

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 12, 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.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Darby, Straubel, DPW Simmons; Trustees – Doll, Klutman, Mulnix, Ricket, Simmons, Whorley

Absent: None

Guests: Bill Phillips, Allison Willis, Ben Randall

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

Public Comments – None.

Bill Phillips addressed council regarding concerns he has for pedestrians on south Bridge Street in Saranac. Phillips recently purchased a home on Bridge Street, and his brother who is a wheelchair-bound Vietnam veteran, lives at the house. He travels by wheelchair to downtown Saranac nearly every day. This prompted Phillips to share his concerns about the speed of traffic on south Bridge Street, as well as the fact that there are no sidewalks.

Phillips resides in Lake Odessa, where they utilize portable radar signs in certain areas to enhance driver awareness of their speed of travel. Phillips reached out to Lake Odessa officials, requesting information on the signs as well as the effectiveness of the signs. Lake Odessa Police Chief stated that the response from the public has been positive, and they have noticed motorists reduce their speed in the area where the radar sign is placed.

Phillips provided council members with a flyer (see attached) from Kustom Signals Inc., the company that Lake Odessa purchased the radar signs from. The cost of one sign is approximately \$3,500.00.

Phillips also inquired about the feasibility of installing sidewalk on south Bridge Street. Phillips works for MDOT and has a contact who provided him with potential grant opportunities, such as Safe Routes to School.

Council members discussed with Phillips, the pros and cons of radar signs as well as sidewalks.

Per Darby, the Streets Committee will meet to discuss Phillip's ideas and explore options.

Council thanked Phillips for attending and for providing useful information on the topic.

Allison Willis and Ben Randall, owners of Farm to Fork (located at 49 N Bridge Street in Saranac), were present for council's discussion regarding items on the sidewalk in the Central Business District.

The catalyst for this conversation, is that Farm to Fork is currently in violation of Section 30.18.29 of the Zoning Ordinance, as well as Chapter 22, Article III of the Code of Ordinances (see attached relative sections). Farm to Fork received a zoning violation letter from Jeanne Vandersloot, Zoning Administrator, regarding the multiple items they have for display or sale outside the front of the building at 49 N Bridge Street.

Much discussion ensued with varying points of view, regarding what has been allowed in the past, what to allow now (if anything), where to allow it, and how to allow it.

It was noted that Lowell allows its businesses to display items on the sidewalk, and that this may encourage passersby to stop and shop. Council members agreed that they want the Village to appear welcoming, but not cluttered.

Chapter 22, Article III of the Village Code of Ordinances states that "no person shall, by himself, or another, place any goods, merchandise or articles for sale or decoration upon a public sidewalk unless by permission first obtained in writing from the president of the village or by resolution of the village council."

Council members concurred that they are not interested in amending the ordinance at this time, and that the ordinance as it currently reads allows the Village President to give permission in writing to a business that requests to display and/or sell items outside of their business.

Darby confirmed that council members were in agreement as to the allowable location of items for sale or display outside, that location being the approximate 2-foot area between the face of the building and the edge of the sidewalk.

Darby will compose a letter to Farm to Fork, noting the items allowed outside for sale and/or display, and the area they are allowed to be in.

It was noted that Farm to Fork has complied with the Zoning Ordinance section regarding sandwich board signs, by removing one of the signs.

Discussion was also had regarding Farm Market signage placed in Village right-of-way, as well as vehicles parking in the grass at the Trailhead when the market is open. Willis and Randall agreed that the sign in question will be put up and taken down the day of the event. They will also see to it that vehicles do not park on the grass at the Trailhead.

Law Enforcement Report

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

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Simmons, to accept the minutes of the June 14, 2021 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Mulnix, to accept the Treasurer's Report of June 30, 2021. All yeas.

Various Accounts Payable items were reviewed and questions answered.

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Klutman, to approve the Accounts Payable of July 12, 2021, in the amount of \$79,761.35.

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

Council reviewed a letter from the Saranac Housing Commission regarding the reappointment of Mrs. Tina Vroman to the Saranac Housing Commission Board and the Saranac Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board.

