

VILLAGE OF SARANAC  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
November 14, 2016

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, Klutman, Mulnix, Ricket, Simmons, DPW Simmons

Absent: Whorley

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

Motion was made by Ricket, supported by Klutman, to accept the minutes of the October 10, 2016 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Simmons, supported by Ricket, to approve the Treasurer's Report of October 31, 2016. All yeas.

Various Accounts Payable items were reviewed.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Simmons, to approve the Accounts Payable of November 14, 2016, in the amount of \$62,177.22.

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

The Zoning Administrator's Report was reviewed.

#### Committee Reports

Public Safety – No report.

#### Budget

Straubel informed council members that she will soon provide them with Budget vs Actual reports for the 8 months ending October 31, 2016, to assist in planning for the 2017/2018 budget.

#### Parks & Recreation

Mulnix reported that the supplemental information provided to the MDNR for the Trailhead grant application, resulted in an additional 20 points, bringing the final grant score to 350. Projects being awarded a Trust Fund Grant, are likely to be announced in December or January.

#### Buildings & Grounds

Straubel reported that the Easement Termination Agreement with Harrow Products and the Easement Agreement with Consumers Energy are both being reviewed by Jim Doezema.

#### Streets

Per DPW Simmons, the gear box for the sweeper that attaches to the John Deere tractor, needs to be repaired or replaced. The estimate to repair the gear box is \$2,200 and the cost of a new sweeper is \$4,100. Council discussed the pros and cons of repair versus replacement and concurred that replacement was the preferred option.

Per DPW Simmons, a meeting with Fleis & VandenBrink engineers is scheduled for this Thursday, to discuss the upcoming bridge repair project.

Darby received a request to place a memorial bench in front of the post office. Until a formal list has been established, council will rely on DPW Simmons to approve or deny location requests. Simmons and Straubel will work on a master list of current and available locations, this winter.

#### Water & Sewer

Per DPW Simmons, well 5 has been repaired and equipped with a variable speed frequency drive. Well 4 will be scheduled for the same, upon council's approval.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Doll, to proceed with repair/upgrades to well #4, per Peerless Midwest's quote in the amount of \$10,754.84.

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

DPW Simmons reported that he had to shut down a routine sewer lagoon discharge after receiving a high suspended solids test result, as is required by the DEQ. He will restart the discharge in December.

#### Personnel

Per Darby, AlwaysCare's dental renewal premium is increasing by \$45 per month. The committee reviewed an option with a different provider, which would result in a premium decrease of \$65 per month. This option however, would significantly reduce benefits. The Personnel Committee is recommending that the Village renew with AlwaysCare.

Motion was made by Simmons, supported by Doll, to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation to renew with AlwaysCare, the current dental provider for the Village.

Roll call vote: yeas – Doll, Mulnix, Ricket, Simmons, Darby; nays – Klutman; absent – Whorley.

#### Additional Business

Darby inquired if the daily Dial-A-Ride trips to Saranac which began November 7<sup>th</sup>, have been well received. Per Straubel, feedback has not yet been provided.

Darby informed council that Bob Dunton's retirement party is Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Boston Township Hall from 4 - 6:00 p.m.

Council discussed the November 8<sup>th</sup> Village Election results.

DPW Simmons received a request from a property owner outside of the village, to cross village property on a tractor to get access to a food plot. Council requested further detail.

The Saranac Community Association will be decorating and placing a 21 foot Christmas tree on the northeast corner of Bridge and Church. A tree lighting ceremony is being planned for December 4<sup>th</sup>. Further details will be shared on Facebook, as they become available.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



Roberta Jo Smith, Clerk