

**Village of Sanford Regular Meeting**  
**Jerome Township, 737 Beamish Rd., Sanford**  
**November 14, 2022**  
Meeting started at 1900

Roll call-all present. Marcus Thrush, Lon Wackerle, Carl Hamann, Martina Richards

Roberta Thrush was sworn into position by the Midland County deputy clerk earlier in the day.

Appointing newly elected positions-swearing by Clerk. Marcus Thrush 2 years, Lon Wackerle 4 years, and Don Whaley 4 years to council positions from election.

Reappoint the president-no new request for president. Seat remanded by Dolores Porte.  
All in favor all yea.

**Public Comment:**

Janell Kopke wanted to make sure everyone was aware of Cultivate Coffee. Will be a volunteer area for Sanford residents to come serve coffee and a social community place for the public to get together. There will be coffee, tea and hot chocolate available. The volunteer times will be 3 hours at a time.

**Department/Representative Reports:**

Sanford Historical Commission-Chuck Dinsmore- no report

Liquor Inspection-Robert McNett- no violations

Electrical Inspector-Tom Chritz- 4 permit 294 dollars

Plumbing & Mechanical-Greg Younk- 2permits 265 dollars

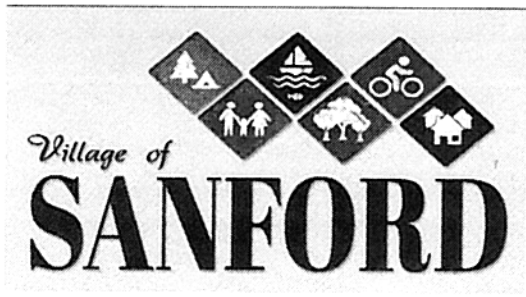
Water District #1 Bonnie Whaley-Carl Hamann- nothing new

Building Inspector- Brett Spangler-2 permits 194 dollars. Biggby coffee is working with the health department at this time.

Ordinance Enforcement -Dolores Porte- Railside has a potential buyer. Vehicle on Center Street was moved. Adam Housebeck contacted about vehicle and shed on corner of Maple and Saginaw. Plans to move the truck but thinks the shed can stay but we will check with the zoning ordinance to see if shed can stay on property.

**Presidents Report: Dolores Porte**

Update on 2020 Hazard Mitigation Grant-Anna Merillat will be donating property on the corner of Railroad and Cedar if they have access to their property behind it. Getting streetlights on the 4 corners. Railside, Cedar, Center, and Maple area. Have a motion light placed in the park. Darla and Ed Ball property, they were paid \$165,000 by insurance, the hazard mitigation will only pay \$8,300. The only one property we can exchange. The property is the previous barber shop at 353 W Saginaw Rd. Because



it was not a part of the hazard mitigation grant. This property does not work for them because it's too and give them access, using a long-term lease, to one of the three properties near high traffic areas for their food truck.

Motion Lon Wackerle/Marcus Thrush to help secure a location for the food trucks, in exchange for 213 S. Cedar St. Possible properties in discussion are 357 W Saginaw Rd, 353 W Saginaw Rd, or 123 N. Cedar St., the property has not been decided yet.

Approved by Carl Hamann, Marcus Thrush, Lon Wackerle, Don Whaley, Dolores Porte  
Motion passed

Grant Committee- More of an advisory board. People on the board will not have to live in the village but hopefully someone who will help with the Village. Ideas to find people would be to find people who have written grants previously. We will reach out to previous contacts to see if they are interested. Will ask our attorney to see what we need to do to get the committee together.

Motion Carl/Don to put together a grant writing committee.

All in favor yea.

Motion accepted

Community Garden-will leave in the same spot for next year. Water for the garden will be provided from the DPW building.

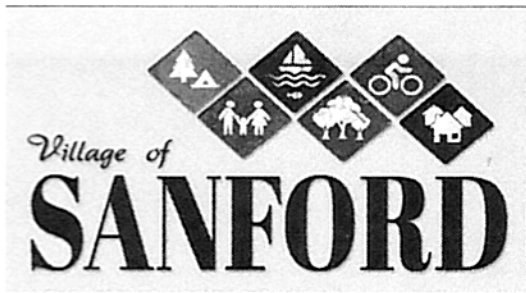
County Property- The County was receptive to the request to move ownership to some of the County land in the Village to the Village. John Schmude said they will need to see how they acquired the properties to see what rules they must follow. The Midland County Parks Committee voted to have John investigate details on how to gift the property to the village. The properties cannot be associated to the rail trail. If not possible to gift the property, maybe a partnership will occur on the property.

Update on Village Park Rebuild= change orders needed. There will be a few more change orders to come with issues of the drainage. A Village calendar will be added to the website so that Village staff can update to show upcoming activities. Procedures will also be written for multiple processes in the Village. Sanford Youth Sports (SYS), formerly Sanford Youth League, will need a contract with the Village for the use of the ball diamonds in the Village Park. There will be an increase in cost for the league. Marc Thrush to meet with SYS to negotiate the contract.

