



VILLAGE OF SUTTONS BAY
420 N FRONT STREET, SUTTONS BAY, MI 49682
VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES OF JULY 29, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by President Lutke.

Present: Bahle, Case, Christensen, Lutke, Smith, Suppes and Yoder
Staff present: Petroskey and Larrea

Contract-Walsh Municipal Services

Lutke stated that the manager's contract is set to expire on December 31, 2024. In an effort for neutral negotiation, the Village attorney is recommending a 3rd party negotiate the same.

Yoder recommended a two-person committee be appointed to work with the Village Manager. Case noted it is important to move forward on renewing a contract and he would like to keep the relationship going. Lutke noted that he would like to see a third-party kick start the negotiations. Christensen agreed and stated she wanted to do the right thing by Larrea and the Village. Suppes stated he would like to get the expert's advice and then negotiate a contract. He added that the Council seeks out experts for other projects, why not for this. Smith agreed that it was the Council's fiduciary responsibility however, it is important to hear from the experts.

Yoder moved, Bahle seconded, CARRIED, to cease further activity on hiring a consultant as it is the fiduciary responsibility of the council to negotiate with the Village Manager on a new contract. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 1, No: 6.

Bahle moved, Christensen seconded to accept the contract with Frank Walsh to work with the council's leadership team to negotiate the Village Manager's contract.

Larrea stated that he appreciated the special meeting and stated he would like to see a contract in place soon as his is set to expire at the end of the year.

Council members discussed a possible time line for a contract. Council members suggested Walsh be given a timeline to provide a possible contract.

Bahle moved, Christensen seconded to amend the previous motion to accept the contract with Frank Walsh to work with the council's leadership team to negotiate the Village Manager's contract with a proposal no later than August 16, 2024. Ayes: 7, No-0

Council members determined that Christensen and Suppes will serve as the Leadership team to work with Frank Walsh.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Dorothy Petroskey, Clerk.