

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2011

The Saranac Village Council Regular Meeting was called to order by President Darby at 7:02 p.m. at the Saranac Municipal Building, 27 N. Bridge Street.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Darby, Smith, Straubel, trustees – Brown, Hendrick, Klutman, Mackey, McClellan, DPW Bowen

Absent: Whorley

Guests: John & Brenda Van Tholen (Green Valley Disposal Service, Inc.)

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

Public Comments – None.

John Van Tholen of Green Valley Disposal Service, Inc., informed council members that Green Valley could provide 96 gallon recycling carts for the same cost as the small bins they currently provide.

Van Tholen proposed that a new 3 year contract (with option to extend 2 additional years) be considered, effective January 1, 2012. This would ensure that Green Valley recover their costs of providing the larger recycling carts. Council members concurred to discuss the possibility of a new contract in late fall of 2011, giving Green Valley and the council time to evaluate the extent of participation in the recycling program.

Upon request of a village resident, Straubel inquired about the availability of pink carts, signifying “Breast Cancer Awareness”. Per Van Tholen, they are available for a one-time fee of \$15, \$5 of which goes to the American Cancer Society. The one-time fee is collected by Green Valley.

Information on recycling and the pink carts will be included in a flyer that Green Valley will mail to Village of Saranac residents as soon as possible. Straubel will provide Van Tholen with mailing labels. Van Tholen also plans to heavily promote the recycling program in the Saranac school system, with the assistance of school staff members that are interested.

Hendrick inquired about the parking issue that was mentioned in last month’s meeting minutes, as he was not in attendance. Bowen explained that he has spoken with the parties involved and that he continues to keep watch of the situation. The complainant suggested the use of parking permits. Council concurred that this is not a feasible option.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Mackey, to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2011 Regular Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by McClellan, supported by Hendrick, to accept the minutes of the May 31, 2011 Special Meeting. All yeas.

Motion was made by Mackey, supported by Klutman, to approve the Treasurer’s Report of May 31, 2011. All yeas.

Council discussed various Accounts Payable items.

Motion was made by McClellan, supported by Klutman, to approve the Accounts Payable of June 13, 2011 in the amount of \$91,994.10.

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

The Zoning Administrator's report was reviewed.

The Planning Commission did not meet.

Committee Reports

Streets

The committee did not meet. Klutman stated that Todd Richter of Fleis and VandenBrink would like to meet with the Streets Committee to review the Street Plan before presenting it to council. According to a preliminary verbal report from Richter, many village streets are rated 7 or 8 on the PASER rating scale.

Personnel

No report. The committee did not meet.

Buildings & Grounds

The committee did not meet. Mackey inquired about the status of the change order with Overbeck Construction. Darby stated that once the punch list items are complete, a check will be issued to Overbeck for the remaining balance of \$1,950.00.

Bowen stated that cameras at the wells, water tower and sewer plant are ready to be installed, however, he is waiting on verification of which cables to use. One more DVR may need to be purchased.

Budget Committee

No report. The committee did not meet.

Parks & Recreation

The committee did not meet. Bowen stated that on June 27th, there will be more testing for water contamination from the factory in the old ditch line at Scheid Park. When the work is being done, the area of skatepark affected will be fenced off. Straubel will contact Skatewave to determine the best way to move the skatepark structures.

The Nature Park is still very wet, per Bowen.

Water & Sewer

The committee did not meet.

Bowen also stated that the Watermain Project is going well and the construction crew has been great to work with.

Public Safety

No report. The committee did not meet.

Public Comments – None.

Additional Business

McClellan informed the council, that he does not intend to run for re-election as a Village Trustee, this September.

Anyone wishing to run for election or re-election, must deliver completed candidate forms to the village office by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2011.

Council reviewed a memo from Doug Borup, Saranac Community Club member, regarding installation of banner poles. After receiving a quote of \$7,500.00 for purchase/installation of the poles, Borup indicated that the project will most likely be put on hold by Community Club members, due to a larger than expected expense.

Council reviewed a memo from Nancy Hickey, Ionia County Treasurer, regarding property in the Village of Saranac that will be offered for sale at a public auction, for non-payment of taxes. As the local government unit, the village has the right to purchase the property for minimum bid, for public purpose. After review of the property's location, council concurred that it was not in the village's best interest to exercise their right to purchase the property.

Mackey stated that Impact Church in Lowell, is looking for a location in Saranac for a church plant. Straubel will review the Zoning Ordinance regarding permitted uses in the Central Business District.

Council reviewed a proposed warranty agreement for the security cameras in Scheid Park, offered by Grand Valley Automation, Inc. Council concurred to decline the agreement.

Klutman suggested that council revisit the proposal submitted by Add Ventures, Inc., for Website Design and Management. The village's current website is no longer maintained and is not up-to-date.

Motion was made by Klutman, supported by Mackey, to enter into an agreement with Add Ventures, Inc., for Website Design and Management in the amount of \$325 for the first year and \$150 for the second year, as proposed by Add Ventures, Inc.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Roberta Jo Smith, Clerk