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Simmons, to reappoint Mrs. Tina Vroman as Commissioner of the Saranac Housing Commission Board and as Director on the Saranac Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board, with a 5-year term retroactive to May 1, 2021 and expiring May 1, 2026.

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

Darby noted that the Saranac Housing Commission received a letter of resignation from Donna Smit who was serving as Vice President of the Saranac Housing Commission Board and the Saranac Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board. Council commends Smit for her many years of service to the Housing Commission.

Zoning Administrator Report

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

Planning Commission Report

Council members received a copy of the minutes from the Planning Commission's June 23rd public hearing to consider a Special Use Permit application submitted by Malcolm Culmer to operate a recreational marijuana establishment at 75 N Bridge Street. Klutman reported that the Planning Commission voted to approve Culmer's application. Final authorization for the establishment to open will be granted when all materials from the state and county have been approved and submitted.

Committee Reports

Budget

Straubel reported that the Village is expected to receive \$139,000 in federal funds as a result of the American Rescue Plan Act.

Public Safety – No report.

Parks & Recreation

DPW Simmons reported that several area businesses and individuals are donating time and/or material toward installation of the new ball field at Scheid Park. Straubel will work with Simmons on a "notice of thanks" to post on the Village Facebook page.

Streets

The Streets Committee will meet Monday, July 19th at 6 p.m. to discuss the concerns raised by Bill Phillips earlier tonight.

Buildings & Grounds – No report

Water & Sewer – No report

Personnel – No report

Public Comments – None.

Additional Business

Straubel informed council that she received an inquiry as to whether the Village would consider selling property they own on Division Street, which is currently being used as a picnic area. Council members concurred that they have no interest in selling the property.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Becky A. Straubel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Becky A. Straubel, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

PMD 10 & 12

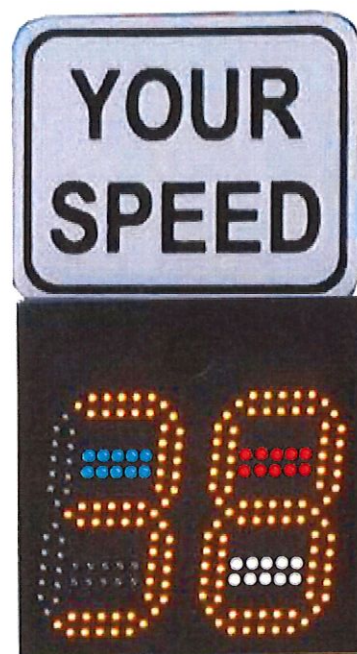
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Mechanical Information

- Lockable mount
- Case dimensions: 17.7 x 17.3 x 9.8"
(45 x 44 x 25 cm)

Specifications

- Lockable mount
 - Case dimensions: 17.7" x 17.3" (45 x 44cm)
 - Character height: 10" (25cm) & 12" (35cm)
 - Weight with battery: 20 lbs. (9 kg)
 - Nominal voltage: 12 VDC
 - AC power option: Universal 100 to 240 VAC
50/60 Hz
 - Max power consumption: 15W
 - RADAR: Kustom Signals Directional
K-band 24.125 GHz
 - Communications interface: RS-232 (internal and low energy
wireless)
 - Optional characteristics: Pixel distance 0.8" (20mm) ±10%
 - Environmental: EN 12966-1 and IP-56
(IEC/EN 60529)
 - Input/Output: RS232, low powered wireless
 - Regulatory: EN 12966-1:2005+A1:2009
FCC Type 15 FCC (DRU-III)
FCC Identifier IVQDRU-III
- Temperature range: -40°F to +140°F (-40°C to +60°C)
Humidity: up to 100%

Options

- Spare 24 Ah Lithium-ion battery
- MUTCD signs: WORK ZONE, SCHOOL ZONE, SPEED LIMIT
- 50W solar with 12VDC lead acid battery (optional)
- Android tablet with Kustom Console App
- AC power 100 to 240 VAC 50/60 Hz

Environmental Data

- Temperature range: -40°F to +140°F (-40°C to +60°C)
- Humidity: up to 100%
- Mechanical protection: P3 (EN 12966-1);
- Environment: IP56 (IEC / EN 60529)

Kustom Console App



Traffic data



Program calendar

Zoning Ordinance: Sec. 30.18.29. Signs in the NS, CBD And Commercial PUD Districts.

