



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING NOTES OF JANUARY 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 8:13 a.m. by President Pro-Tem Christensen.

Present: Bahle, Christensen, Long, Lutke, Smith and Suppes
Absent: Case
Staff present: DeVol, Fay, Miller and Larrea
Guests: Mark Huggard, Jacobs; Deputy John Donohue; Sarah U'Ren, Watershed Center; and Tonya Lewandowski, ECT

Reports

The WWTP Monthly Operations Report was submitted by Huggard and can be found in this meeting packet. In addition to the report, Huggard reported a blower motor with a bearing failure is out for repair, a coupling on an affluent water pump has been repaired, new gaskets have been ordered for a gasket leak, and an exhaust fan motor has been ordered for the Headworks building.

Deputy John Donohue reported quarterly stats as follows: 45 calls for service, five accidents and 2 traffic stops. In addition, there has been an increase in family troubles and domestic violence.

DPW Updates were submitted by DPW Director Miller. In addition to his report, Miller stated that twice this month his department has dealt with sporadic cleaning wipes being flushed in the collection system. Miller reported the Village is still looking for a used plow truck to be used as a back-up and that staff have been fixing up old equipment resulting in a backup for the salt truck.

Leo Creek Watershed discussion

Christensen provided a brief history that led the Village to explore the water issues on Elm Street and Leo Creek Watershed, and possible funding options.

Suttons Bay Township initiated the project and requested this proposal as a first step for obtaining funding, for culverts and road crossings.

Sarah U'Ren from the Watershed Center reviewed with Committee the proposal found in the meeting packet. U'Ren stated the next grant cycle would be spring and summer for a project to start next year. The assessment is the first step to move forward on exploring funding options.

Long also provided some background and further stated a higher chance at capturing grant funding if the project included a larger area and other participating entities.

Tonya Lewandowski, ECT, emphasized the importance of creating a story in order to be successful in the grant application process. Data collection needs to be complete and an

understanding of priorities is important. She will forward to U'Ren some spreadsheets that contain timelines for funding opportunities. U'Ren will share the timelines with the Village.

Larrea stated involvement is necessary from Suttons Bay Township, the Leelanau Road Commission and MDOT before moving forward with the study.

It was the consensus of Committee on the following:

Other entities such as Suttons Bay Township, the Road Commission, MDOT, and perhaps land owners will be approached to ascertain their commitment to the proposal for the study/project. Larrea will reach out to the Road Commission and MDOT and Long will reach out to the Township.

It is important to understand where the problem is coming from, and which entities are responsible for correcting it. This should be determined in the study.

The priority of this project together with other Village projects already identified will be considered.

The Leo Creek watershed will be walked in the Spring, likely May depending on weather, with Committee members and staff. U'Ren will be available to walk the project as well.

Once a commitment is made on the proposal to complete the assessment, any preventative maintenance identified in the study that can be completed by staff should take place.

Committee members would like more time to consider the proposal. If Committee decides to move forward, the cost of the study should be shared with the Township.

The proposal will again be placed on the June Agenda for consideration.

Public Comment

Perkins suggested involving the Road Commission, the Tart Trail and any landowner that has a culvert in the project area. Perkins asked who paid for the guard rails damaged on Elm Street; the Village paid for the guard rails and the cost was provided to the courts for restitution. Perkins asked about abbreviations used in the presentation.

Announcements

Larrea informed Committee of a second meeting tonight with FEMA regarding Flood Maps. He informed Committee of some software issues with the water and sewer billing. The billing went out late and as a result the Village will not be assessing penalties this month.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Meeting notes submitted by Shar Fay, Village Clerk.

