

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 2024

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, Koster; Trustees – Day, Doll, Mulnix, Talcott,
Absent: Klutman, Whorley
Guests: None

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Talcott, 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 June 2024.

Council members reviewed pay application #3 submitted by Grand River Excavation for the Church Street Reconstruction Project. Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering (F & V) recommends that the village withhold \$17,000 for liquidated damages. The contract states that \$1,000 will be withheld for each day that expires, after the substantial completion date of 6/13/24. As of 6/30/24, that is \$17,000 (17 days x \$1,000/day). Per contract, Grand River Excavation can submit a change order for a time extension, with an explanation and documentation supporting the reason(s) for the time extension request. F & V will review the change order and approve or deny it in whole or in part. Per contract, the engineer's decision is final unless appealed by the village or the contractor.

As of this date, July 8, 2024, Grand River Excavation has not submitted a time extension change order.

Motion was made by Talcott, supported by Mulnix, to approve pay application #3 submitted by Grand River Excavation for the Church Street Reconstruction Project, in the amount of \$113,012.29 (\$130,012.29 less liquidated damages of \$17,000), as recommended by Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering.

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

Motion was made by Day, supported by Doll, to accept minutes of the June 10, 2024 Regular Meeting and June 19, 2024 Special Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Talcott, to accept the Treasurer's Report of June 30, 2024. All yeas.

Various Accounts Payable items were reviewed and questions answered.

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Doll, to approve the Accounts Payable of July 8, 2024, in the amount of \$97,433.78.

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

The Zoning Administrator's Report of Services for June 2024 was reviewed.

The Planning Commission's regularly scheduled meeting for July 3rd was cancelled, due to lack of business.

Committee Reports

Budget – no report.

Personnel – no report.

Public Safety

Chief Koster reported that the fire department has three new members starting this week.

Chief Koster also reported, that based on the number calls to date, the fire department is tracking at 698 calls for the 2024 year.

Parks & Recreation

Straubel provided council members with the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Invitation for the Scheid Park Improvements Project. The ceremony will be held on Monday, August 12th at 6:00 p.m., at Scheid Park. Straubel will post the invitation on the village's Facebook page and send invitations via email as well.

Streets – no report.

Buildings & Grounds – no report.

Water & Sewer

DPW Koster reported that he has switched propane providers at the WWTF, from Amerigas to Crystal Flash.

Public Comments – none.

Additional Business

Darby reported that tower location(s) to establish downtown wireless service, have not yet been identified.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



Becky Straubel,
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk