



VILLAGE OF SUTTONS BAY
420 N. FRONT ST. SUTTONS BAY, MI 49682
VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Lutke, at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Bahle, Case, Long, Lutke, Smith and Suppes
Absent: Christensen
Staff present: Fay, Larrea and Miller

Agenda approval

Long moved, Smith seconded, CARRIED, to amend the agenda and add item 7C.,
Mercantile Bank Resolution. Ayes: 6, No: 0.

Smith moved, Long seconded, CARRIED, to approve the agenda as amended.
Ayes: 6, No: 0.

VSB Report 2022-20 Plow Truck Purchase

Bahle moved, Smith seconded, CARRIED, to authorize the Village Manager to enter into
an agreement with Midwest Tractor & Equipment, Co., in the amount of \$49,515.00, to
purchase the vehicle described in Report VSB-2022-20 and being made a part of this
motion. Ayes: 6, No: 0.

VSB Report 2022-21 FV Contract – Elm Street

Following discussion, Council members would like this agenda item postponed and
placed on the next Village Council meeting agenda, to allow the manager time to look
into the potential for liability should Council decide not to enter into a contract with
Fleis and Vandenbrink for a Traffic Operations Analysis, prior to implementing a 3-way
stop at Elm and 4th Street.

Mercantile Bank Resolution

Smith moved, Case seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Mercantile Bank Public Entity
Resolution, with an affirmative unanimous roll call vote. Ayes: 6, No: 0.

Good of the Order

Case would like to revisit how the rain gardens are being dealt with, stating they need attention. Larrea said the Village has a volunteer group who will plant and maintain the rain gardens along M-22, planting fewer types of ground cover and bushes this time which should ease the maintenance performed by the volunteers. Larrea is working with the drain commissioner on eliminating two or three of the rain gardens that are not working properly. The remaining rain gardens will be reevaluated for functionality, then eliminated or repaired, planted and maintained.

Suppes stated that it is not always productive to use volunteers for the rain gardens. Larrea stated that work is being done to reinstate the volunteer program. Staff will help with layering necessary materials in the rain gardens. Suppes suggests a meeting with the volunteers to make sure everyone is on the same page.

Smith asked if there was any movement on the acoustic tiles. Larrea stated the tiles have been ordered. A company will need to be located and scheduled to install the acoustic tiles, once they arrive.

Bahle reminded Council members typical protocol is to not add agenda items to a Village Council Special meeting after the meeting has been posted.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Shar Fay, Village Clerk.