



GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES OF JULY 7, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 a.m. by Lutke.

Present: Case and Lutke
Absent: Newcomb (attempted to join Zoom, effort noted)
Staff present: Fay, Larrea and Miller

Reports

DPW Director Miller reported the streets have been re-swept by Molon, including M-22. Two more loads of sand came off of the streets following the original sweep. Brush bulk and bio bags have been picked up and will continue to pick up on Thursdays. A walk through with MDOT took place a couple of weeks ago and a punch list was created. Staff has placed watering bags around the new trees which is working well, adding water about every other day now. Five new cross walks were placed throughout the Village, and one more was added at Grove Street. The Village has received an estimate for paving South Shore and Pine View. The parks are now open and the swim buoys are out. Soap dispensers for the bathrooms are back ordered. Miller stated he has converted to touch free dispensers throughout, making everything uniformed and streamlined for efficiency and cost effectiveness. All benches and bike racks are now out downtown. An estimate for a camera pole on S. Shore has been obtained. Miller stated a tree trimming company has identified trees to be removed. The S. Shore Beach bathhouse has been washed. All of the public restrooms are open and the porta johns (8) are available when the bathrooms are being cleaned and disinfected. The restrooms at Deuster are closed however, the soccer fields are currently not being used there. The restrooms are open Sunday through Thursday 8-4, Friday and Saturday 8-6. South Shore is open all night. Marina staff locks the Marina and North Park when they leave at night.

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

Manager Larrea reported the MDOT project is complete

Report VSB-2020-33 Elm Street

Larrea noted it as a topic of frustration for everyone. The part of Elm Street discussed is Herman Road to Broadway noting that whole portion needs replaced. Currently the Village does not qualify for Rural Task Force funding. A subcommittee can be formed to seek out other funding mechanisms. It is possible Mike Long may be interested in being a part of this subcommittee. A vast amount of work is necessary due to long term deterioration. We may have to incrementally fix the road way. We are looking at a couple of years to obtain funding. Culverts are the most expensive part of the repair. Committee supports the idea of forming a sub-committee.

Report VSB-2020-34 Raingardens

Work will be done on the Rain gardens to make them more pleasing, focusing on the gardens on M-22 right now. A plan, a strategy will be put in place for the remaining 15 rain gardens as well as bringing back the volunteer program. Rob would like to bring back the volunteer program, and will reach out to Colleen Christensen to assist with that program. Help is needed with identifying the good and bad vegetation. Some shrubs are diseased in some of the gardens. The intent is to make the gardens so we do not have to have caution tape around them. We are hoping to work together with MSU Extension Master Gardeners. Some of the gardens may have failed, therefore they need to be reevaluated. There may be a need to allocate money in the budget. The Rain Gardens are part of the Village's storm water infrastructure. Larrea noted there are a couple of different companies that have experience with rain gardens. It has been estimated to have a professional go through the gardens it would be around \$1,000 per basin to fix the gardens downtown. Committee supports ongoing discussions for the rain gardens.

Fireworks Ordinance Amendment Discussion

The Fireworks Ordinance is not up to date; therefore, this is just a housekeeping issue. The proposed update follows the state law. Case stated the ordinance needs to be practical and Lutke suggested adding that the Ordinance is more for the consumer. Larrea stated it is always trickier to govern fireworks that occur over the Bay. Committee recommends adding that display fireworks require a permit. It is a police power ordinance; therefore, they are the enforcers. Committee recommends approval to Council.

Public Comments/Written Communication

Recycling Center Correspondence

Committee Member Comments

Case asked for an update on Broadway. The June 30th Managers report indicated there is no time sensitivity on the Village's part but feels like we need to proceed. A Surveyor went out two weeks ago and preliminary easements for consideration should be ready in the near future. Case asked about the progression of the water reservoir expansion. Larrea stated staff just had a third required meeting regarding the grant we will be applying for, and a contract with Fleis and Vandenbrink will be signed to proceed with the grant process, which would be partially reimbursed from the grant. We are going through the steps for state requirements. The project is at least a year or two out, depending on many factors. Case is assuming it includes drilling two new wells. Larrea stated the loan is for the Well Water Protection Program. Larrea stated he is still trying to finalize TAP. The Blight Ordinance draft is almost ready for review, perhaps by the next Village Council meeting, noting it is a complicated issue. Lutke referred to the public comments regarding the recycling issue, which is a county initiative. The county is aware of the concerns of the Village residents. It is a substation, but does it need to be so large? The Village would like to remove the bridge at the Marina, it is a safety hazard. Larrea stated the Village is not allowed to accept money to launch at North Park.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

Meeting notes submitted by Shar Fay, Village Clerk.