

VILLAGE OF SARANAC  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
August 10, 2020

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, Hooper, Klutman, Mulnix, Simmons, Whorley

Absent: None

Guests: None

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

Public Comments – None.

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

Motion was made by Simmons, supported by Klutman, to accept the Treasurer's Report of July 31, 2020. All yeas.

Various Accounts Payable items were reviewed and questions answered.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Mulnix, to approve the Accounts Payable of August 10, 2020, in the amount of \$74,383.69.

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 July 2020 was reviewed.

Planning Commission Report

Klutman reported that the Planning Commission postponed their August meeting until August 18<sup>th</sup>, to provide Tim Johnson adequate time to review Dan Timmer's AR PUD application and site plan for 41 Parsonage Street, Saranac.

Council members discussed a memo received from the Ionia County Treasurer regarding 49 E Main Street, Saranac. The Village has right of refusal after the State of Michigan, to purchase the property for a public purpose.

Council members concurred not to exercise the Village's right of refusal, as costs to rehabilitate the property into any type of public purpose, would be prohibitive.

Straubel reported that draft ordinances for the operation of food trucks and for the operation of off-road vehicles in the Village, are awaiting review by Village attorney, Jim Doezeema. Straubel provided council members with copies of the drafts.

Straubel reported that she contacted Laura Genovich, attorney at Foster Swift Collins & Smith, to assist with preparation of ordinances pertaining to medical and recreational marijuana.

Genovich requested that council answer various questions relating to the type and number of marijuana facilities/establishments council wishes to allow in the Village.

Council members discussed each question and concurred on answers, to get the ordinance process started.

#### Committee Reports

Budget – No report.

#### Public Safety

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

Darby inquired whether repairs had been made to the fire truck that was damaged on an accident scene. Chief Simmons reported that repairs had been made and replacement ladders ordered, with an 8 to 12-week lead time. Straubel confirmed that the claim had been paid by MML for the full amount of the repair/replacement.

#### Parks & Recreation

DPW Simmons reported that his crew has been working on the ceiling of the Trailhead pavilion as time permits, and it is coming along nicely.

DPW Simmons reported that the lift station at Scheid Park had to be repaired again.

Mulnix inquired whether Straubel had received any communication from Eric Moyer regarding a revised disc golf course, since his attendance at the July 13 council meeting. Straubel reported that she had not heard from him.

#### Streets

DPW Simmons reported that the approximate cost to remedy the drainage issue at 261 Weeks Street is \$4,000.00. Per Simmons, the culvert is completely blocked by tree roots and needs to be replaced. New concrete at the end of the driveway will be required as well.

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Doll, to proceed with drainage repairs at 261 Weeks Street at an approximate cost of \$4,000.00.

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

DPW Simmons reported that the Center Street reconstruction project is going well. Straubel reported that the contractor will be connecting utilities at the Mill Street intersection a bit later than expected. The Mill Street intersection will be closed on August 17 and 18 as opposed to August 12 and 13.

Buildings & Grounds – No report.

Water & Sewer

DPW Simmons reported that EGLE performed a partial inspection of sanitary sewer operations via phone with him, last week. The onsite portion of the inspection is scheduled for this Wednesday.

EGLE will provide a written report of their inspection findings.

Darby reported that EGLE is conducting online re-certifications at this time, for Water and Wastewater operator permit holders, due to COVID-19. There are no classroom trainings for those who are due to recertify.

Personnel – No report.

Public Comments – None.

Additional Business – None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



Becky A. Straubel, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk