

VILLAGE OF SARANAC  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
August 8, 2022

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 – Day, Doll, Simmons, Whorley  
Absent: Straubel, Klutman, Mulnix  
Guests: Lt. Jack Pieters

Motion was made by Doll, 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 July 2022.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Day, to accept the minutes of the July 11, 2022 Regular Meeting & Public Hearing. All yeas.

Motion was made by Day, supported by Doll, to accept the Treasurer's Report of July 31, 2022. All yeas.

Various Accounts Payable items were reviewed and questions answered.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Whorley, to approve the Accounts Payable of August 8, 2022, in the amount of \$120,745.16.

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

Council reviewed a Resolution of Support & Acceptance for the grant agreement with the MDNR for the Scheid Park Improvements project.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Doll, to adopt the Resolution of Support and Acceptance of Terms of Agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for Project #TF21-0126, Scheid Park Improvements.

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

The Zoning Administrator's Report of Services for July 2022 was reviewed.

Planning Commission Report – The PC did not meet, as there was no new business to discuss.

Committee Reports

Budget – No report.

Personnel – No report.

Public Safety

Lt. Jack Pieters from the Ionia County Sheriff Department provided council members with staff updates as they pertain to Village of Saranac patrol.

Parks & Recreation – No report.

Streets

Council members discussed a damage complaint pertaining to the recent chip/seal project on Mill Street.

Buildings & Grounds – No report.

Water & Sewer

DPW Simmons reported that DWAM grant activities are scheduled to start on or around August 15<sup>th</sup>. Apex Excavating & Underground LLC will be testing water service lines throughout the village, for lead and copper.

Public Comments – None.

Additional Business

Bridgefest is scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>. A Girls Night Out is being planned for September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Saranac Community Association inquired about the possibility of pursuing a Social District. Council members discussed and concluded that a Social District would not be as beneficial as it is in neighboring towns, simply due to the limited number of businesses selling alcoholic beverages in the Village.

DPW Simmons asked council for direction regarding parking violations. Darby will research ordinance regarding time-limited parking in the Business District.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Christine Simmons, Trustee

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