# Sanford Village Council Minutes March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The regular meeting of the Sanford Village Council was held on March 11th, 2019 at the Jerome Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Dolores Porte at 7:00 PM.

**Pledge to Flag** 

Roll Call: Council

Present: Lon Wackerle, Carl Hamann, Marlene Glinski, Don Whaley, Dolores Porte

Absent: None

**Guest: none** 

Public Comment: no public comment

## **DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

Sanford Historical Commission Liquor Inspector

Electrical Inspector Plumbing & Mechanical

Water District #1 Building Inspector Jan Biggs-no report

Robert McNett – Report Submitted, no violations.
-Inspection forms were purchased

Tom Chritz – no report

Greg Younk - \$85 was submitted for Feb.

-Discussion Dolores stated that she will be back in contact with Younk and Chritz about attending the meetings quarterly. Also, there was discussion that Younks reports are confusing and that the council needs clarification from him. Hamann stated that if the inspectors did not want to comply with meeting attendance that the Village may want to look for new inspectors.

Bonnie Whaley/Carl Hamann- no report Brett Spangler –no new permits

-Discussion Brett was in contact with Alan Block about the 427 Mitchell St. property that is falling in. photos were taken and the structure is falling in. Alan said that he would help the Village take the steps for the condemning procedure. The health department would have to establish that the structure is not inhabitable, and we could have it demoed under the State Statue - Condemnation Act. It was addressed that a letter should be sent prior to it inform the land owner. Robert McNett stated that it needs to be condemned cleaned up and put back on the tax rolls. It was also suggested that the Village needs to find out if water or power is still run to the property if it were to be torn down. Brett was informed of the Village/ Fahey response to the Hugle property request. (due to the fact that the

ordnance is not word specific "road frontage" he should be given a permit to build. The council addressed that Brett can issue a building permit with the requirements that he can only build one house and one pole barn. The house must be built before the barn and the property can not be subdivided. Don stated that he should be given an email with the requirements spelled out by Fahey.

Ordinance Enforcement PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dolores Porte - nothing to report

Dolores Porte-

-no new business

**TREASURER'S REPORT** 

Linda Geiger

Financials - Monthly / Banking Reports

Reports Submitted –

Chamber meeting 1pm on Wed. March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 -bridge lighting and Christmas lighting reimbursement was discussed

-the need for craft show chairperson for Founders Day was discussed and Marlene agreed to put it on Facebook again in hopes of getting someone to take it over.

Clerk's Report

Laura Forbes

MINUTES: The Proposed Minutes of the Regular Meeting on Feb. 11th, 2019 were reviewed.

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the Feb 11th, 2019 meeting made by

Glinski / Support Wackerle

All: Aye. Motion carried without objection.

Park Rental-

-Bob Cole 5K race scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup> -Discussion that the Saginaw Road construction project may cause problems with the race rout. Lon stated he would contact Diana Cole with the issue.

-Rental date for pavilion Aug 17th has been paid

Bills submitted

\$17414.73

-note council agreed to suspend payment to the Midland Co. Road Commission until a detailed bill for

service is sent.

**MOTION**: To pay bills in the amount \$17414.73

Glinski/support Hamann

Yea: Whaley, Glinski, Hamann, Wackerle, Porte

Nay: None

Motion carried without objection.

-Discussion of deeds needed for the Parks and Rec. Plan and the need to purchase copies from the Registrar of Deeds office

-Linda noted that there may be deeds in the safety deposit box- Clerk will look in to this

-Discussion of petty cash the Clerk can spend without council approval \$1000

If deeds are not able to be found with Clerks research the Village may have to get a title company to do the search.

**Motion:** to have Superior Title company do a title search for missing deeds to Village Park properties that the Clerk can not locate in the amount not exceeding \$2500.

Whaley/support Wackerle

Yea: Hamann, Wackerle, Whaley, Glinski, Porte

Ney: none

Motion carried without objection

#### **COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Marlene Glinski

Carl Hamann

Don Whaley

Lon Wackerle

Midland Co. Emergency Medical Advisory Board – nothing to report meeting in 2 weeks.

