

VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR REMOTE MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2021

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

Present:Bahle, Case, Christensen, and SuppesAbsent:Long, Lutke and SmithStaff present:Fay, Larrea and Petroskey

Approval of Agenda

Bahle moved, Suppes seconded, CARRIED, to approve the agenda as presented, with an affirmative unanimous roll call vote. Ayes: 4, No: 0.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Suppes moved, Bahle seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Consent agenda as presented, with an affirmative unanimous roll call vote. The Village Council regular meeting minutes of June 21, 2021, are approved. The payment of invoices is approved. Ayes: 4, No: 0.

Public Comment/Communications

A letter was submitted from Rich Bahle, Suttons Bay Township Supervisor, and can be found in this meeting packet.

Bill Perkins commented on the pop-up park by the Marina, noting 10 parking spaces are lost due to this park.

Lois Bahle encouraged Commissioners to think cooperatively with the Township on the culvert issues.

Presentation from Housing North Introduction/Housing Ready Program

Yarrow Brown gave a power point presentation on the Housing North, Homes for our Future public awareness campaign, calling for action and requesting an endorsement by adopting a Resolution.

Solid Waste Recycling Site discussion

Council discussed rather or not the Village is obligated to find a new site for the Recycling Center, while fully supporting the need for recycling and at the same time advocating for the Village residents affected by the noise nuisance. Council requested a point person be assigned to the Village, in writing, by the Leelanau County Solid Waste Council, to assist in the effort to find a solution to this ongoing issue. Council further requested the Solid Waste Recycling site discussion be placed on the appropriate committee meeting agenda once a SWC point person is assigned.

Continuation of Remote meetings discussion

It was the consensus of Council to support a hybrid approach to holding future Village Council meetings, such as in-person for Council members, and optional Zoom attendance for staff and the public. Larrea will review the current resolution, will reach out to staff, and will consider possible parameters for future Village Council meetings. Council requested a Committee of the Whole meeting be scheduled in early August in place of individual committee meetings, and prior to the next Village Council meeting to further discuss the continuation of remote meetings.

Good of the Order

Suppes stated the Planning Commission is working on a proposed community survey for Village resident's relative to the Master Plan.

Case observed the improvements at the Marina beach noting parking in the Village seems to be attracting the use of our park system.

Bahle stated past resistance of the placement of the sewer lagoons built years ago; noting similar resistance to the placement of the recycling center, further stating the need to find a home for the recycling center.

Public Comment

Lois Bahle believes the Village to be on the right track with joint discussions with the Solid Waste Council. Bahle stated perhaps there is a need to split up the recycling center site, or consider curbside recycling.

Bill Perkins encouraged Council members to go back to a Solid Waste Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Shar Fay, Clerk.