

VILLAGE OF SARANAC  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 11, 2020

The Saranac Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order by President Darby at 7:04 p.m. via RingCentral, a virtual platform.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Darby, Straubel, DPW Simmons; Trustees – Doll, Hooper, Klutman, Mulnix, Simmons, Whorley

Absent: None

Guests: Allison Blanchard

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

Public Comments

Allison Blanchard joined the meeting via RingCentral, to provide council with an update on this years' Farmer's Market. Per Blanchard, four new vendors have been added this year. The market will kick off on June 6<sup>th</sup> with a flower sale hosted by the Saranac Area Women's Club. At council's request, Blanchard described the plan for adhering to social distancing rules.

Blanchard also inquired about selling sweet corn on Village property located by the Dollar General parking lot. Straubel advised Blanchard to contact Jeanne Vandersloot, Zoning Administrator to follow the proper channels.

Motion was made by Simmons, supported by Doll, to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2020 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Mulnix, to accept the Treasurer's Report of April 30, 2020. All yeas.

Various Accounts Payable items were reviewed and questions answered.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Simmons, to approve the Accounts Payable of May 11, 2020, in the amount of \$94,382.20.

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

Zoning Administrator Report

The Zoning Administrator's Report of Services for April 2020 was reviewed.

Planning Commission Report – No report.

Committee Reports

Budget – No report.

Public Safety

Council received Ionia County Sheriff Office stats for Village of Saranac patrol for April 2020.

Chief Simmons stated that he commends his Fire Department members for staying on the job and following procedures to ensure their safety as well as the safety of those they come into contact with when responding to a call. Council members voiced their gratitude.

Darby inquired whether DPW/Fire Chief Simmons is adhering to the mandatory temperature check. Simmons confirmed that he is doing so daily and advised that the Fire Department is not holding their Thursday night training meetings. Simmons also noted that he has adjusted CPR & contact protocols, among others, to meet state requirements.

#### Parks & Recreation

Darby inquired whether Scheid Park and Nature Park restrooms are open. DPW Simmons reported that they are not, as he doesn't feel it is safe or appropriate to do so at this point.

Council members weighed in on the topic with various thoughts and views.

Klutman suggested keeping the restrooms closed until the stay-at-home order is lifted on May 28<sup>th</sup> or revisit the topic if the order is extended. DPW Simmons stated that is what he had planned to do. Council members concurred with this plan.

#### Streets

Per DPW Simmons, Consumers Energy is on site of the Center Street project and they estimate completely their work in approximately two weeks.

Buildings & Grounds – No report.

#### Water & Sewer

Straubel inquired about extending the current water/sewer bill due date and/or waiving late fees.

Council suggested referencing the Governor Whitmer's order regarding water service and aligning the due date accordingly.

#### Personnel

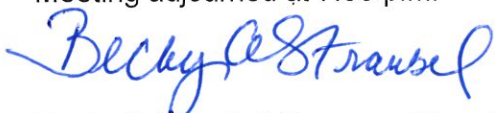
Darby stated that Governor Whitmer's update regarding employees returning back to work states that if an employee is not exhibiting signs of Covid-19, they must return to work if called back. If they choose not to return, they are not eligible for unemployment.

Public Comments – None.

#### Additional Business

Per Darby, Governor Whitmer extended the virtual meeting order through the end of June.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



Becky A. Straubel, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk