

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 2010

The Saranac Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order by President Grieves at 7:00 p.m. at the Saranac Municipal Building, 10 N. Bridge Street.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Grieves, Smith, Straubel, trustees – Darby, Hendrick, Mackey, McClellan, Whorley; DPW Bowen

Absent: Klutman

Guests: Pat Raimer, Tim Ward, Brad Wittenbach

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

Public Comments

On behalf of Saranac Little League, Tim Ward inquired about the availability and distribution of the Beukema Memorial funds, for purposes of additions and improvements to the ball fields at Scheid Park.

Council requested a letter from Doris Beukema and The Sons of the American Legion, stating their approval that the memorial funds be used by the little league for additions and improvements to the ball fields at Scheid Park. Upon receipt of such letter and as advised by the village attorney, Straubel will pay expenses as incurred and submitted by Saranac Little League, from the Beukema Memorial Fund account.

Pat Raimer requested that the council consider obtaining a permit from the DNRE to move existing cement slabs to the south bank of the Grand River, north of the Depot shelter, to protect the bank, Silver Maple trees and walkway from erosion.

The Parks & Recreation Committee will investigate this matter further and report back.

Motion was made by Darby, supported by Mackey, to accept the minutes of the July 12, 2010 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by McClellan, supported by Whorley, to accept the minutes of the July 28, 2010 Special Meeting.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Darby, to approve the Treasurer's Report of July 31, 2010. All yeas.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Darby, to approve the Accounts Payable of August 9, 2010 in the amount of \$185,213.48.

Roll call vote: yeas – Darby, Hendrick, Mackey, McClellan, Whorley, Grieves; nays – none; absent – Klutman.

The Zoning Administrator's report was reviewed.

The Planning Commission did not meet.

The Resolution for a final grant application for improvements to the village water system that was adopted at the May 20, 2010 Public Hearing/Special Meeting, did not contain specific language required by the MEDC. Council reviewed the revised Resolution, which added; "WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvements proposed in the project are consistent with the Village of Saranac's plan for long term community development."

Motion was made by McClellan, supported by Hendrick, to adopt a revised "Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Saranac, Michigan, Authorizing the Village President to Submit a MEDC CDBG ICE Grant Final Application in the Amount of \$248,400 for Improvements to the Village Water System" (see attached revised resolution).

Roll call vote: yeas – Darby, Hendrick, Mackey, McClellan, Whorley, Grieves; nays – none; absent – Klutman.

Committee Reports

Water & Sewer

Bowen stated that the lining of the sewer mains in the floodplain is complete. He met with Bob Wilcox and Synagro to discuss their proposal for completion of removal of sludge from lagoon #4. They hope to be started in a week to ten days. The new completion date is August 2011, however the goal is for the project to be completed this year.

Building & Grounds

Whorley stated that the building renovation has begun on the new village office. The committee accepted value engineering contract changes that resulted in \$13,478.00 in savings.

Grieves stated that the building prints did not contain specs for insulating the north cold wall. Whorley will call the architect regarding this issue on Tuesday.

Whorley stated that the marble insert for the back of the building has been ordered and will read, "Village of Saranac, Inc. 1869". The stone insert on the front of the building will read, "2010".

Budget – No report.

Parks & Recreation

Whorley stated that Amway has some used surveillance cameras that the village might be interested in purchasing for the Nature Park and/or the new village office. Whorley requested a list of available items and their cost. He will turn it over to the committee when he receives it.

Hendrick received a complaint that the drinking fountain at Scheid Park is not working properly. Bowen will check it out on Tuesday morning.

Law Enforcement

McClellan inquired about the possibility of placing a 55 mph speed limit sign at the south village limits. He will contact the Ionia County Road Commission, as it is not the village's responsibility to provide this signage.

McClellan stated that the committee is keeping a close watch on the number of hours that law enforcement is spending in the village. The contract allows for approximately 32 hours per week (total of 1,700 hours). They are currently averaging 36 hours per week. The committee has discussed this with Deputy Charon.

Streets

Council discussed punch list items for the Mill Street project. Bowen will contact Todd Richter, Fleis & VandenBrink Engineer on Tuesday.

Straubel stated that she received an inquiry regarding the date for Trick or Treating, as Halloween falls on a Sunday. The consensus was that it would continue to be observed on the day that it falls on.

Personnel

Bowen has concerns regarding how village employees keep track of time spent during the day on fire runs, for payroll purposes.

Darby stated that Fire Chief Darby keeps a log of runs made during the day, that might be helpful.

Bowen and Straubel will come up with a workable form to use for keeping track of day time fire runs, for payroll purposes.

Public Comments – None.

Additional Business – None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Roberta Jo Smith, Clerk