

Approved Minutes Regular Meeting, January 11, 2021
Village of Sanford
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The Regular Meeting of the Sanford Village Council was held on January 11, 2021 viz ZOOM due to the State mandated covid restrictions.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Council President Dolores Porte.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call – Present: Marlene Glinski, Carl Hamann, Lon Wackerle, Martina Ricards, Dolores Porte

Public Comment: None

Special Guests: None

Department/ Representative Reports

Sanford Historical Commission: Jan Biggs/Chuck Dinsmore – No Report
Liquor Inspection: Robert McNett – Report Submitted, no violations. Noted that Dollar General had made noticeable improvements inside and outside.
Electrical Inspector: Tom Chritz – An application (447 W Mitchell) was mailed in, \$65
Plumbing & Mechanical: Greg Younk – Report Submitted, no new permits
Water District #1: Bonnie Whaley/Carl Hamann - Carl: Information from WD#1 relating to the S side of the Rail Trail. WD was waiting for updates from FEMA to see if there would be any money coming in from FEMA. The water main is shut off to the area. WD has no plan to pull pipe or fix at this time. Hydrants are ok according to Jerome Twp. Fire Dept. Fire Chief, Jerry Cole. He is confident that should a situation arise, between the trucks and hydrants, that situation could be handled with confidence. Future hook fee of \$2,800 will be waived due to existing valves on Saginaw Road. If the Village decides to have water S. Side of Rail Trail again, the Village will need to provide a building.
Building Inspector: Brett Spangler – (Present) No new permits.
Ordinance Enforcement: Dolores Porte – Blight on Lincoln St., court date is 1-14-21. Pine Street in Ferro Sub. Neighbor called police to say another neighbor plowed driveway snow to end of road and to suggest this is a violation. Dolores confirmed there was no violation.

President's Report – Dolores Porte

- Update on the reopening of Center St. - In the meeting with MDot, there was a suggestion to move the path of the road. That may not be advisable because of cost of such a project. The possibility of moving the brick memorial further onto the observation pad was discussed.
- Update on downtown lights – Robert McNett has taken on the task of a Street Light Audit, missing/destroyed, damaged, working/non-working and the billing from Consumers Energy to the Village. Work orders have been submitted for Center & Saginaw.
- MDot confirmed with Lon which lights are owned by the Village and which lights are owned by Consumers Energy. MDOT is working with Consumers to see if Consumers can write one quote

for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for replacement and /or repair of both Consumers-owned lights and the Village-owned night. For the lights the Village owned, there will be an 80/20 cost share from FHWA.

- Update on Water District #1 Service on the South side of the Rail Trail – discussed above.
- Debris Update – S of Saginaw Rd. FEMA won't cover expense of debris removal that is outside of 50' of the Rail Trail. FEMA will cover debris removal within 50' of Rail Trail. Since this wasn't covered in the Public Assistance from FEMA for Midland County, the Four Lakes Task Force is applying for a grant from the Natural Resources Conservation (NRCS) group to see if they will cover it.
- FEMA update – It appears that \$57,000 will be coming from FEMA for the former village office & the village garage that were destroyed. There may be FEMA money coming to the village for a portion of DPW work hours. Lon – Village may be able to collect on insurance for the mower deck. DPW building is close to being finished.
- Update on the 2017 & 2020 Hazard Mitigation Grants: 2017 Grant : 5 of the 6 properties have been purchased. The property purchase from Elson Boles is still pending. In addition, the property purchase from Patrick Callahan is also pending. This wasn't part of either grant. 2020 Grant – the grant request has been submitted and is pending approval. The grant is for \$1.2 million. Green Space South Side of Rail trail: lots of ideas collected & more conversations in the future.
 - *July 4th Fireworks – current discussion about holding the fireworks at the County Park and discussing how we would handle parking to see the fireworks.
 - *Future discussions concerning zoning for recreational/medical marijuana sales.
 - *Clock in the Village Project – donations have been offered.

Treasurer's Report – Linda Geiger / Travis Raymond

Financials – Submitted December Monthly Report

June 30, 2020 Audit Report is finished and available.

Sanford Area Chamber of Commerce meeting is 1-12 at 1:00 pm via ZOOM.

Clerk's Report – Aileen Acker

MOTION: Wackerle / Ricards to approve the Meeting Minutes from December 14, 2020.

Yea: Glinski, Wackerle, Ricards, Porte

Abstained: Hamann

Motion carried.

MOTION: Wackerle / Glinski to pay the Bills Submitted in the amount of \$56,110.77.

Yeas: Glinski, Hamann, Wackerle, Ricards, Porte

Nays: None

Motion carried.

(Checking on property taxes due to Jerome Township, if any of the acquired properties have been paid.)

Council Members Reports

Marlene Glinski: Midland Co. Emergency Advisory Board – No Report

Sanford Youth League – No Report

Carl Hamann: Sanford Lake Improvement Board/ Sanford Lake Assoc. – Carl mentioned there are ~\$200,000 in the SLIB fund that could be used for erosion control.

Variance Board of Appeals – No Report

Lon Wackerle: Midland Co. Parks & Rec. Board / Midland Co. Planning Commission – No Report

DPW Report – Steve Rider

Steve – absent, turned report into Dolores Porte

New/Outstanding Business/ Council Members Closing Comments

Discussions on Residential Properties, rebuilding, interested investors. A coalition of community members, churches, etc. looking at several properties in the Village for potential rebuilding. There are approximately 16-17 properties.

Long-term Recovery Rebuild has been very active in the community, helping people finish their homes. Carl H. is meeting with Habitat for Humanity, for his own home (Cedar St).

Dennis Cole: comment on parking near trailer park, vehicles parked on Cedar St. Appear to be parked close to the road and Village should consider angle parking.

Angela Cole: There is a public ZOOM call meeting for residents that may want to claim a loss on their income taxes due to flood damage. The meeting is 7 p.m. on January 19, 2021

Motion: Glinski/ Hamann to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Minutes recorded and prepared by: _____
Aileen Acker, Clerk Date

Dolores Porte, President Date