

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 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, Straubel, DPW Koster; Trustees – Day, Doll, Mulnix, Whorley
Absent: Klutman, Talcott
Guests: Deputy Macklin, Todd Richter

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 April 2023.

Deputy Macklin 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.

Todd Richter with Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering was in attendance to discuss the Church Street Reconstruction project (Bridge Street to Vosper Street) and propose that the Village apply for a MDOT TED-B grant (50% of street costs only, up to \$250,000). The project includes both water and sewer utility work as well. The grant application is due by June 15, 2023 and award announcements are expected in mid-September. Richter is planning on a fall bid letting and a spring 2024 project start date.

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Day, to adopt Resolution No. 050823A, a resolution to request MDOT TED-B grant funding for reconstruction of Church Street in 2024.

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

Council members reviewed a proposed revised Investment Policy as well as Resolution No. 050823B, a resolution to add Michigan Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System as an approved investment option.

Straubel shared with council members, her recent research regarding investment of village cash surplus and her thoughts on how to maximize interest earnings while maintaining the objectives of safety and liquidity of village funds.

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Day to adopt the proposed revised Investment Policy as well as Resolution No. 050823B, a resolution to approve the addition of MI Class to the Village of Saranac Investment Policy as an investment option.

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

Council members reviewed correspondence from the Ionia County Economic Alliance, thanking the village for their ongoing support and partnership as a long-time investor and requesting that the village renew their annual investment of \$1,000.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Mulnix, to approve a \$1,000 investment (as budgeted for), in support of the Ionia County Economic Alliance.

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

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Whorley, to accept the minutes of the April 10, 2023 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Doll, to accept the Treasurer's Report of April 30, 2023. All yeas.

Various Accounts Payable items were reviewed and questions answered.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Doll, to approve the Accounts Payable of May 8, 2023, in the amount of \$92,290.64.

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

Zoning Administrator Report

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

Planning Commission Report

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

Committee Reports

Budget – No report.

Personnel – No report.

Public Safety

Per Koster, the roof flashing at the fire station has been repaired and is expected to extend the life of the roof another 10 years.

Koster reported that all Fire Department members are Firefighter certified with the exception of one wishes to remain medically certifies only.

Parks & Recreation

Straubel reported that she and Koster are meeting with Fleis & VandenBrink engineers this week to discuss the Scheid Park project in terms of final design, cost and timing. Straubel is still researching other grant opportunities to help fund additional improvements at the park.

Streets

Darby reported on the recent Streets Committee meeting, at which Koster shared a quote submitted by Snyder Asphalt for crack fill or chip seal treatment on sections of various village streets.

Per Darby, the Streets Committee is proposing that council approve a \$52,000 increase in the Streets Budget, for a total budget of \$102,000 for crack or chip seal of village streets. These processes will preserve the streets until such time that they are reconstructed.

The Streets Committee is also proposing that council approve the allocation of \$52,000 in marijuana revenue received, to the maintenance of streets. The marijuana revenue was not anticipated, meaning it was revenue not used to balance the budget.

The streets proposed to be crack filled are as follows; Parsonage between Summit and Division, Bridge from north village limit to south village limit, and Irv Taylor Avenue. The streets proposed to be chip sealed are as follows; Pleasant between Mill and Orchard, Vosper between Mill and Weeks, Vosper between Church and Mill, Cloverlane, and Weeks. The total estimate for the work noted above is \$102,000.

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Doll, to increase the Streets Budget by \$52,000, bringing it to \$102,000 and to also allocate \$52,000 received in marijuana revenue to the street maintenance project.

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

Koster proposed that the two parking spaces on Bridge Street in front of the Fire Station be posted as “Reserved for Authorized Vehicles.” Council members concurred.

Darby reported that the Streets Committee is recommending not to amend the Zoning Ordinance or stand-alone ordinances relating to parking and inoperable/unlicensed vehicles. Council members concurred with the recommendation. Koster will personally talk with the business owner(s) regarding compliance with village ordinances.

Buildings & Grounds – No report.

Water & Sewer

Straubel reported that she plans to put a direct link on 6/30/23 water/sewer bills, to the 2023 Consumer Confidence Report, which is required to be delivered to all bill-paying customers by July 1, 2023. Providing a direct link with specific language on a water/sewer bill, is an EGLE approved method of distribution. Council members noted that this method of distribution will save time and money.

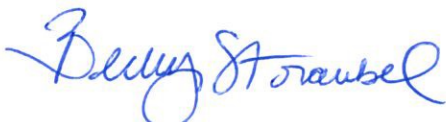
Public Comments – None.

Additional Business

Darby informed council members of a request made by the Saranac Community Association (SCA), to hold three Special Events at the Trailhead this summer.

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Day, to approve the SCA’s request to hold three special events at the Trailhead which will include a live band, a beer tent (Alliance Beverage) and a food truck. The 2023 dates requested are June 23 with live band Flashback, July 28 with live band Nautic Bound and August 26 with live band Prior Noon. All yeas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



Becky Straubel,
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk