

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
September 29, 2026

The Saranac Village Council Special 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; Trustees – Day, Klutman, Talcott, Whorley
Absent: Doll, Mulnix
Guests: None

Motion was made by Talcott, supported by Whorley, to approve the Special Agenda. All yeas.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether there is council support for increasing the match percentage obligated to the Scheid Park Improvements – Phase 2 Project. A grant application was submitted to the MDNR Trust Fund Grant Program in March of this year. At that time, council approved a resolution to commit to a match of \$200,000, 33.33% of the total project cost, and requested a MDNR Trust Fund Grant of \$400,000.

Earlier this month, the Village was notified of their preliminary grant application score; 265 points out of 500.

Kayla Palmer, Project Manager with Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering, reviewed the score, which was broken down by category and identified the categories where submitting supplemental information, may gain additional points.

Another category where the Village could obtain additional points is "Applicant Match". If the Village chose to commit 40% (\$240,000), as opposed to 33.33% (\$200,000), they could gain another 10 points.

Supplemental information must be submitted by October 1, by 11:59 p.m. in order to be considered.

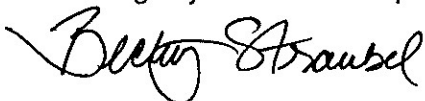
Palmer prepared supplemental information in the categories of "Sustainable Design", "Natural Resource Based Recreation Opportunities" and "Universal Access Design." Additionally, Straubel obtained two support letters addressing how the project will benefit disabled individuals.

Council members reviewed and discussed proposed Resolution #092926, a Resolution to Authorize an Increase in Match Percentage for MDNR Trust Fund Grant Application #TF26-0020.

Motion was made by Talcott, supported by Klutman, to adopt Resolution #092926 as presented. Roll call vote: yeas – Day, Klutman, Talcott, Whorley, Darby; nays – none; absent – Doll, Mulnix.

Mulnix and Doll, while unable to attend tonight's meeting, expressed via email, their support of Resolution #092926.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.



Becky Straubel,
Village Treasurer/Deputy Clerk