

VILLAGE OF SARANAC  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
June 8, 2015

The Saranac Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order by President Darby at 7:00 p.m. at the Saranac Municipal Building, 27 N. Bridge Street.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Darby, Smith, Straubel, trustees – Doll, Klutman, Mackey, Simmons, Whorley; DPW Simmons

Absent: None

Guests: Dennis Sitzer

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

Public Comments

Dennis Sitzer, Saranac Village resident, was in attendance to request that the Village Council consider adopting an ORV (Off Road Vehicle) Ordinance authorizing and regulating the operation of ORV's in the Village. Ionia County recently adopted an ORV Ordinance that states in Section 2(e), "An ORV may not be operated on any City or Village road surface, roadway, shoulder, or right-of-way in Ionia County, unless allowed by City or Village ordinance."

The Streets Committee will meet to discuss the topic and make a recommendation to council at their July 13<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

DPW Simmons stated that the Saranac High School volleyball coach inquired about the best location in the village for a beach volleyball tournament during Bridgefest. Council concurred that the best location is at 113 N Bridge Street, on the cement pad where the pole building was removed last year. Simmons will advise the Saranac Community Association (Bridgefest sponsor and organizer) and the volleyball coach, of council's suggestion.

Motion was made by Mackey, supported by Whorley, to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2015 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Simmons, to approve the Treasurer's Report of May 31, 2015. All yeas.

Various Accounts Payable items were reviewed.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Klutman, to approve the Accounts Payable of June 8, 2015, in the amount of \$79,193.94.

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

The Zoning Administrator's report was reviewed.

The Planning Commission did not meet.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Whorley, to re-appoint Wesley Hackett, Gerald Kauffman and Mark Talcott to the Saranac Planning Commission with 3 year terms expiring the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of June, 2018. All yeas.

Motion was made by Mackey, supported by Simmons, to appoint Jackie Bowen to the Saranac Library Board to fulfill Melissa Vroman's term which expires September 30, 2015. All yeas.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Darby, to re-appoint Donna Smit as Tenant Commissioner on the Saranac Housing Board and as Director on the Saranac Non-Profit Housing Corporation with 5 year terms expiring May 1, 2020. All yeas.

### Committee Reports

#### Public Safety

Council members reviewed Deputy Pattok's monthly status report and "Tip of the Month."

Per Chief Simmons, the Saranac Fire Department made a donation of air packs, a ladder and a roof saw, to a Fire Department in Ohio that burned to the ground.

Budget – No report.

#### Parks & Recreation

DPW Simmons reported that a quote had been received for a slide, to replace the outdated stand-alone slide at Scheid Park. Due to the fact that the slide quote is significantly under budget, DPW Simmons suggested obtaining a quote for a replacement swing set in the toddler section of the playground. Council members concurred.

Council reviewed the proposed wording of a memorial plaque to be placed on a boulder at Scheid Park. The plaque recognizes Robert & Doris Beukema and family, and Sons of the American Legion, Post 175, for partially funding the construction of the trail connector from Scheid Park to the Rail Trail. Darby suggested adding the word "connector" after "trail" and council members concurred.

Council discussed the increased use of village trails and the Rail Trail. It was concluded that placing a porta-john at 113 N Bridge Street for the summer/fall months (4 months beginning mid-June) would benefit trail users and event goers. Straubel will seek the best price and confirm with council members before committing.

#### Buildings & Grounds

Alex Doll has been clearing brush and cleaning up the village owned property at the west end of Dollar General's parking lot. Doll has taken on this project to earn his Eagle Scout status. When completed, the area will provide a place for residents and village visitors to rest, relax or enjoy a snack or meal from village businesses.

#### Streets

Per DPW Simmons, Main Street is being patched in preparation for Chip and Seal in July.

DPW Simmons reported that there are several Maple trees in the village that are dead or dying. He has contacted a specialist to look at the trees this week, in hopes of determining a cause.

#### Water & Sewer

Straubel reported that ProSkim initially requested payment in advance for the duckweed removal unit, but agreed to 50% in advance and 50% within 7-10 days of receipt of the unit. Council members concurred to release the 50% down payment upon review of ProSkim, via the Better Business Bureau.

Personnel – No report.

Additional Business – None.

Public Comments – None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Roberta Jo Smith, Clerk