

VILLAGE OF SARANAC  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
November 8, 2010

The Saranac Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order by President Pro-tem Darby at 7:00 p.m. at the Saranac Municipal Building, 10 N. Bridge Street.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Pro-tem Darby, Straubel, trustees – Hendrick, Klutman, Mackey, McClellan, Whorley, DPW Bowen

Absent: President Grieves, Smith

Guests: Larry Tiejema

Motion was made by McClellan, supported by Whorley, to approve the Regular Agenda. All yeas.

Public Comments

Larry Tiejema, Ionia County Commissioner, reported on Ionia County items of interest.

Motion was made by Mackey, supported by McClellan, to accept the minutes of the October 11, 2010 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Hendrick, to approve the Treasurer's Report of October 31, 2010. All yeas.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Klutman, to approve the Accounts Payable of November 8, 2010 in the amount of \$304,622.20.

Roll call vote: yeas – Darby, Hendrick, Klutman, Mackey, McClellan, Whorley; nays – none; absent – Grieves.

The Zoning Administrator's report was reviewed.

Klutman reported on the Planning Commission's November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Committee Reports

Personnel

Darby reported that Village of Saranac employee David Ball has given his resignation, effective 1/1/11. The Personnel Committee met with DPW Director Bowen and Fire Chief Darby to discuss plans for Ball's replacement. The committee will be seeking a candidate who is certified in MFR and firefighting and has DPW experience as well. The Personnel Committee's goal is to present their preferred candidate to council at the December 13<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

Motion was made by McClellan, supported by Whorley, to advertise for replacement of David Ball.

Roll call vote: yeas – Darby, Hendrick, Klutman, Mackey, McClellan, Whorley; nays – none; absent – Grieves.

Darby reported that the village has received notification that health insurance premiums will be going up substantially in 2011. Alternatives will be reviewed and brought back for council's consideration at the December 13<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

### Public Safety

McClellan reported that the Fire Chief was not in attendance at the committee meeting, so Fire Department business was not discussed. Backup of Fire Department computers will be a topic of conversation at the next committee meeting.

The committee met with Deputy Charon and reviewed year to date service hours in relation to the village's contract with the county. McClellan will be meeting with the Undersheriff, Dale Miller to discuss the situation further.

Deputy Charon is working with the committee to compile a monthly report detailing types of complaints within the village.

### Streets

The committee did not meet.

Bowen reported that the village has taken possession of the new plow truck.

Bowen suggested that the village advertise the 1990 Ford plow truck for sale, prior to winter weather.

Motion was made by McClellan, supported by Hendrick to advertise for sale, the village's 1990 Ford plow truck and other miscellaneous equipment and to accept the highest reasonable bid for said truck and equipment.

Roll call vote: yeas – Darby, Hendrick, Klutman, Mackey, McClellan, Whorley; nays – none; absent – Grieves.

The Street Committee will meet November 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

### Parks & Recreation

The committee met and discussed parking and playground equipment options for Scheid Park. Mackey reported that the committee met with a representative from Landscape Structures and that their area of focus for new equipment is the 2-5 year old range. The committee is looking at a wood fiber surface for the equipment as well.

Straubel will provide a copy of the village's current Recreation Plan to all committee members, as it expires at the end of 2011.

In regard to electrical extension to the Nature Park, Bowen stated that specifications are required to bid the project.

Council members voiced opinions regarding the use of personal Facebook pages, as a means of communicating to and requesting input from the public.

Council discussed the possibility of a trailhead in Saranac, to compliment the Rails to Trails project.

Budget – No Report.

Water & Sewer

Bowen apprised council members of the watermain break on Liberty Street that occurred today and of the subsequent water damage to a residence on Union Street.

Building & Grounds

Whorley stated that, per Overbeck Construction, the new office renovation will be completed by November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Council discussed options for cleaning the new office. Straubel received a recommendation and suggested a trial cleaning at the old office after the village moves out.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Klutman, to hire Laurie Brooks to clean the offices at 10 N. Bridge Street, after the village has vacated.

Roll call vote: yeas – Darby, Hendrick, Klutman, Mackey, McClellan, Whorley; nays – none; absent – Grieves.

Straubel presented council members with a quote from JCPenney, for shades for the front windows of the new office.

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by Mackey, to accept the quote from JCPenney in the amount of \$1,574.20, for Genesis Roller Shades to be installed on the front windows of the new office building.

Roll call vote: yeas – Darby, Hendrick, Klutman, Mackey, McClellan, Whorley; nays – none; absent – Grieves.

Public Comments – None.

Additional Business

The village received a letter from the Ionia County Treasurer, regarding a property located in the Village of Saranac that has been foreclosed upon, due to non-payment of taxes. The property in question is a 10' wide strip of land, parcel #34-021-011-000-130-20. This property becomes the responsibility of the village, unless the council rejects it, by way of a letter. If rejected by the council, the property will be moved into the Ionia County Land Bank.

Motion was made by Mackey, supported by Klutman, to reject the property known as parcel #34-021-011-000-130-20, thereby removing the village of any liability related to the property. All yeas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Becky A Straubel, Deputy Clerk