Motion Carl/Lon to \$8500 change order for Three Rivers Construction for the DPW storage building and the change order for 1\$4,800 for the additional 700 ft of drainage tile behind the DPW.

Approved by Marcus Thrush, Lon Wackerle, Don Whaley, Carl Hamann, Dolores Porte

Motion passed.



FOIA request-charging. The Village board approved a resolution to charge for FOIA requests. The date of the resolution will be updated to show the approval date.

Motion Marc/Don to adopt the FOIA request forms. The forms will be filled out when the request has been made.

All in favor yea.

Motion accepted

Pump Track – the board approved the location west of Porte Park contingent on Midland County approving the transfer of the property from the County to the Village.

Finalize Downtown Streetscape- All invoices have been received so we are all set turning in the paperwork to state to get reimbursed for the Village's share.

Potential Future projects for the Village / Grant Funding- east side of the bank from dam (boat launch) to Saginaw Road approx. 1000 ft. Approved application for a DNR Spark Grant. The plan is to put in handicap accessible fishing docks which will include erosion control typically rip rap (rock). Fisher is currently doing similar work for Four Lakes Task force and can give us an estimate.

Street Administrator- for act 51 money there needs to be a street administrator. Will need to review the charter to see if a council member can be this administrator. DPW supervisor role is not being filled.

Travis Raymond treasurer-50 dollars an hour for 2 hours a week, for 4 weeks = \$400/month. This is an increase in the Treasurer's monthly fee for handling all the extra paperwork/transactions for grant/rebuilding Sanford. This supersedes and replaces the approval to pay the Treasurer an hourly project pay.

Motion Marc/Lon to pay \$400 dollars per month to the treasurer for the extra work they are providing while the village has special projects, this will be in place of paying the 50 dollars an hour for time sheet records.

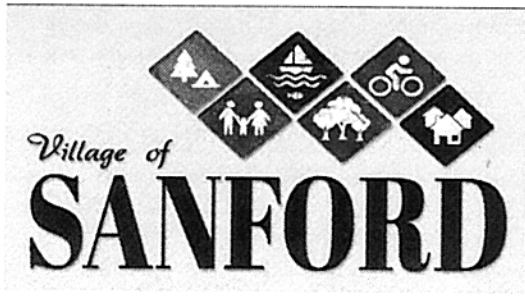
Approved by Lon Wackerle, Don Whaley, Carl Hamann, Marcus Thrush, Dolores Porte.

Motion Passed.

Businesses Update-Railside has a potential buyer, Brent and Nicole Cotton (owners of Center/Saginaw property are working with Midland County Health Department to determine if there is room for septic on this property. Goodall Building-sold to an architect who is moving her business to Sanford.

#### **Treasurer's Report: Travis Raymond**

Financials- Monthly



Sanford Area Chamber of Commerce-occurred the day previous

**Clerks Report: Roberta Thrush**

- Review and approve minutes from prior month's meeting

Motion Carl/Marc to approve meeting minutes.

All in favor yea.

Motion accepted

- Review Bills submitted for approval

Motion Marc/Lon to approve bills excluding the payment to the attorney. Total to pay \$773,750.73

Approved by Don Whaley, Carl Hamann, Marcus Thrush, Lon Wackerle, Dolores Porte

Motion Passed

Motion Lon/Carl to allow the clerk Roberta Thrush to sign checks

All in favor yea.

Motion accepted

**Council Members Reports:**

Marc Thrush- Sanford Youth League- (now Sanford Youth Sports): nothing new

Carl Hamann- Sanford Lake Improvement Board/ Sanford Lake Assoc.- nothing new. SLA has opened enrollment to people not on the lake.

Lon Wackerle- Midland County Parks & Rec. Board/ Midland Co. Planning Commission- FEMA grant money that needs to be spent by next early next year. Do we want to reallocate this money? Yes, we will make an application for an alternate project to use some of the money toward the Village Park Project.

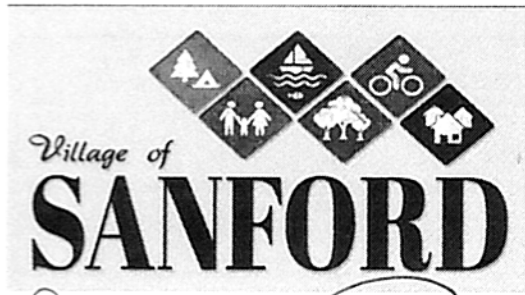
Marlene Glinski - Midland Co. Emergency Medical Advisory Board-nothing new

DPW Report-drop box and a sign outside the door to leave notes on. There is a drop box downtown by the Welcome to Sanford sign. New two-way radios for the employees to contact one another.

**New/Outstanding Business**

- Council Member Closing Comments, future Insights or board Action needed unfinished and such other items as may be properly brought before the council

Question if there is a new infestation of cats in the Village. Carl has noticed more cats than usual.



Motion Lon/Don to close meeting at 2100

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Dolore Porte, President

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Roberta Thrush, Clerk