



VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., by President Lutke

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

Staff present: Fay, Larrea and Miller

Consent agenda

Bahle moved, Smith seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Consent agenda as presented. The Village Council meeting minutes of September 19, 2022, are approved. The payment of invoices is approved. Ayes: 7, No: 0.

Agenda approval

Case moved, Long seconded, CARRIED, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 7, No: 0.

Public Comment/Written Communications

Written communications were received from Lois Bahle, Northwest Education Services, and Maureen Penfold, and can be found in this meeting packet.

Bill Perkins stated he is running for a seat on the Village Council and during door to door campaigning he learned residents do not like Airbnb's.

Judy Yoder is opposed to non-owner occupied ADU's. Yoder said that parking is sparse on the 400 block of St. Mary's.

Jason Metcalf maintains that the moratorium on STR's is unfair and suggests maintaining status quo. He believes the negative STR's issues in the Village exists where it is dense.

Eric Linguar from BATA reminded folks that BATA is one the November 8th ballot for a renewal stating Suttons Bay is the number one stop in Leelanau County.

Mr. Martinson is opposed to STR's.

Lois Bahle referred to Penfold's written communication in support. Bahle said the Housing Summit is coming up, and that the STR legislation has moved from the house to the Senate. Bahle provided Housing North talking points on STR's.

William Crackel thanked Village staff for looking at the draining issue on St. Mary's. He does not support parallel parking on St. Mary's. He supports BATA. He believes the Village has over committed to STR's.

Donna Popke is grateful for the crosswalk signs. She believes that too many STR's are a community killer.

VSB 2022-59 Pavilion Acquisition

Following discussions, it was the consensus of Council to not acquire the pavilion located at Inland Seas. Lutke thanked Larrea for his work on this proposed acquisition.

VSB 2022-60 Waterwheel Cost Estimates

Smith moved, Case seconded, CARRIED, to enter into an agreement with GEI Consultants in the amount of \$15,000, for site assessment and consulting services for water wheel removal and stream restoration. Ayes: 7, No: 0.

VSB 2022-61 Waiver of Fee(s) Request

Bahle moved, Smith seconded, CARRIED, to waive the fees associated with Peninsula Housings three applications for zoning text amendments. Ayes: 7, No: 0.

Special Committee Reports/Staff reports

Smith asked about the status of a report from the consultant relative the Short-Term Rental ordinance. Larrea stated the report should be ready within a week and will be provided to Council once it is received. A special meeting to discuss the report may be scheduled at a later date.

Larrea stated electrical lines have been buried at North Park and that there be an opportunity to reuse the steel (barriers) removed from that park.

Good of the Order

Case thanked Lois Bahle for her communication regarding the Parks and Rec Plan, and appreciates Penfolds communication as well. He thanked the DPW department for their worked at the water reservoir. He stated there is a lot of downed debris at Bahle Park.

Suppes was grateful for the open house at the WWTP. He was curious what the people who want the waterwheel restored, could do to help. Fundraising?

Lutke noted that this was Council member Long's last meeting stating it has been a pleasure to serve with him and appreciated his clear perspectives. He further noted how helpful it was when the public shows up at the meetings and makes public comments noting the comments help in decision making.

Long stated he is grateful that there is movement with obtaining affordable housing in the Village. He believes a balance could be reached with the STR issues for both of those who hold licenses and what is best for the Village.

Smith appreciated the great comments received from the community on the Parks and Rec Plan and wondered if there is grant money for the parks. She also thanked Long for his service.

Public Comment

Lois Bahle commented on the GEI contract and the pavilion acquisition noting both are grant funding opportunities. She suggested looking for resources for used bridges.

Donna Popke is opposed to short term rentals and supports affordable housing. She believes now is a good opportunity for the community to fundraise for Waterwheel Park.

Mr. Martinson stated he built the Waterwheel out of a large spool and would like to see it restored. He believes it is a golden opportunity to make Waterwheel Park a real jewel and a tourist attraction.

Larry Mawby on behalf of Peninsula Housing thanked Council for moving in the direction of affordable housing. He would like Council and Planning Commissioners to seriously consider and engage in the Housing Ready checklist. He further would like money added to the budget for possibilities of working toward affordable housing.

Zack Hillyer of Housing North introduced himself as a resource for the Village.

Bill Crackel thanked Mike long for his service.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Shar Fay, Clerk.