

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2025

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 – Doll, Klutman, Mulnix, Talcott, Whorley

Absent: Day

Guests: None

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 2025.

Todd Richter, Engineer with Fleis & VandenBrink (F & V) was in attendance to provide council members with F & V's recommendation of award for the Pleasant Street Sewer Replacement project. Three bids were received for the project, the lowest of which was submitted by Grattan Excavating LLC in the amount of \$28,300. F & V recommend that the Village accept this bid.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Klutman, to accept the bid submitted by Grattan Excavating LLC in the amount of \$28,300 for the Pleasant Street Sewer Replacement project. Roll call vote: yeas – Doll, Klutman, Mulnix, Talcott, Whorley, Darby; nays – none; absent – Day.

Richter also presented council with F & V's proposal for design engineering services in the amount of \$38,800, for the 2026 Summit Street Improvements project. The estimated project cost is \$329,413. It is anticipated that \$244,800 will come from Federal STP funds and \$84,613 will come from State-D Funds. The Village will be responsible for the cost of engineering services for the project.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Mulnix, to accept F & V's proposal for design engineering services for the 2026 Summit Street project in the amount of \$38,800. Roll call vote: yeas – Doll, Klutman, Mulnix, Talcott, Whorley, Darby; nays – none; absent – Day.

Richter reported that the Village did not receive any bids for the Sewer Lining project. He suggests that the Village rebid the project, possibly dividing the project into two different contracts; one for sewer lining and one for the culvert on Bridge Street. Council members concurred with this rationale.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Mulnix, to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2025 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Talcott, to accept the Treasurer's Report of April 30, 2025. 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 12, 2025, in the amount of \$443,510.31.

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

The Zoning Administrator's Report of Services for April 2025 was reviewed.

The Planning Commission met on May 7th and learned from Mark Schaafsma and Revitalize LLC, the proposed plans for Harker House located at 234 Vosper Street, Saranac. Bruce Johnston of Revitalize LLC shared information regarding potential grant funding to assist with project costs.

Straubel, along with Angie Stephens (Saranac Housing Commission Director), Ryan Hesche (Saranac Housing Commission Board President) and members of the Revitalize Team, will be attending a MSHDA event in Lansing on May 13th to learn about the potential grant funding.

Committee Reports

Budget – No report

Personnel – No report

Public Safety

Darby reported that a Fire Board meeting has been scheduled for May 19th, 7:00 p.m. at the Boston Township Hall, 30 N Center Street, Saranac. The meeting was called in response to Keene Township's request to address the terms of their September 1, 2012 "Amended and Restated Emergency Medical Services and Fire Protection Agreement" with the Saranac Community Fire Department.

Parks & Recreation

Per Mulnix, the Village will be seeing volunteers again this year, clearing and maintaining the property along the River Walk and into the Nature Park.

Koster reported on the status of the restrooms at Scheid Park.

Koster received a quote in the amount of \$7,175 to crack fill and seal coat the remaining portion of the loop at the Nature Park. The approved budget of \$5,000 for this project was for crack fill only. Council members concurred that the surface would last longer if seal coated as well, and approved the added expense of \$2,175.

Darby reported that she walked the village downtown area to spot check the WIFI service. The only area that it currently doesn't reach, is the village-owned park property at the far west end of the Dollar General parking lot.

Streets – No report

Buildings & Grounds

Koster reported that he identified some additional repairs that should be completed during the patch and seal project of the Erv Taylor parking lot.

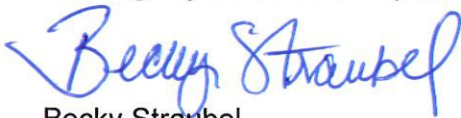
Per Koster, there is approximately 73 extra linear feet of curb that should be replaced. He obtained a quote from the contractor who is doing the patch and seal, in the amount of \$2,336, bringing the project total to \$24,865. The approved budget for this project is \$23,000. Council concurred that it is in the best interest of the Village to complete the extra work during the project, and approved the added expense of \$1,865.

Water & Sewer – No report

Public Comments – None

Additional Business

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



Becky Straubel
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk