



VILLAGE OF SUTTONS BAY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING NOTES OF AUGUST 6, 2020

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

Present: Case, Christensen, Long, Lutke, Newcomb and Suppes
Absent: Bahle
Staff present: Larrea and Miller
Guests: Mark Huggard, Jacobs, and Deputy John Donohue

Reports

The WWTP Report was submitted by Huggard and can be found in this meeting packet. In addition to the report, an NPDS permit public notice was posted for the WWTP, noting not many changes except for adding inspections for the basins three times weekly.

Deputy Donohue stated the summer has been different due to not being able to have festivals. Quarterly stats were as follows: 82 service calls, 52 traffic stops and 456 work hours. Larrea thanked Deputy Donohue for being more present in the Village and for great communication. Christensen stated the value of Donohue's presence in the Village is important. Donohue asked committee members to let the Manager know if there issues that need attention.

DPW Director Miller reported staff is playing catchup and the department if being reorganized. Trees will be identified for removal. Staff have been freeing storm water basins from years of accumulating debris. The pump stations have been cleaned and inspected, and sewer lines have been cleaned.

Work Plan Discussion/Update

In addition to the 2020 Work plan found in the packet, Larrea reported the following: The Village has a new DPW employee, Richard Blodgett who has a mechanical background.

In regards to parks, a plan to identify and name Village parks, and marked with sandblasted signs will be part of the 2021 plan.

On Broadway Street, the basin was cleaned. Due to the basin being undersized, it cannot keep up with the sand and silt. There are a couple of homes in the township identified as those who are pumping water in the wetland area so not only is the excess water occurring naturally but there is water being diverted as well. This is the result of not having culverts and ditches at the top of Broadway. Possible solutions from the Engineers and Surveyors will be provided at the next Village Council meeting. Larrea will provide the plans to Council members once they are received. Christensen requested and will volunteer to assist in providing communications and progress reports to the adjacent land owners on Broadway.

The Marina bridge has been removed and discussions have begun with Inland Seas on a partnering project, perhaps obtaining grants to turn the Coal dock into an educational park and to replace the bridge.

Larrea has been in contact with MSUE regarding the rain gardens and possible community partnerships with Master Gardeners to maintain the gardens and upgrade areas around the Village Hall. Christensen offered to help with the coordination of volunteers.

Larrea will continue discussions with Viking Cruise Lines excursions; especially necessary infrastructure that would be needed such as anchoring location, landing areas, bathrooms, and bus parking. There are still many questions and public input would be necessary. Long suggested a cost benefit analysis.

There is interest in the old Bayview PUD. The property owners will be contacted with a goal of rezoning the property which would open the property up to development.

Committee Member Comments

Long met with Rich Bahle, Don Gregory, and Larry Mawby to discuss Elm Street. It was the consensus of the group that fixing Elm Street will be costly noting high water and a drainage issue. The plan is to reach out to the Drain Commissioner to discuss options, and possibly bring in other stake holders. Long will update Larrea and Miller on discussions with Rich Bahle regarding Elm and Broadway Street and possible funding sources.

Case requested a list of public bathroom locations and hours open be provided to businesses so that they may provide to customers upon request.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 a.m.

Meeting notes submitted by Shar Fay, Village Clerk.