- H. Sandwich board signs are permitted only in the Central Business District (CBD). A sandwich board sign area on each side shall not exceed a maximum of 8 square feet, height of 4 feet and width of 2 feet. There shall be no more than one sign per ground floor business and only displayed in front of the facade of the building front of the business or establishment whose information the sign pertains during the hours the business or establishment is open to customers, patrons or the public. The sign shall not impede pedestrian's use of the sidewalk area or people entering or exiting parked vehicles. The sign shall not block ingress and egress from any building entrance. A 5 foot wide clearance area for pedestrians shall be maintained. In areas where the sidewalk extends from the building fronts to the street curbs, sandwich board signs may be in the street right of way.

Chapter 22 - STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES 2016-08

ARTICLE III. - OBSTRUCTIONS

Sec. 22-61.- Written permission required.

No person shall, by himself, or another, place any stone, timber, lumber, brick, or other article, material or thing, in or upon any street, lane, alley, or other public place in such village, except for the purpose of building, and not for that purpose except by permission first obtained in writing from the president or by resolution of the village council, and such material shall not be allowed to remain in such street, lane, alley or other public place after the completion of such building, nor shall the same be allowed to occupy or obstruct more than one-half of any street or alley, and immediately upon the completion of any such building, all building material, dirt and rubbish arising therefrom shall be removed from such street, lane, alley or other public place, by the owner or occupant of such building, provided that whenever such permission shall have been given, the same may be at any time revoked by resolution of the village council.

No person shall, by himself, or another, place any goods, merchandise or articles for sale or decoration upon a public sidewalk unless by permission first obtained in writing from the president of the village or by resolution of the village

council. Special events such as a business sidewalk sale or sale of holiday products may be approved to be displayed for sale for specific time periods. Products for sale shall not be placed farther than 4 feet out from the building front wall and adequate space for people to walk past the items must be provided.

Sec. 22-62.- Permission from council; time restrictions.

No person shall remove, or cause to be removed, or aid, or assist in removing any building into, along or across any street, alley or other public place in such village without permission in writing first obtained from the president or by resolution of the village council; and in the removal of any such building, the same shall not be permitted to remain in or upon any street, alley, or public place, during any longer time than shall be permitted by the president or by the village council.

Sec. 22-63.- Goods, wares and merchandise.

No person shall in any manner encumber or obstruct any sidewalk with or by means of any goods, wares, merchandise, boxes, barrels, crates, lumber, timber or other material or property, except as provided in section 22-61. Sandwich board signs shall be permitted to be placed on a sidewalk in the Central Business District pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance, Article 18, Signs and Billboards - General Regulations.

Sec. 22-64.- Objects extending or projecting over streets or sidewalks.

No person shall place or suspend from any house, shop or store, or other place of business into, or partly into, or over, or upon any street, sidewalk or alley, any likeness, sign, goods, clothes, wares, awnings, or other articles, so that the same shall extend or project over any portion of the sidewalk, within seven (7) feet above such sidewalk except as permitted in section 22-61. Sandwich board signs shall be permitted to be placed on a sidewalk in the Central Business District pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance, Article 18, Signs and Billboards - General Regulations. Projecting signs shall be placed above a sidewalk at a minimum of seven (7) feet in height.

Sec. 22-65.- Openings in sidewalk; must be securely closed.

All spaces, places and openings, cut or made in any sidewalk, or over any area, about or adjoining any building, for the purpose of admitting light, or air, or for lowering goods, fuel or other things, shall be kept securely covered and closed by strong iron rods, bars or gratings, so that foot passengers shall not be injured thereby.

Sec. 22-66.- Violations.

- (a) A violation of this article is hereby declared a municipal civil infraction. As such, a violation of this article may result in the imposition of a civil fine, plus costs, expenses and damages and/or other equitable relief, all as set forth in MCL 600.8701 et seq.
- (b) In addition to the penalty set forth in subsection (a) of this section, and not in lieu thereof, the village may pursue injunctive and other equitable relief or a claim for damages relating to a violation of this article in a court of competent jurisdiction.