



VILLAGE OF SUTTONS BAY
VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Pro-Tem, Christensen.

Present: Bahle, Case (arriving at 5:32 p.m.), Christensen, Long and Smith

Absent: Lutke 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 April 18, 2022, are approved. The payment of invoices is approved. Village Council approved the appointment of Sandra Boone to the Suttons Bay Bingham District Library Board of Directors, for a four-year term ending January 2026. Ayes: 4, No: 0.

Agenda approval

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

Public Comment/Communication and Reports

Lois Bahle introduced herself as a new Leelanau County Commissioner.

William Crackel commented on the drainage issue in front of his house, needed pavement repairs in the area, the house at 422 St. Mary's, and policing short-term rental parking.

VSB Report 2022-28 Manager's Report

Smith inquired about the S. Shore drainage. Larrea's report refers to phase I, which is taking care of the water shedding off the road. For Phase II, the DEQ will come in and do an assessment. Phase II will require a public/private partnership.

Case inquired about Waterwheel Park relative to the Parks and Rec Plan, the Cherry Capital Cycling request stating the positivity of the cycling repair station at North Park, the Marina Park pavilion, and the possible relocation of the electrical panel at Marina Park.

Long asked if there is a parking component to the current Short-Term rental ordinance. Yes, parking is currently in the ordinance and the Short-Term Ordinance update is an ongoing process, stated Larrea.

Christensen inquired about the street light on Broadway, and would like the Village to treat the light on Broadway as a separate issue. She would like all the street lights in the Village to be looked at, and encourages lighting that does not prohibit viewing the dark sky at night time. Larrea stated the Village is able to look at the Consumers Power website and see all of the Village lights and their type.

Larrea stated there is a need to clean up the edge at North Park which would require permits.

Good of the Order

Case encouraged Council members to observe the presence of electric bikes in the area, noting three e-bike rental places in Suttons Bay. He suggested providing the rental businesses the Village guidelines of not allowing bikes on Village sidewalks.

Public Comment

Lois Bahle commented on the Marina Park pavilion. She believes e-bike rental businesses have videos for renters to watch regarding e-bike etiquette.

Crackel believes e-bike renters are required to provide a signature. He furthered cautioned about removing street lights at the request of residents.

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Shar Fay, Clerk.