

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 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, DPW Simmons; Trustees – Doll, Klutman, Ricket, Simmons, Whorley
Absent: Straubel, Mulnix
Guests: None

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Doll, 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 July 2021. Council discussed an ongoing complaint of the Trailhead restroom being misappropriately used by a homeless individual.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Klutman, to accept the minutes of the July 12, 2021 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Ricket made mention of table/chairs in front of a business which remained outside the allowable area, as established at last month's council meeting. Vandersloot will be notified to determine if there is a compliance violation.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Whorley, to accept the Treasurer's Report of July 31, 2021. All yeas.

Various Accounts Payable items were reviewed and questions answered.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Klutman, to approve the Accounts Payable of August 9, 2021, in the amount of \$79,850.48.

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

Zoning Administrator Report

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

Planning Commission Report – No report.

Committee Reports

Budget

DPW Simmons suggested that council consider increasing the sidewalk and chip/seal budget next year.

Public Safety

Chief Simmons commented on some recent Fire Department calls where they have been asked to stay on scene when there is a death. The new contractor for the County has been arriving with one person instead of two and taking long periods of time to arrive. It was discussed that it should not be the responsibility of the volunteer fire department to stay on scene.

Parks & Recreation – No report.

Streets

The committee met and discussed which streets to chip and seal this year. They also discussed the issue with traffic on south Bridge, which was brought to council's attention by Bill Phillips at last month's council meeting. The Streets Committee is recommending the purchase of portable radar sign, potentially with grant assistance. DPW Simmons received a quote for \$4,420.00 for one sign.

Klutman reported that Fleis & VandenBrink has completed the field work portion of PASER rating village streets. A written report/spreadsheet is forthcoming.

Buildings & Grounds – No report.

Water & Sewer – No report.

Personnel – No report.

Public Comments – None.

Additional Business

Placement of yard signs was discussed, in light of some events recently held and coming up. Council agreed that it is reasonable to allow special event signs (like Bridgefest) to be posted the day of the event in a right-of-way, otherwise all signage must comply with the ordinance and not be placed in village right-of-ways.

The next Dirty 30 Bike Race will be held in April 2022. The event organizer is looking into having a beer tent, possibly in conjunction with the American Legion. A question on liability was raised, concluding that it would be the responsibility of the event holder to carry coverage.

Ricket announced that he is resigning as Village Trustee and tonight will be his last meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Chris Simmons, Trustee