



VILLAGE OF SUTTONS BAY  
VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2021

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

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

Absent: Bahle

Staff present: DeVol, Fay, Larrea and Petroskey

#### Consent Agenda

Case moved, Christensen seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Consent agenda as presented, with an affirmative unanimous roll call vote. The Village Council meeting minutes of October 18, 2021, are approved. The payment of invoices is approved.

Ayes: 6, No: 0.

#### Approval of Agenda

Suppes moved, Smith seconded, CARRIED, to approve the agenda as presented, with an affirmative unanimous roll call vote. Ayes: 6, No: 0.

#### Report VSB-2021-60 Budget Amendments

Suppes moved, Christensen seconded, CARRIED, to adopt the 2021 Year End budget amendments, to reflect an expense of \$3,546,881.00 and a revenue of \$2,807,994.00, with an affirmative unanimous roll call vote. Of note under expenditures was the payoff of the TAP project, the Elm Street repair, and an early payoff of a loan saving the Village taxpayers approximately \$11,000 in interest. Ayes: 6, No: 0.

#### Report VSB-2021-61 2022 Budget Discussion

The proposed budget for 2022 is mainly for repair and maintenance and improvements to Village infrastructure and streets. Any capital outlays are highlighted and clearly described and itemized. Council encouraged the Village to carry on with ideas and improvements that are not costly, such as the improvements to parks in 2021.

#### Bahle Warming Hut Discussion

It was the consensus of Council to open Bahle's Warming Hut back up, once logistics have been worked out, recognizing it as a tremendous asset to the community. Bahle's

will require a deep clean prior to reopening. In addition, there will be more emphasis on cleaning following each use. Hiring an individual to clean the hut following use was discussed and supported, and spacing out rentals to allow for cleaning in between rentals was discussed. Village staff will use the fogger to sanitize. The fees will remain the same, \$100 to rent the hut and a \$100 refundable cleaning deposit. There is ample wood there already for the fire place, and the chimney will be inspected and cleaned prior to use, if necessary. It was suggested that the hillside be groomed.

#### Good of the Order

Case asked for an update on the old Silver Tree building and the Blight Ordinance. The Blight Ordinance is being reviewed by the Leelanau County Prosecuting Attorney. Case also asked about the old PUD at Bayview, and its elimination. Larrea stated he was unable to get all four owners to the table which is required to eliminate the PUD.

Suppes stated Kathryn Danielson has resigned from the Planning Commission. Suppes informed Council the House voted to have Short Term Rentals regulated by the State of Michigan versus local control. He encouraged Council members to reach out to Senator Curt VanderWall at [sencvanderwall@senate.mi.gov](mailto:sencvanderwall@senate.mi.gov).

Lutke stated board and Committee appointments will take place in December.

#### Public Comment

Lois Bahle encouraged Council to discuss how to use the ARP and infrastructure funds the Village will be receiving. Larrea stated the Village will receive \$64,000 total over the next two years and that the first installment has been received and was placed in the budget in the street fund to offset costs.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Shar Fay, Village Clerk.