Sanford Lake Improvement Board –May meeting Sanford Lake Association –nothing to report Sanford Youth League – Chris Bowen is new President of the Youth League

Variance Board of Appeals – Nothing to Report

Midland Co. Parks & Recreation – Nothing to Report

# DPW REPORT Robert Carl – Report submitted

- -continue work on getting car show sponsors and the car club confirmed they would help. The cost to put on the car show \$1900 and proceeds go to help pay for the new playground equipment. Carl stated he may have a lead on a car show willing to take over the Sanford car show in the future.
- -Dugout in the park started tear down Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> it was done early to save on tearing up the park with large equipment.
- -Village needs to reapply for bridge grant- \$100 this needs to be renewed every year until the project is approved.
- -SYL needs to have the agreement for park rental sent and it was agreed to charge the same \$400 as in past years. Clerk will send contract.
- -Saginaw road project projected to start 5-28-19 and complete 9-20-19 no final numbers have come in from the Road Commission due to them turning down bids that are too high. Carl stated that this puts the Village at risk because the council is spending money that they don't know if they have due to the bid not coming in yet

for the construction project. It was agreed that the Village will be in contact and continued communication with the Road Commission to find out the final price of road project.

## **NEW/OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

- Ash Tree Bids- One bid came in from the ad in the Midland Daily News -Jeff bid the trees \$4 per inch and he saw 70 trees that needed to be treated. Final cost from Jeff \$9000
  -It was agreed that the Village will continue to work with the Tree Dr. for treating of the Ash trees in the Village Park. Dave Sutton from the Tree Dr. will be at the April meeting to address the council. (note at the Feb. 11th meeting it was agreed to pay the Tree Dr. up to \$2700 for treatment of trees)
- 2. Memorial Day Parade- the American Legion requested approval for the Memorial Day Parade-council approved- They also would like to change where the parade ends to the 7 flags instead of at the cemetery. Don discussed that it wouldn't be a good idea for the whole parade to end there due to kids crossing Saginaw Rd. Council agreed that the Legion can end at the flags (either by turning down Maple St. or Cass St.) and the rest of the parade continue to the park for safety reasons. Robert McNett said he would inform the American Legion.
- 3. 4 Lakes task force Lon informed the council of the 4 Lakes response to Boyce Hydro and that there would be a proposed fee for lake owners and back lot owners if. He spoke with the board and they are not interested in council members being on their board. Marlene stated that the fee will be \$20 million dollars over a 20-year period to pay for repairs required for FERC. The council addressed that the Sanford Damn's contract with Consumers is up in 2 years. If Consumers does not renew the contract would it be possible to have it go out for bids on running it. Kepler reviewed Boyce's easement request and stated that the Village may have to sign but with contingency agreement that they have made all other easement issues per FERC. Boyce feels this is not a 4 Lakes issue and we should turn over the easement. Nothing was agreed upon via the council and will wait on the request.
  - -Don asked of the council "How will the Village property be assessed for easement property if the 4 Lakes vision goes thru." As a tax-exempt entity will the Village be assessed for property owned on the Lake front? As well how will the backlots be assessed for the Village easement? Will the Village be charged and the back lots as well?
  - -Carl brought up the point that Boyce is asking for property from the Village for "public use" to be in compliance with FERC. Carl then stated that Boyce has property that they own and have closed to the public. He feels that Boyce should open current property before the Village signs the easement request since when it was opened to the public they were in compliance with FERC. The council will contact Muller with this idea before anything proceeds.
- 4. Cemetery- Mike Wood is working with a group to clean up the old part of the cemetery and requested the Village's help with equipment to clean out overgrowth and other issues. The council agreed to help but a member of the Township needed to be present when work is proceeding. The council also requested a time line and scope of the project.
- 5. Transportation Economic Development Grant- Lon stated that Jerry and Russ for the 2019-2020 found 100% matching grant for local streets. Application for the grant is due April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The council discussed if there is any pressing issues with local streets and if there is enough funding for said project. Also, just the engineering cost for a road project would be 20% out of the

- Village fund. Don and Carl mentioned that we have big projects coming up and that it may be more beneficial saving money to put toward the larger projects.
- Senior Center Grant-Final request to FEMA went thru and they are sending the check for reimbursement.
- 7. Hazzard Mitigation-6 homes are in for buy out- some homeowners have moved out or sold their property that was in the Grant. There now is more grant money available and 2 other homeowners have requested to be bought out.
- 8. Mitchell St and Crescent St.- Deeds need to be pulled and investigate turning over property to adjacent property owners. Crescent St. property see if it is viable to sell -in the past it would not perk but there may be improved septic systems that may be applied to the property i.e. raised field.

MOTION to adjourn meeting Whaley/ support Glinski Aye: All Meeting adjourned @ 8:51pm March 11th, 2019

Minutes recorded & prepared by:

Laura Forbes, Clerk

Dolores Porte, President