



Village of Suttons Bay  
Village Council Regular Meeting  
Minutes of November 18, 2019

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

Present: Bahle, Case, Christensen, Long, Lutke and Suppes  
Absent: Newcomb  
Staff present: Fay, Larrea and Miller

Approval of Agenda – Conflict of Interest

Case moved, Bahle seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Agenda as presented.  
Ayes: 6, No: 0.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Suppes moved, Case seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Village Council regular meeting minutes dated October 21, 2019 presented by Fay are approved and can be found in this meeting packet. The Payment of Invoices presented by DeVol are approved and can be found in this meeting packet.  
Ayes: 6, No: 0.

Public Comment

John Krug, President of the Board of Trustees for the Suttons Bay-Bingham District Library introduced Nellie Danke as the new Library Director. She will be leaving the Leelanau Township Library as the former Director and will begin her new position on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. She is a resident of Suttons Bay. Welcome Ms. Danke!

Rich Bahle, Suttons Bay Township Supervisor, expressed concerns as a property owner with the drainage and flooding issues on Broadway, believing the issue as one of the Village and Township. Bahle would like to begin discussions with both entities as well as the Leelanau County Drain Commission.

Andrew Ferdinand stated water has been running through his property for years, and it is also an ice issue in the winter.

Tim Zywicki stated he has used sand bags and/or hay for the last four years to control the water. He further stated that last week while the DPW staff were clearing snow, they took out a corner that used to help control the draining and flooding. Zywicki asked if there is a timeline to resolve this water issue on Broadway; no time line has been identified yet.

Cindy Stayman stated she has a retention pond in front of their house that is no longer draining.

Kathy Egan stated a retention pond overflows and water ends up at her house and in her basement, which has happened four times so far. She believes it is a serious issue and the Village needs to help, further stating she will hold the Village accountable if it isn't resolved.

President Lutke recognizes there is a concern with water and stated Village staff will research the issue; findings will likely be presented at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

#### Unfinished Business

Ferry Presentation – Kim Pontius presented Project B-3, a conceptual Water Bridge which would connect two coastal villages. B-3 stands for Boats, Bikes and Beer, and is a Ferry for non-motorized pedestrians and bicycles. It is a collaborative effort between two Villages, and public and private individuals/entities. The idea would require a political will to undertake such a project, and would require funding applications from the Village's due to the fact the Marinas are owned by the Villages. Pontius stated the concept is an exciting unique opportunity and is part of the Grand Vision. Council members recommend the Ferry be placed on Committee agendas for further discussion.

Trustee Long left the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

#### New Business

Report VSB-2019-81 TART 2% Grant Request

Case moved, Christensen seconded, CARRIED, to direct the Village Manager to move forward with the 2% application request in partnership with TART and the Grand Traverse Band. Ayes: 5, No: 0.

Report VSB-2019-82 Generator(s) Purchase for Sewer & Water

Bahle moved, Case seconded, CARRIED, to direct the Village Manager to move forward with the purchase of the generators as attached to and identified in Report VSB-2019-82. Ayes: 5, No: 0.

#### Report VSB-2019-83 F & V Contract

Suppes moved, Bahle seconded, CARRIED, to enter into an agreement with Fleis and Vandenbrink to prepare an application for a USDA loan for upgrades to the Village municipal water system. Ayes: 5, No: 0.

#### 2019 Budget Amendments

Suppes moved, Bahle seconded, CARRIED, to adopt the 2019 Year End budget amendments, to reflect an expense of \$4,905,163 and a revenue of \$2,794,320, by an affirmative unanimous roll call vote. Ayes: 5, No: 0.

#### Report VSB-2019-84 2020 Public Hearings

Bahle moved, Christensen seconded, CARRIED, to set a public hearing for the 2020 Fiscal Year Budget on December 16, 2019, regular meeting of the Village Council. Ayes: 5, No: 0.

Bahle moved, Suppes seconded, CARRIED, to set a public hearing for the proposed 2020 Schedule of Fees for December 16, 2019, regular meeting of the Village Council. Ayes: 5, No: 0.

Christensen moved, Case seconded, CARRIED, to set a public hearing for the 2020 property tax millage for December 16, 2019 regular meeting of the Village Council. Ayes: 5, No: 0.

#### Good of the Order

Case asked about the status of the Harbor Master and Sheriff's contract; Larrea stated in will be in his Manager's Plan/update. Case asked about the status of the Blight Ordinance; Larrea stated the draft is being review by the Attorney. Case asked the status of the TAP grant project; Larrea stated nothing has changed and is still slated for the spring of 2020. Case asked the status of the Parks and Rec plan; Larrea stated it is progressing through a subcommittee. Case asked about the status of the Water Wheel park; Larrea stated there is nothing new going on with that proposed project.

#### Manager's Report

Larrea stated the new utility vehicle has been picked up and is in the Village. A purchase agreement is being prepared for a second vehicle. Larrea stated contracts are being finalized for the Harbor Master and the Zoning Administrator, both of which are two-year contracts, as well as the Sherriff's Contract, a one-year contract. Larrea stated the new Landscaping at the Village Hall looks great.

Public Comment

Bill Perkins asked if water rates are going up; Larrea stated not in 2020, but likely in 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Shar Fay, Village Clerk.