



VILLAGE OF SUTTONS BAY  
420 N FRONT STREET, SUTTONS BAY, MI 49682  
VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF November 18, 2024

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

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

Absent:

Staff present: DeVol, Larrea & Petroskey

**Consent Agenda**

Lutke moved, Bahle seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Consent agenda as presented. The October 21, 2024 Village Council meeting minutes are approved. The payment of invoices is approved. Ayes: 7, No: 0.

**Conflict of Interest: None**

**Agenda approval**

Lutke moved, Bahle seconded, CARRIED, to amend the agenda adding Item E. Committee appointments. Ayes: 7, No: 0. Lutke moved, Yoder seconded, CARRIED to approve the amended agenda. Ayes: 7, No: 0

**Public comment:**

Kim Eike spoke about the speed of drivers on South Shore Drive and traffic calming measures. Kelly Slater spoke on behalf of Green Suttons Bay. She stated that Green Suttons Bay is willing to plant more trees, continue rain garden maintenance and thanked Council member Smith and the DPW for their assistance with the tree watering.

**VSBB 2024-52 Budget Amendments**

Larrea noted that the committees have all had a chance to review the 2024 amended budget. Having had few surprises this year other than equipment repairs and rising costs of supplies. Christensen moved, Smith seconded CARRIED that the Village Council adopt the 2024 fiscal year end budget amendments to reflect a revenue of \$3,304,182 and expenses in the amount of \$3,757,928. Roll Call Vote Ayes: 7 No: 0.

**VSBB 2024-53 Set Public Hearing for Truth in Taxation**

Larrea stated that the Truth in Taxation public hearing usually takes place at the committee of the whole which is scheduled for December 3, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Case moved, Smith seconded CARRIED that the Village Council schedule a special meeting for the Truth in Taxation hearing to support the 2025 budget for December 3, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.  
Ayes: 7 No: 0.

### **VS 2024-55 2025 Budget Hearing**

Lutke moved, Case seconded CARRIED that the Village Council schedule a special meeting and public hearing for December 3, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. to consider adoption of the 2025 proposed budget. 7 No: 0.

### **Resolution of Appreciation to Will Case**

President Lutke read the following Resolution into the record for member Will Case.

Whereas, Will Case has sacrificed his time and contributed his knowledge consistently exceeding his responsibilities and duties to serve the Village of Suttons Bay residents; and

Whereas, Will Case has served this community as a liaison, Planning Commissioner, member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and as an elected official of the Village Council for the past 35 years; and

Whereas, Will Case consistently performed his responsibilities in a manner which exemplified serving the needs of our residents in a fair, pleasant and positive manner; and

Whereas, Will Case shared his vision for our community in a thoughtful and passionate manner that often-included recognition of past contributors and artists of this community; and

Whereas, Will Case in his many roles successfully introduced many policies and procedures to help guide the Village into the future, including the drafting of three Zoning Ordinances throughout his many years,

Whereas, the Village of Suttons Bay understands that from time to time a resident makes an impact on their community that is difficult to describe in words.

NOW Therefore, Be it resolved that the Village Council, on behalf of the residents, employers and volunteers of the Village of Suttons Bay does hereby express its sincere appreciation to Will Case

Yoder moved, Bahle seconded CARRIED to Adopt the Resolution of Appreciation for Will Case.  
Roll call Vote. 7 No: 0.

### **Council Committee Appointments for 2025**

Lutke announced the following committee appointments: Generals Services-Bill Perkins and Karl Bahle. Utilities-Debra Smith and Pat Yoder. Administrative-Roger Suppes and Colleen Christensen. Steve Lutke will serve on all three.

**Staff Reports**

Larrea noted that the Waterwheel Park project came in at \$40,000 under budget.

**Good of the Order**

Will Case stated he hoped to see Waterwheel park signs installed and the donated sculptures be placed in marina park along the trail.

Council members thanked Will for his service, dedication to the residents, his optimism, his insight as well as for being a great friend and mentor.

**Public Comment**

Sue Chapman asked if the maple trees at the location of the new bathrooms would need to be removed. If so, she noted that Green Suttons Bay would be willing to replace the trees.

Sharon Sutterfield provided Will Case with a gavel and President Lutke turned the meeting over to Will Case.

The meeting was adjourned by Will Case at 5:53 pm

Meeting minutes submitted by Dorothy Petroskey.