

VILLAGE OF SARANAC

Village Council and Planning Commission

Candidate Form

The following excerpt is from the Handbook for General Law Village Officials, published by the Michigan Municipal League:

"The mix of elected officials and administrative staff having a common purpose, but each having a different role and a different perspective, makes governing a village a complicated process. When you add in personalities that may conflict, it is clear that a hefty dose of goodwill and teamwork is needed for a general law village to function efficiently. Most village officials are dedicated to making their village a better place to live. They devote a lot of time to learning about their roles and keeping abreast of the changes that will affect their village. They make decisions based on what is good for the community and use their intelligence, common sense, energy and goodwill in performing the duties of public office."

Thank you for your interest in serving the Village of Saranac. In order to select the best qualified candidates to fill vacancies, we have developed the attached form. Please complete the form and return it to the Village Office by mail (PO Box 312), in person (27 N Bridge Street), by fax (616.642.0472) or by email (saranacoffice@gmail.com). Village Council members must be qualified electors of the Village, however, up to two Planning Commission members may be individuals who are not qualified electors of the Village.

VILLAGE COUNCIL TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

Village Council meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Saranac Village Office. Trustees are also required to serve on committees, which meet on an as-needed basis. The pay for trustees is \$40 per council meeting attended and \$20 per committee meeting attended. Council members are paid on the first Friday of March each year, for the previous 12 months of service.

Once you have applied to fill a trustee vacancy, you will be expected to attend the next council meeting to briefly address the council. Appointments take place immediately, with the new trustee taking the Oath of Office that evening.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER CANDIDATES

Planning Commission (PC) meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office. However, the PC Chair may choose to forego a monthly meeting, if there is no business to conduct. Per Ordinance, the PC shall hold at least 4 regular meetings per year. The pay for PC members is \$40 per PC meeting attended. PC members are paid on the first Friday of March each year, for the previous 12 months of service.

Once you have applied to fill a PC vacancy, you will be expected to attend the next Village Council meeting to briefly address the council, as the Village Council appoints all PC members. Appointments take place immediately, with the new member taking the Oath of Office that evening and serving at the next regularly scheduled PC meeting.

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DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

I would like to be considered for a position on:

Village Council _____ Planning Commission _____

Occupation: _____

Community involvement (past and present): _____

Why are you interested in this position?: _____
