

VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m., by President Lutke.

Present: Bahle, Case, Christensen, Long, and Lutke

Absent: Newcomb and Suppes

Staff present: DeVol, Fay, Larrea and Miller

Approval of Agenda

Bahle moved, Case seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5, No: 0.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Bahle moved, Christensen seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Village Council regular meeting minutes of November 18, 2019 and submitted by Fay are approved. The minutes can be found in this meeting packet. The Payment of Invoices are approved. The Treasurers report can be found in this meeting packet. Ayes: 5, No: 0.

Public Comment

Perkins stated he doesn't believe the Village needs large snow plow trucks, stating they do not receive adequate maintenance. He suggested electric cars be used by DPW staff in the summer. He remarked that solar panels pay for themselves. He further stated that as a school bus driver, bump outs make it difficult to turn, referring to the bump outs in Leelanau county. Zywicki ask for an update of Broadway Street. He was referred to the Village Manager, who noted extensive conversations at the Committee of the Whole meeting. Bahle asked about the budget expenditures and revenues, noting discrepancies. She was referred to the Agenda item.

TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING

Lutke called the Public Hearing to order at 5:36 p.m. Perkins stated he does like the line that refers to assessing the maximum millage allowed. The Public Hearing closed at 5:37 p.m.

Bahle moved, Case seconded, CARRIED, to allow the maximum millage rate allowed by Headlee to support the 2020 Budget as provided for in Report VSB 2019-89 and being made a part of this motion be adopted, by an affirmative unanimous roll call vote. Ayes: 5, No: 0.

2020 Annual Budget

Case moved, Christensen seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution 3 of 2019 approving the 2020 Budget and Fees to support the 2020 Budget, by an affirmative unanimous roll call vote. Ayes: 5, No: 0.

Adoption of 2019 Meeting Dates

Long moved, Christensen seconded, CARRIED, to approve the 2020 Village of Suttons Bay Meeting Schedule as presented in Report VSB-2019-90 and being part of this motion. The Village Council regular meetings will be held on the third Monday of every month, at 5:30 p.m., with the exception of Martin Luther King Day, in which the meeting will be the following day. Ayes: 5, No: 0.

Appointments to Standing Committees

Lutke appointed the following Council members to the Standing Committees:

- Administrative/Personnel Committee: Bahle, Christensen and Lutke
- General Services Committee: Case, Newcomb and Lutke
- Utility/Marina Committee: Long, Suppes and Lutke

Good of the Order

Case asked about the purchase of a second vehicle; the Village has a Purchase Agreement. Case asked about the Parks and Recreation Plan; there has been movement but not much to report at this time. Case asked if there were any changes to report regarding the TAP grant; no changes to report and the project is still slated for the spring of 2020. Case asked for additional input into Broadway Street noting a dangerous Ice condition. Larrea stated a meeting took place last week and that the Drain Commission is working on a establishing a preliminary boundary for a district. No temporary fix has been established; however, the road is treated almost daily. Christensen responded to the earlier comment regarding bump outs noting she is strongly supporting the project highlighting a more pedestrian friendly Village, and traffic slowing. She does not want to put the brakes on the project as the Village has been working on the project for a very long time. Long asked about a timeline for Broadway Street; Larrea stated the Village is working in partnership with Steve Christensen, Drain Commissioner, who is working on creating a district, which is step one. Lutke offered to host a holiday gathering for staff and Commissioners.

Manager's Report

Larrea met with Fleis and Vandenbrink on the Wellhead Project grant, which is meeting one of several meetings. A contract was signed for the Engineer to apply for a loan. The Law Enforcement contract will be signed following the meeting.

Public Comments

Zywicki asked about liability on Broadway Street, and asked about a timeline for fixing Broadway, further stating property owners in the area have nothing they are responsible for and that it is all in the Village right of way. Larrea stated the Village is not liable for everything on Broadway, and referred Zywicki to updates on the Manager's Work Plan.

Bahle asked about the new bump outs, wondering if they will have a softened raised area for snow plows. She asked if they aren't planned to be gradual, if the plan could be changed. Carlson stated the Road Commission would like to see the TAP Grant project plans; Larrea stated they have had them for a month.

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Shar Fay, Village Clerk.