



VILLAGE OF SUTTONS BAY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING NOTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by President Pro-Tem Christensen.

Present: Christensen, Long, Lutke, Smith and Suppes
Absent: Bahle and Case
Staff present: Aylsworth, Fay, Larrea, Miller and Petroskey
Guests: Mark Huggard, Jacobs and Deputy John Donohue
Erik Zehender, Leelanau Rowing Club and Viktor Grebennykov

Reports

DPW Director Miller gave a verbal report stating staff has been focused on snow removal.

Harbor Master Aylsworth gave a verbal report. Lease agreements and invoicing for the Marina slip holders have been sent out, and that we are working on filling vacant slips. The Village has received permits from EGLE and the Army Corp and now the rip rap project at the Marina can be finalized. In the Spring, she will work with nurseries to obtain native plants for the North Pier.

The WWTP report was submitted by Huggard and can be found in this meeting packet. In addition, Huggard stated the east clarifier scum collector encountered ice build-up which then broke a weld; it is being removed and taken in for repairs. Huggard stated blower 2 EFD has been removed and will be taken in for repairs. The WWTP experienced a power surge which took out 2-6 modules. The units are still under warranty and the warranty info will be submitted.

The Treasurer report was submitted by DeVol and can be found in this meeting packet.

Committee Member Comments

Christensen stated that she, Smith, and Case have spent time studying the acoustics in Council chambers and have researched solutions to help with the audible during zoom meetings. They have set up microphones and moved the tables around. They have met with an acoustic engineer to explore options to soften the sound. Options, recommendations and related costs should be available for the February Council meeting.

Public Comments

Bill Perkins believes the Village should put together an exit strategy for the sand at Marina Park.

Container Bathroom presentation

Pontius referred to his handouts found in the packet. Pontius stated the BoxPop container bathrooms could potentially be a short or long-term solution to the perceived public bathroom shortage. The container bathrooms can be retrofitted, are portable and can be moved. They would need water, sewer and electrical hookups (not included in the price). For a 20' container with 2 unisex and one ADA bathroom, the cost would be approximately \$74,000. The pop-up park near the Marina has been identified as a possible location. It was the consensus of Committee to send this to the appropriate committee for further discussion.

Mass Gathering Application, World Championship-US Rowing Trials

Erik Zehender, Leelanau Rowing Club, stated the Mass Gathering application is for an event to complete for the opportunity to host the World Championship Rowing trials. If they were to be successful in the competition to host, trials would take place the same weekend as the Suttons Bay Art Festival. The event would attract about 100-200 Olympic style athletes who would remain on the beach. Parking would be at Fountain point with a shuttle bus transporting the athletes to Suttons Bay. The parking lot at Suttons Bay Schools will be used if necessary. Coach Victor stated all of the teams would be using the same six boats, and six buoys would be placed in the water. A power board is necessary for making announcements. Professionally trained staff will attend who will monitor water safety and control spectators and activities. Referees will be in the water to control boats. Porta potties will be provided if necessary. Proper permits will be obtained. Zehender stated he approached the Suttons Bay Art Festival who in turn gave their endorsement, given the fact the event is the same weekend as the S B Art Festival. Deputy Donohue also felt comfortable with the plan presented. Committee members asked why this location was chosen; it was because of the amount of sand at the beach necessary for the beach sprints. It was the consensus of Committee to move ahead with the application process.

Committee Member Comments

Smith would like S Shore Drive to be consider for a road project. Currently it is not conducive for walkers or bikers due to the lack of shoulder along the road. Regarding the Parks and Rec plan, she would like enhancements at Sutton Park to be considered.

Suppes is suggesting tours be scheduled for the Village's elected officials, Planning Commissioners, and/or staff, of entities such as the Suttons Bay/Bingham Fire Station and the WWTP, and any other appropriate entities, as a way of getting more familiar with the community.

Larrea referred to the Manager's update found in the packet noting the biggest item regarding the letter of intent to the state for financing the Village's water storage expansion and new wells.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Meeting notes submitted by Shar Fay, Village Clerk.