

VILLAGE OF SARANAC  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
December 13, 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; Trustees – Day, Klutman (arrived 7:25 p.m.), Mulnix, Simmons, Whorley  
Absent: Straubel, DPW Simmons, Doll  
Guests: None

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

Public Comments – None.

Law Enforcement Report

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

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Day, to accept the minutes of the November 8, 2021 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

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

Various Accounts Payable items were reviewed and questions answered.

Mulnix inquired about what happens with the new keycode system at the Fire Department if the power goes out.

It was mentioned that the new radar speed sign has been installed, but is not operational yet.

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Whorley, to approve the Accounts Payable of December 13, 2021, in the amount of \$63,525.98.

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

Council reviewed a proposed contract amendment drafted by Granger Waste Services.

Council discussed Granger's eventual change to only automatic side load (ASL) trucks. Day stated that he ran into this before and residents may need to be educated on where to place their carts since the mechanical arm will lift the cart up high to empty it, potentially interfering with low hanging wires and/or tree branches. Some trimming may need to be done as well.

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Whorley, to accept Granger Waste Service's Contract Amendment No. 1, as presented.

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

Council was made aware of a Metro Act Application that was submitted by Point Broadband. Village Attorney Jim Doezema, is reviewing the application for completeness and will advise council on what action to take at the January 10, 2022 meeting.

It was noted that the Village does not have an exclusive contract with Wide Open West (WOW).

Zoning Administrator Report

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

Planning Commission Report – No report.

Committee Reports

Budget – No report.

Public Safety

It was discussed that the Fire Department is now putting barrels out when dispatched to a "wire down" call, as opposed to waiting for Consumers Energy to arrive.

Parks & Recreation

The Village was recently informed that they were chosen to receive a \$300,000 grant from the MDNR for Scheid Park Improvements.

Council members were made aware of a potential contribution from the estate of a Village resident who recently passed away. Darby will pass along to the estate manager, council's thoughts regarding potential uses for the contribution.

Streets

Council discussed street projects for the next three years. Nothing is planned for 2022, as the primary focus will be on the Scheid Park project. A small project is expected in 2023 for Church Street. In 2024, Main Street (from Bridge Street to the east Village limits) is scheduled to be resurfaced with the assistance of Rural Task Force funds.

Buildings & Grounds – No report.

Water & Sewer – No report.

Personnel – No report.

Public Comments – None.

Additional Business

Farm to Fork is moving their business from 51 Bridge Street to another building on Bridge Street and inquired if there was anything they need to do.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Christine Simmons, Trustee