, but stated that they must be removed by the end of January.

Darby reminded council members of the upcoming Saranac Promise Fundraiser dinner on Saturday, September 21st.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Becky A. Straubel, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk