



UTILITY/MARINA COMMITTEE  
MEETING NOTES OF JUNE 6, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:14 a.m. by Bahle.

Present: Bahle and Case  
Absent: Lutke  
Staff present: Aylsworth, Fay, Larrea and Miller  
Guests: Mark Huggard, Jacobs

#### Reports

##### DPW Director report

The report was submitted by Miller and can be found in this packet. In addition to his report, Miller will be meeting with Huggard of Jacobs regarding updates to the WWTP.

Village Manager Larrea stated he has met with USDA on the application to address the Village's water storage prior to it becoming a critical issue. Even though the Village was the only community in Northern Michigan to apply, it is not likely the Village will receive a grant or even a loan. It was decided to try and work with USDA, who toured the current storage area at Bahle Park with engineers to ascertain if the site is suitable, and if so, it is possible the Village would be eligible for a loan through them. The project would be an expansion of what is already there. Water expansion and repairing lead and galvanized water service lines will be necessary in the near future. Bahle supports raising water rates on a yearly basis to offset these costs.

##### Marina Report

The Marina report was submitted by Harbor Master Aylsworth and can be found in this packet. Aylsworth stated the Marina is up and running at this time. She stated Marina staff will be landscaping the pier this year with a seed mix of native grasses and wild flowers put together by Native Connections. Sod has been removed. Picnic tables and benches will be placed in the area. The concept is not to irrigate, but manually water on an as needed basis.

##### WWTP report

The WWTP report was submitted by Huggard and can be found in this packet. Huggard stated an outstanding operations report. Huggard stated that a public open house is being scheduled, date forthcoming. Tours will be provided by tour guides on an hourly basis. Huggard forward the dates and a blurb once they have been firmed up.

#### Public Comment

Bill Crackel commented on the streams that flow into the bay.

### Consumers Street Light Discussion

Larrea stated another request to remove a street light has been received. Street lights are not intended to disrupt a residential area, but to provide safety. Certain areas do require more lighting than others. Eliminating street lights should be a last resort. Other steps should be considered instead of removing lights such as changing the size, illumination, height or spread of the light. Who would pay for the costs of removing or changing a street light if it is at the request of a resident? Following discussions, Committee recommends a policy and procedure be developed for requests to remove or change street lights. Larrea will work on a check list, and steps to be taken with these sorts of requests. Criteria and priority for these requests will need to be established because they are very time consuming. Committee further recommends the discussion be continued at the next Utility/Marina committee meeting.

### Status update

#### F/V Contract – 3 Way Stop Sign

Larrea stated it is standard practice to do an evaluation so that there is no question why the Village has installed a 3-Way Stop sign.

#### Mowing contract

The purpose of the request is free up staff time for more important things such as removing sidewalks in preparation of replacement, a money saving concept.

#### Waterwheel Park

Larrea has met with an individual to evaluate the Waterwheel park and stream. A proposal has been provided.

#### Blight Ordinance

The Ordinance will be presented for final comments, then forwarded to Council for approval.

#### Short Term Rental Capping

The discussion is just to amend and set a cap of STR's for now, noting the Village has three times the number of Short-term rentals then surrounding areas.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Meeting notes submitted by Shar Fay, Clerk.