



VILLAGE OF SUTTONS BAY
420 N FRONT STREET, SUTTONS BAY, MI 49682
VILLAGE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF July 20, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Lutke.

Present: Bahle, Christensen, Lutke, Perkins, Smith, Suppes & Yoder

Absent:

Staff present: Larrea & Aylsworth

Guests: 4

Consent Agenda

Yoder moved, Bahle seconded, CARRIED, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The June 15, 2026 Village Council meeting minutes and the June 26, 2026 special meeting minutes are approved. The payments for invoices are approved. The 2025 FYE audit is accepted as well as the 2025 Annual Planning Commission report. Ayes: 7 No: 0. Absent-0

Conflict of Interest: None

Agenda approval

Bahle moved, Christensen seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: 7 No: 0 Absent 0

Public comment/Communications: Nellie Danke, Director of the Suttons Bay Bingham District Library indicated the library would get a fresh coat of paint this fall. She added she appreciates the use of the public spaces for reading programs. She also asked if the south parking lot would be painted.

New Business:

Report VSB-2026-16 Public Hearing on Marina Ordinance #30

Larrea indicated that the Marina Ordinance amendments focused on formatting, updated responsibilities, updated procedures and addressed conduct.

The public hearing open at 5:38 p.m. and closed at 5:38 p.m.

Smith moved, Christensen seconded, CARRIED to adopt Marina Ordinance #30 for the reasons described in Report VSB-2026-16 and being made part of this motion. Roll Call Vote: Smith-Yes, Christensen-Yes, Suppes-Yes, Bahle-Yes, Yoder-Yes and Lutke-Yes. Ayes: 7 No: 0. Absent 0

Report VSB 2026-11 Marina Policy

Larrea stated that the policy before the council conforms with the new Marina Ordinance and will go into effect once the Ordinance is enacted 20 days from publication. Suppes moved, Smith seconded, CARRIED to adopt the Marina Policy on the effective date of the Marina Ordinance #30. Ayes: 7 No: 0. Absent-0

Report VSB 2026-17 Public Bathroom Service Contract

Larrea explained construction would soon begin on the Public Bathroom/Comfort Station. The agreement states that the Village will appoint the manager as the day- to- day contact and decision maker.

Smith moved, Bahle seconded, CARRIED, to authorize the Village Manager to act as the Owner's Representative for the purpose of day-to-day contract administration and change order decisions for the public Bathrooms and Boating Service Contract. Ayes: 7 Nays 0

Report VSB-2026-18 Managers Update:

Manager Larrea stated that the Pre Con meeting is scheduled for Thursday. The seating area has been removed. The Farmer's Market is moving for the rest of the year to the Ice Rink Park. The law enforcement contract is being prepared as a three-year contract. Larrea is in the preliminary stages of looking at that portion of Front Street from Dame to Madison to see if it should be reconstructed as a two-way Street. Due to the hazardous air conditions, the Tour De Tart was cancelled and Village staff sent home early on Thursday July 16, 2026.

Staff Reports: Manager's update presented.

Planning Commission Report: No report.

Good of the Order: Smith noted that the tourist season has begun and traffic has increased on S Shore as well as increased speed.

Public Comment- Bill Crackel stated traffic and speed have increased on St Mary's Street and the alley. Chava Bahle thanked staff, loves the improvements at Waterwheel Park and is grateful for the council's show of respect and civility towards each other at the meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dorothy Petroskey, Village Clerk.