

VILLAGE OF SARANAC  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
July 10, 2017

The Saranac Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order by President Darby at 7:02 p.m. at the Saranac Village Office, 27 N Bridge Street.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Darby, Smith, Straubel; Trustees – Doll, Mulnix, Simmons, Whorley  
Absent: Klutman, Ricket, DPW Simmons  
Guests: Deputy Bindus

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

Public Comments

Deputy Bindus provided council with an update on his work schedule.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Mulnix, to accept the minutes of the June 12, 2017 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Simmons, supported by Whorley, to approve the Treasurer's Report of June 30, 2017. All yeas.

Various Accounts Payable items were reviewed.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Mulnix, to approve the Accounts Payable of July 10, 2017, in the amount of \$130,974.16.

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

The Zoning Administrator's Report for June 2017 was reviewed.

The Planning Commission did not meet.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Simmons, to re-appoint Dean Gage Sr. as Tenant Commissioner on the Saranac Housing Board and as Director on the Saranac Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board, retroactive to 5/1/2017 and expiring 5/1/2022. All yeas.

Council reviewed a Resolution in Support of Amending the Emergency Telephone Services Enabling Act. Ionia County Central Dispatch requested that council consider its adoption.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Mulnix, to adopt the Resolution in Support of Michigan Senate Bill 400 and Michigan House Bill 4651 Amending the Emergency Telephone Services Enabling Act, as presented. All yeas.

Committee Reports

Public Safety

Deputy Bindus submitted an Incident Report for June as well as a "Bike Safety Tips" flyer.

Budget

Drake Certified Public Accountants completed their audit of the Village Water and Sewer Funds for the fiscal year ending 2/28/17. Council members received a copy of the audited reports.

Personnel

The Personnel Committee has compiled pay scale/salary range data from the MML, relevant to Saranac Village employees. Darby stated that they need a breakdown of where DPW hours are spent (i.e. water/sewer, streets, parks, etc.) by employee, in order to complete their study. Straubel will provide the needed information and the Personnel Committee will present their findings to council at the August meeting.

DPW Simmons has requested a meeting with the Personnel Committee in regard to winter vacation time for DPW employees.

Parks & Recreation

Mulnix reported on the Parks & Recreation Committee's meeting with Rick Stout, F & V Engineer for the Trailhead project. Due to the fact that MDNR grant documents have not been released, and upon advisement from Stout, the committee recommends postponing the project until Spring 2018. Bids would be sought in late 2017 or early 2018.

Committee members also discussed with Stout, updating the Recreation Master Plan which expires 12/31/17. Straubel provided committee members with a copy of the existing Plan for their review and input on proposed changes/updates.

Darby received an inquiry regarding the Trailhead project plans and whether they could be placed on the Village website. Straubel will follow up on this.

DPW Simmons received a request from the family of Brooke Slocum, to plant a tree near the existing memorial bench at Scheid Park. In the past, council has denied requests to plant trees with memorial plaques. In this case however, the family is not requesting that a plaque be placed on the tree. DPW Simmons provided photos of the proposed location.

Council members concurred to grant the family's request to plant the tree at Scheid Park, at the proposed location. The request is granted with the stipulation that the Village Council has sole discretion over removing or relocating the tree for reasons including, but not limited to; park renovation, interference with park activities, and health and/or aesthetic appearance of the tree.

Streets – No report.

Buildings & Grounds – No report.

Water & Sewer – No report.

Public Comments – None.

Additional Business

Darby shared with council members, information she received from Protec, the Michigan Coalition to Protect Public Rights-of-Way.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Roberta Jo Smith, Clerk