



VILLAGE OF SUTTONS BAY
VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Village Hall
420 N Front St
Suttons Bay, MI 49682
APRIL 12, 2021 - 2:00 P.M.

1. Special Meeting called to order
2. Roll call
3. Review and approval of Agenda – Conflict of Interest
4. Public Comment/Written Communications (Please limit to no more than three (3) minutes)
5. New Business
 - a. To Declare a local State of Emergency by resolution for the purpose of extending no-reason virtual meetings
6. Good of the Order
7. Public Comment
8. Adjournment



VILLAGE OF SUTTONS BAY,
LEELANAU COUNTY, MICHIGAN
DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY - COVID-19
Resolution 1 of 2021

WHEREAS, the Michigan Emergency Act, Public Act 390 of 1976 (MCL 30.401, *et. seq.*) authorizes the Declaration of a State of Emergency by the Village of Suttons Bay, Michigan (the "Village"); and

WHEREAS, the Michigan General Law Village Act, MCL 67.1(c), MCL 64.2 authorizes a municipality to declare a local state of emergency or disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Open Meetings Act that allowed no-reason virtual meetings sunset on March 31, 2021, therefore the Village of Suttons Bay will no longer be permitted to hold electronic meetings; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3(2) of the Open Meetings Act authorizes a public body to meet by electronic or telephonic means upon declaration of a local state of emergency or state of disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Suttons Bay has determined that meeting in person would place at risk the personal health or safety of members of the public and/or members of the public body; and

WHEREAS, the facilities in which the public body meets cannot safely accommodate both the members of the public and members of the public body while meeting social distancing guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the current Michigan Department of Health and Human Services/MIOSHA orders require employees to work remotely if possible, through April 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the MDHHS has concluded that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to constitute an epidemic in Michigan and that control of the epidemic requires restrictions on public gatherings, and;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is highly contagious and easily spread and would place at risk the personal health or safety of members of the public and/or members of the public body; and

WHEREAS, the Village Manager is also the Local Emergency Management Coordinator for the Village of Suttons Bay and recognized as such for the purpose of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department continues to monitor COVID-19 cases; and has indicated that the volume of cases has risen sharply and states it is necessary to "continue to be vigilant in taking protective measures"; and further indicates that outbreaks continue to be related to close contact among individuals that have not been vaccinated;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, THAT pursuant to the authority contained in the General Law Village Act, MCL 67.1(c), and MCL 64.2, which authorizes the Village President to provide for the public health and safety of persons; and Section 3(2) of the Open Meetings Act which permits a public body to meet by electronic or telephonic means upon declaration of a local state of emergency or state of disaster if meeting in person; and §10 (b) of the Emergency Management Act permitting the Village President to declare a local state of emergency;



I, Steve Lutke, President of the Village Council of Suttons Bay, based on the findings stated above regarding the public health threat posed by the COVID-19 novel coronavirus and its variant strains declare a local state of emergency to permit the Village Council and all other public bodies of the Village to continue to meet by electronic and telephonic means after March 30, 2021 and respectfully request the Village Council affirm this action through December 31, 2021.

Steve Lutke, Village President

The above Resolution was offered by _____
And supported by _____

Ayes:
Nays:
Absent/Abstain:

Resolution Declared Adopted.

I, Shar Fay, Clerk of the Village of Suttons Bay, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution which was adopted by the Village of Suttons Bay at a Special meeting held on the ____ day of April, 2021.