



ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
MEETING NOTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 8:11 a.m. by Lutke.

Present: Christensen, Lutke and Suppes  
Staff present: Fay, DeVol, Larrea and Petroskey

#### Reports

The Revenue and Expenditure Report was submitted by Treasurer DeVol and can be found in this meeting packet.

#### Public Comment

Bill Perkins commented that moving the recycling to Herman Rd does not get rid of the noise problem with neighbors. He stated the school is asking for \$1,200 per month as well as permanent improvements equating to roughly \$20,000 per year. Perkins stated the county will likely not go for that. The site on Herman Rd will close October 18<sup>th</sup>. Perkins stated if Village Council wants the site moved, they should look for a new site on Village property, noting it has been at the school parking lot for 20 years and 1,000 households use it. He stated 85% of taxpayers voted to tax themselves for a recycling site. A survey was conducted this summer at the site and 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the users does not want to pay for curbside recycling which is likely 10 times the amount of the current cost of \$29.00 per year. He believes the Village should consider the sewage plant, an industrial area.

#### Committee Business

##### VSB 2021-46 Street Tree Policy

Larrea referred to his report and following discussion, Committee recommend streamlining and rewriting the Street Tree policy, and further supports the purchase and planting of trees this fall that are native and would work within the Village, pending a rewrite of the policy.

##### VSB 2021-47 Art Festival

Larrea referred to his report. In addition, Committee supports the recommendations found in the packet. Committee further discussed volunteer traffic controllers, allowing food trucks at the art festival (or any festival), and parking and safety concerns for emergency vehicles. Committee supports the idea of parking at the school with signage, and offering a free shuttle. Also, a place for vendor parking. Committee supports the idea of a Village Council representative on the Art Festival Committee to assist with some of these logistics; Suppes and Christensen stepping up as representatives.

#### VSB 2021-51 Blight Ordinance

Larrea referred to the report noting the ordinance is difficult to uphold and is mostly about health and safety. Committee supports the Blight Ordinance revision and recommends the ordinance be sent to the County Prosecuting attorney for review.

#### VSB 2021-52 Banner Policy

Larrea referred to the report and following discussion, Committee recommends the Village keep control of the banner poles and supports seasonal and school-based banners that are simple and community based. Committee recommends potential banners be vetted by a committee.

#### Status Update

Larrea stated S. Shore Drive water issues have been monitored by staff noting the water coming from the wetlands during a rain event. The culverts are working. Some of the ditches have not been maintained, and two areas have been identified for improvements by an engineer that will help alleviate water during a rain event. Information and plans are forthcoming.

#### Public Comments/Written Communication

Bill Perkins clarified that it is the Leelanau County Sheriff's Department as the entity to talk to regarding more additional officers at next years Art Festival.

#### Committee Member Comments

Christensen stated Elm Street paving and the road side looks great and the timing of the paving was perfect. She wondered if the water coming in there now could be diverted by expanding the retention areas by the school itself. Christensen would like to see a special work session planned for the fall, incorporating comments from the public such as trees, electric charging stations, etc., and comments from staff, for a structured 2022 plan to focus on. Larrea concurred stating that the Electric charging station project was started a couple of years ago but because of the Elm Street and a number of other projects, it was put on hold. Larrea stated the negativity in the paper regarding the trees is coming from township residents, not Village residents. Larrea cautions against saw cutting Village sidewalks for trees or the Village will then be replacing sidewalks if we continue to saw cut. There are areas where sidewalks do need replaced and that would be the opportunity to plant trees without saw cutting.

Suppes supports the idea of moving recycling to the treatment plant noting the site is a mile from downtown. He stated the Leelanau County Road Commission is another potential site and suggested adding video surveillance. Larrea stated the problem with both of these sites is that these locations are important and vital areas to maintain security and safety.

#### Announcements

The Village fall clean up is Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Meeting notes submitted by Shar Fay, Village Clerk.