

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 2017

The Saranac Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order by President Darby at 7:04 p.m. at the Saranac Village Office, 27 N Bridge Street.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Darby, Smith; Trustees – Klutman (arrived at 7:18 p.m.), Ricket, Simmons, Whorley

Absent: Straubel, DPW Simmons, Doll, Mulnix

Guests: Anthony Coriano, Carlos Padilla

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

Public Comments – None.

Anthony Coriano requested that council consider allowing him to open a medical marijuana provisional and commercial grow center in the Village of Saranac. He stated that they would provide top-quality medications at reasonable prices. He also stated that it would provide tax revenue for the Village. Darby inquired if there was a potential location and Coriano stated that they are asking council for recommendations on possible locations. Darby inquired about Coriano's residence and background. He answered that he lives in Grand Rapids and was involved with one of the first facilities to open in Kent County. He also stated that surrounding communities are not allowing medical marijuana provision centers and commercial grow centers at this time. Ricket stated that because the Village of Saranac has a small business district, Coriano may want to consider contacting Boston Township for additional potential locations. Darby stated that the Saranac Village Council has not chosen to "opt in" at this time, but that the topic could be discussed further at a future meeting.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Simmons, to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2017 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Ricket, supported by Darby, to accept the Treasurer's Report of November 30, 2017. All yeas.

Various Accounts Payable items were reviewed.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Ricket, to approve the Accounts Payable of December 11, 2017, in the amount of \$69,740.46.

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

The Zoning Administrators Report for November 2017 was reviewed.

The Planning Commission did not meet this month.

Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation

Per Ricket, committee members received a draft of the Village of Saranac 5-year Recreation Master Plan from Fleis & VandenBrink. A notice must be placed in a newspaper, notifying the public of a 30-day review period of the document, prior to its presentation at a Public Hearing. The target date for the Public Hearing is February 2018.

Streets

Per Darby, committee members met to discuss next year's budget allocations. The plan is to finish resurfacing Bridge Street, from Church Street to the south Village limits. The Village cost is estimated at \$111,000, after Rural Task Force (RTF) funding. RTF funding typically has a 5-year rotation and Saranac has requested to be added to the list again. The Village has received information that the Ionia County Road Commission may be adding a ballot proposal for a road mileage in the near future. More information to follow, when available.

In addition, \$15,000 is being requested for the budget to potentially allow for Chip and Seal/Fog repair of three streets and \$5,000 for crack sealing.

Buildings & Grounds

Darby inquired about the repair of the furnace at the Fire Department. She will follow up with DPW Simmons.

Water & Sewer

DPW Simmons is monitoring a leak in the lagoon per Darby.

Public Safety

Darby stated that a Fire Board meeting will be scheduled for December or January.

Budget

Darby inquired if all committees have submitted their budget requests to Straubel. Of the council members present, all concurred that budget requests have been submitted.

Per Darby, Straubel has submitted the required CVTRS program documents to the state, ensuring that the Village continues to receive full Revenue Sharing payments. The documents have also been placed on the Village website for public viewing.

Personnel

Per Darby, the committee has made modifications to the employee handbook based on previous council meeting recommendations. She read the changes to council members. Council members requested that verbiage be added to the handbook about needing MFR coverage if current personnel are absent. They would also like to add verbiage about DPW workers maintaining water and sewer certification.

Discussion was held about consequences of not running emergency calls during the day. Darby stated that employees should be counseled at the time of the occurrence, and the incident noted in their annual performance review in February.

Ricket inquired as to the amount of time an on-call employee has to respond. The Personnel Committee will consult the handbook and review the concern.

Public Comments – None.

Additional Business

Darby reported that the Friends of the Fred Meijer GRVRT were successful in obtaining grant funds to complete the rail trail from Saranac to Lowell, Lowell to Belding, and Belding to Greenville.

Council reviewed Straubel's report of repair costs to date on the 2001 Ford truck and the 2003 New Holland tractor. Discussion was held regarding the timing and cost effectiveness of replacing them. Committee members will discuss the topic in further detail and report back to council.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Roberta Jo Smith, Clerk