

VILLAGE OF SARANAC  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 11, 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, Mackey, Simmons, Whorley; DPW Simmons  
Absent: Klutman  
Guests: None

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

Public Comments – None.

Motion was made by Simmons, supported by Mackey, to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2015 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Simmons, supported by Whorley, to approve the Treasurer's Report of April 30, 2015. All yeas.

Various Accounts Payable items were reviewed.

Motion was made by Mackey, supported by Simmons, to approve the Accounts Payable of May 11, 2015, in the amount of \$68,067.01.

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

The Zoning Administrator's report was reviewed.

Council discussed at length, the continuing issue of residents driving across sidewalks to park in their yards, as well as enforcement options. Mackey will contact Deputy Charon. Straubel will contact Vandersloot.

Darby reported that she recently met with a representative from the Ionia County Economic Alliance (ICEA) who stated that the Saranac area is attracting people interested in starting new businesses.

The Planning Commission did not meet. Klutman reported to Darby, that they are planning to meet in June.

Council reviewed a quote from ProSkim in the amount of \$6,975.00, for a Duckweed Control System. The 2015/2016 Sewer Capital Outlay Budget for this item is \$7,000.00.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Simmons, to accept the quote from ProSkim in the amount of \$6,975.00, for a Duckweed Control System.

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

DPW Simmons will contact ProSkim to place the order.

Committee Reports

Public Safety

Straubel will forward Deputy Charon's April status report to council members upon receipt.

Mackey corresponded with Deputy Charon regarding recent vandalism in the Village. Charon stated that he had requested extra help from county wide patrols, after the vandalism at the depot. Charon also apprised Saranac's evening patrol officer of the situation.

Charon asked for any ideas that council may have about promoting safety. Mackey suggested a possible spring/summer safety assembly at the elementary school. One topic could be discussion of the benefits of the trails and how we all need to take part in protecting them and watching out for vandals.

Budget – No report.

#### Parks & Recreation

Doll reported that the committee met with Aaron Catlin, Fleis & VandenBrink Engineer, regarding a grant application for development of the Trailhead property on Bridge Street near the boat launch, as well as new restrooms at Scheid Park. Catlin concluded that the existing Recreation Master Plan lists both of these items as high priorities, so the Plan will not need to be updated prior to submittal of a grant application. The committee will meet with Catlin again in June, to share ideas and proposed plans. Citizens that expressed an interest in being part of the planning process for the Trailhead, will be invited to the meeting.

Darby suggested including a bike fix-it station to the Trailhead plans.

Buildings & Grounds – No report.

Streets – No report.

Water & Sewer – No report.

Personnel – No report.

#### Additional Business

Darby inquired about making a contribution to the ICEA, based on the information she shared earlier. At the 10/13/14 council meeting, the Village Council declined to contribute. Mackey recommended waiting until the ICEA's next annual letter of request. Council members concurred.

Public Comments – None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Roberta Jo Smith, Clerk