



VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF May 18, 2020

The remote meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m., by President Lutke.

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

Approval of Agenda – Conflict of Interest

Suppes moved, Case seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Agenda as presented, with an affirmative, unanimous roll call vote. Lutke will recuse himself due to a conflict of interest during Agenda Item 7a. Report VSB-2020-27 Request for Distillers License. Ayes: 6, No: 0.

Consented Agenda

Case moved, Suppes seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with an affirmative, unanimous roll call vote. The Village Council Regular meeting minutes of April 20, 2020 submitted by Clerk Fay are approved. The meeting minutes can be found in this meeting packet. The Payment of Invoices submitted by Treasurer DeVol are approved and can be found in this meeting packet. Ayes: 6, No: 0.

Public Comments/Communications/ and Reports

Egan thanked the Village and DPW Director Miller for controlling the water situation on Broadway. Egan ask the Village to consider opening downtown one day later following the completion of the MDOT project.

Popke asked if the Village still had the green bike racks built by students and artists, stating Leo Creek would like one. Leo Creek should contact the Village, they may be in the barn at Deuster Park. Popke stated the Village should leave the street closed all year. She thanked the Village for adding trees and grass back into the MDOT project. Popke asked if the Art Fest should go forward with food trucks as barriers.

Report VSB-2020-26 Policy Manual

Bahle moved, Case seconded, CARRIED, to adopt the 2020 Personnel Policy Manual as written and presented, with an affirmative, unanimous roll call vote. Larrea stated seasonal employees will not receive health benefits. The Attorney will clean up the policy including the ambiguity regarding part time hours. Ayes: 6, No: 0.

Report VSB-2020-27 Request for Distillers License

Long moved, Case seconded, CARRIED, to recommend the application submitted by Hop Lot Brewing Company, LLC, be considered for approval by the Liquor Control Commission for a new

On-Premises Tasting Room Permit as the use is permitted by the Village Zoning Ordinance in the South Gateway District, with an affirmative, unanimous roll call vote. This permit would be for 650 S. West Bay Shore Drive. Lutke removed himself for the vote. Ayes: 5, No: 0.

Intergovernmental Recycling Agreement

Long moved, Case seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Leelanau County Interlocal Agreement as presented, with an affirmative, unanimous roll call vote. Council would like to see consideration of other locations for the recycling bins that are away from residential homes. The bins are emptied multiple times a week and are a noise nuisance to the residences. The support for recycling, however, was emphasized. Commercial or industrial, or park locations should be considered for the recycling bins. Larrea stated he will contact Trudy Galla with the concerns, and alternatives sites will be sought out. Lutke requested the issue be placed on the next General Service Committee meeting. Ayes: 6, No: 0.

Report VSB-2020-29 Library Board Appointment

Suppes moved, Christensen seconded, CARRIED, to concur with Suttons Bay/Bingham District Library Board of Trustees to re-appoint Sue Gentges to the board for a term ending May 2024, with an affirmative, unanimous roll call vote. Ayes: 6, No: 0.

Good of the Order

Christensen asked if the Village should offer a statement or plan to open downtown businesses for the Memorial weekend, perhaps using Front Street for traffic. Christensen asked if the Village will be approving Mass Gatherings this summer. Larrea stated the Leelanau Farmer's Market will likely occur, and that Mass Gatherings will be on the next Committee agenda. Lutke asked if the Village could open up anything possible. Case suggested the Village consult with Cameron Ross on selection of replacement trees downtown.

Manager's Report

Larrea stated the Village is nearing the end of the MDOT streetscape project. Reith Riley may bring in pumps to pump out the water from the rain so that they can start asphaltting soon. The concrete has been completed. There are quite a few footprints in the concrete. Signs will be installed and street striping should take place mid-week. Crosswalks will be painted. Downtown is currently open to pedestrians only. A one-week extension for the project was requested and granted. Larrea stated the Manager's work plan has been idle due to the pandemic and the MDOT streetscape project. High priority is Broadway Street, Shoreline study, Inland Seas contract and the rezoning request. The work plan will be reprioritized following the high priority projects. Sprinklers in the Right of Way will be discussed at a Committee meeting. The Roman Wheel experienced some chipped windows as a result of the streetscape project.

Public Comments

Bahle asked if the Village will be sweeping the streets and sidewalks following the project. Larrea stated he would like sweeping following the asphalt.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Shar Fay, Village Clerk.

