

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2021

The Saranac Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order by President Darby at 7:00 p.m. at the Saranac Village Office, 27 N Bridge Street, and via Zoom, a virtual platform.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Darby, Straubel, DPW Simmons; Trustees – Doll, Klutman (arrived 7:15 via Zoom), Mulnix, Ricket, Simmons, Whorley

Absent: None

Guests: Deputy Rachel Ervin, Andrew Filler, and Todd Richter (via Zoom)

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

Public Comments – None.

Law Enforcement Report

Council reviewed Ionia County Sheriff Office stats for Village of Saranac patrol for the month of February 2021.

Deputy Rachel Ervin was present to provide council with an update on Village law enforcement items of interest, and answer any questions council might have.

Andrew Filler with Fleis & VandenBrink was present to discuss the Scheid Park Improvements Project and MDNR Trust Fund Grant submittal. Todd Richter was in attendance also, via Zoom.

The Parks & Recreation Committee met with Filler earlier in the month to discuss plans for a new restroom/concession facility at Scheid Park. Filler walked council members through four potential concepts (with site plan and cost), as discussed with the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Various details were discussed at length, including but not limited to; location of the facility, size of the facility, % of village match, and whether to include any other park amenities in the grant request, such as a baseball field or pickleball.

The MDNR Trust Fund Program has a maximum grant award of \$300,000, which narrowed down the options presented.

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Ricket, to proceed with Concept C – Building/Sidewalks, as presented by Filler, at an estimated project cost of \$490,200.00.

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

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Whorley, to pass Resolution #031621, a Resolution Authorizing a MDNR Trust Fund Grant Application for \$300,000, with the Village of Saranac making a financial commitment of \$190,200 (38.8%) for a total project cost of \$490,200 for a new restroom/concession facility at Scheid Park.

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

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Doll, to accept the minutes of the February 15, 2021 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Whorley, to accept the Treasurer's Report of February 28, 2021. All yeas.

Various Accounts Payable items were reviewed and questions answered.

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Simmons, to approve the Accounts Payable of March 15, 2021, in the amount of \$182,199.55

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

Council reviewed financial results for fiscal year ending 2/28/21, as well as proposed budget amendments presented by Straubel.

Straubel provided a summary of the reports.

Motion was made by Simmons, supported by Mulnix, to accept the budget amendments for fiscal year ending 2/28/21, as presented.

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

Zoning Administrator Report

The Zoning Administrator's Report of Services for February 2021 was reviewed.

Planning Commission Report

Klutman reported that the PC held a Public Hearing on 3/8/21 to review a SUP submitted by KISA Enterprises to operate a Medical Marihuana Provisioning Center and an Adult Use Retail Establishment at 9 E Main Street. The meeting was held in-person (with 25-person capacity) and via Zoom, pursuant to the MDHHS's latest gathering order.

Klutman informed council that the Planning Commission voted to table their decision on the SUP submitted by KISA Enterprises, pending additional information requested of the applicant. The Planning Commission will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 31st at 7:00 p.m. to consider supplemental information submitted by the applicant and consider whether to approve, conditionally approve, or deny the SUP application. The meeting will be held at the Village Office and via Zoom.

Committee Reports

Budget – No Report.

Public Safety

Darby reported that the Fire Board held their annual meeting via Zoom on February 22nd. Due to the upcoming replacement of Engine 5 (estimated at \$1,000,000), both Boston Township and the Village will pay for their share of fire department operating expenditures for the 2021/2022 fiscal year from their General Fund, as opposed to from the Fire Millage Fund. Boston Township will be asking voters to renew the Fire Millage on the August 2021 Primary Ballot.

Parks & Recreation – No report.

Streets

DPW Simmons advised council members of the upcoming Dirty 30 Gravel Grinder Bicycle Race on March 27th.

DPW Simmons informed council members of parking violations on Main Street. There are three vehicles parked all night, every night, on the north side of E Main Street, first block. Council members concurred that Simmons should take appropriate action.

Buildings & Grounds

Mulnix inquired about updating council meeting room technology to accommodate electronic meetings. Darby stated that she ordered a microphone and webcam for village use.

Water & Sewer – No report.

Personnel

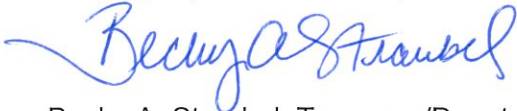
DPW Simmons requested a meeting with the Personnel Committee.

Public Comments – None.

Additional Business

Whorley advised council members of a change in his cell phone number.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.



Becky A. Straubel, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk