

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 2023

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 Koster; Trustees – Klutman, Mulnix, Talcott, Whorley
Absent: Straubel, Day, Doll
Guests: Deputy Jordan Luz

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 2023.

Deputy Jordan Luz was in attendance to provide council members with an update on village law enforcement items of interest, and to answer any questions they may have.

Deputy Luz reported that Ionia County Deputies will be meeting with the administrative staff of Saranac Community Schools, regarding student concerns.

Council members reviewed Grand River Excavation's Application for Payment #2, in the amount of \$183,121.86, for the Scheid Park Improvements Project. The application was reviewed for accuracy by Fleis & VandenBrink, prior to being submitted to the Village for payment.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Mulnix, to approve Grand River Excavation's Pay Application #2 for the Scheid Park Improvements Project, in the amount of \$183,121.86.

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

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Talcott, to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2023 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Whorley, to accept the Treasurer's Report of November 30, 2023. All yeas.

Various Accounts Payable items were reviewed and questions answered.

Motion was made by Talcott, supported by Mulnix, to approve the Accounts Payable of December 11, 2023, in the amount of \$247,415.27

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

Zoning Administrator Report

The Zoning Administrator's Report of Services for November 2023 was reviewed/discussed.

Planning Commission Report

The Planning Commission's regularly scheduled meeting for the month of December, was canceled due to lack of business.

Council members reviewed a Franchise Agreement received from WideOpenWest (WOW), as well as proposed Village Ordinance No. 113 to approve WOW's Agreement, and a Village Resolution to adopt Ordinance No. 113.

Council members also reviewed email correspondence (in question/answer format) between Village Attorney Jim Doezema and Trustee Mulnix.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Talcott, to approve as presented, the Resolution to Adopt an Ordinance Approving Video Services Local Franchise Agreement Submitted by WideOpenWest MidMichigan LLC.

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

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Talcott, to adopt as presented, Ordinance No. 113, an Ordinance to Approve, With Reservations, a Uniform Video Services Franchise Agreement Submitted by WideOpenWest MidMichigan LLC.

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

Committee Reports

Budget – No report.

Personnel

Darby shared with council members, the Personnel Committee's recommendation for employee wage increases beginning 3/1/24, as follows: salaried personnel – 5% wage increase, and hourly personnel – up to \$2.00/hour.

Buildings & Grounds – No report.

Public Safety – No report.

Parks & Recreation

Mulnix reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee would like to include in next years' budget, the purchase of a ride-on leaf blower, primarily to clear Village trails.

Koster reported that the DPW spends an average of 44 hours per week. The addition of the new restroom facility at Scheid Park will add another 7 hours to that total. Council members discussed options to accommodate extra work load (i.e., out-sourcing, adding an employee or other).

Council members discussed how to best utilize the recent monetary contribution from the Michael Sherwood Memorial.

Koster suggested a picnic table and/or benches with engraving on them, recognizing Sherwood, as well as other Scheid Park contributors.

Streets

Council members discussed the Church Street and Main Street projects.

Water & Sewer

Koster reported that he is working with CL Trucking to repair a transfer valve at the WWTF.

Additional Business – None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Becky Straubel, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk
(with notes taken by Koster and Darby)