

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 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 – Day, Doll, Klutman (arrived at 7:10 p.m.), Mulnix, Talcott, Whorley

Absent: None

Guests: None

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Doll, 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 2025.

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

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Day, to accept the Treasurer's Report of July 31, 2025. All yeas.

Various Accounts Payable items were reviewed and questions answered.

Motion was made by Doll, supported by Talcott, to approve the Accounts Payable of August 11, 2025, in the amount of \$139,692.90.

Roll call vote: yeas – Day, Doll, Mulnix, Talcott, Whorley, Darby; nays – none; absent – Klutman (arrived after motion)

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

Parking violations were discussed and council suggested a review of current fines identified in the Traffic and Vehicle Section of the Village Code of Ordinances.

Straubel will contact Village Attorney, Jim Doezema, for direction should council wish to update/amend the fee schedule.

The Planning Commission Regular Meeting for August has been rescheduled to August 13th and will be held in conjunction with a Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit application submitted by Mark Totch, for a 3-unit dwelling at 146 Church Street.

The Village Council (Zoning Board of Appeals), after holding a Public Hearing on June 30th, approved Totch's request for three variances at 146 Church Street.

Committee Reports

Budget – No report

Personnel

The Personnel Committee met with Koster to discuss his idea of changing the work schedule of DPW hourly employees. Per Koster, (4) 10-hour days with a 3-week rotation, will benefit the Village in various ways. Having an employee on duty every Saturday will be beneficial during snowplowing season, and for Fire Department coverage.

The Personnel Committee recommends a 2-month trial period with the new schedule beginning September 1st. This will provide for two full rotations. Council members concurred.

Public Safety

Koster reported that Life EMS Ambulance has recently changed their posting position to the Saranac Fire Station, when they are fully staffed. This will reduce response times for medical calls in our area.

Parks & Recreation – No report

Streets – No report

Buildings & Grounds – No report

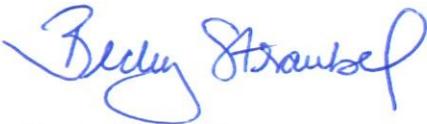
Water & Sewer

Koster reported on the status of annual water sample results.

Public Comments – None

Additional Business – None

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.



Becky Straubel,
Village Treasurer/Deputy Clerk