



VILLAGE OF SUTTONS BAY
420 N FRONT STREET, SUTTONS BAY, MI 49682
VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF September 16, 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: Petroskey, Larrea,

Consent Agenda

Lutke moved, Case seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Consent agenda as presented. The August 19, 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 B under New Business appointment of new planning commission member. Ayes: 7, No: 0.

Bahle moved, Smith seconded, CARRIED, to approve the amended agenda. Ayes: 7. No: 0.

Public comment:

Kim Eike asked about signage on S. Shore for walkers and bikers. He also inquired about the required height of a guardrail located on South Shore near Leo Creek

VSB 2024-45 Manager Clarification

Council was presented with a report from the Village Manager regarding a contract clarification as it relates to accrued time off. The new contract did not carryover the time off remaining. The consultant via email stated this was an item to be discussed, however, was not part of the contract negotiations. Bahle moved, Yoder seconded that the Village manager's accrued hours be transferred to the current contract and amend the contract to reflect the same. Ayes: 7 No: 0.

Appointment of Planning Commission Member

Lutke stated that he spoke with Michael Campbell, from Murdick's Fudge and he is interested in being appointed to the planning commission. Case moved, Suppes seconded, to appoint Michael Campbell to the Village Planning Commission to fill the current vacancy for a term ending December 31, 2026. Ayes: 7, No: 0

Staff reports

Larrea provided an updated work plan for council. He stated that the village had received comments back from the Department of Natural Resources with a preliminary score. They would like more information regarding parking and wayfinding signage. Larrea stated that staff will be working on the 2025 budget in the next few weeks and Council will be provided with a draft next month. Larrea stated he will be meeting with Green Suttons Bay and the DNR this week regarding last year's tree planting.

Good of the Order

Pat Yoder asked about the ad to hire a DPW worker. Suppes inquired about signage for waterwheel park.

Case commented about the following:

- signage to explain waterwheel improvements and the pedestrian bridge
- the porta john being relocated
- the Village administration sign,
- the recognition stone located in Sutton park
- the Anishinaabe stone that is to be placed near the Library.

Christensen echoed the need for information to get out to the residents. Larrea suggested a newsletter be drafted. Smith asked about a "25 mph ahead" sign being placed near the Village limit sign warning of the speed reduction ahead. Lutke was happy to see that the Harbor Height Development project is moving ahead.

Public comment

Anna Courtade, a resident on Richter Road, asked about placement of a sign near their home "Autistic Child at Play" or something similar. She stated cars come around the corner quite fast and she worries about her children. She has spoken with MDOT and the Leelanau County Road Commission and they have indicated it is a Village Street.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Dorothy Petroskey.

