



GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES OF MARCH 7, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 8: 35 a.m.

Present: Lutke and Suppes
Absent: Smith
Staff present: Fay, Larrea and Miller
Guests: Emily Modrall

Reports

The DPW Director report was submitted by Miller and can be found in this meeting packet. In addition, Miller stated work will begin soon on the inventory of the lead service lines. During the process, permanent records will be created, an EGLE requirement.

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

Report VSB 2023-20 Cultural Sign Discussion –

Emily Modrall, in partnership with the Traverse Area Historical Society, appeared at the meeting with a model of the proposed sign. Modrall stated the sign would be made of core ton steel (little or no maintenance) with holes that look like bead work. On the marker would be teachings that are timeless and chosen by the Grand Traverse Band elders. The teachings relate to the individual, community and land. They will be bilingual and a condensed version of the 7 Grandfather teachings, such as honesty, bravery and humility. Committee discussed the following:

- Possible locations: The preferred place is near water, such as the Coal Docks or Water Wheel Park.
- Is this a sign, historical marker, memorial or educational? Committee referred to it as cultural art. It is an educational opportunity.
- Does it comply with Village ordinances?
- Committee supports the history of this area.

Committee recommends sending the Cultural sign to Village Council for consideration. Modrall will provide the potential wording of the cultural sign for the meeting, and dimensions should be discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.
Meeting notes submitted by Shar Fay, Clerk.