



VILLAGE OF SUTTONS BAY
420 N FRONT STREET, SUTTONS BAY, MI 49682
VILLAGE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 a.m. by President Lutke.

Present: Bahle, Christensen, Lutke, Perkins, Suppes
Absent: Smith and Yoder
Staff present: Larrea & Petroskey

Consent Agenda

Bahle moved, Suppes seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Consent agenda as presented. The December 3, 2024 Village Council meeting minutes are approved. The payment of invoices is approved. Gary Cheadle is appointed to fill the unexpired term of Bill Perkins through December 31, 2025. Certificates of Appreciation will be sent to the Bay Area Garden Club and Green Suttons Bay. Ice Rink Water Agreement and Swim for the Bay informational. Ayes: 5, No: 0.

Conflict of Interest: None

Agenda approval

Lutke moved, Christensen seconded, CARRIED, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 5, No: 0.

Public comment: None

Zoning Ordinance housekeeping Amendments

Council members were provided with Planner Kopriva's report. Larrea noted the Ordinance No Z-2025-01 would change the minimum story in the Bayview District to 1 Story. The planning commission unanimously recommended the amendment. Perkins asked for clarification on the various districts in the Ordinance.

Suppes moved, Bahle seconded to adopt planning commission Ordinance Z-2025-01 being Amendment 15 of Ordinance 2 of 2018 which amends the minimum story in the Bayview District from 1.5 to 1.0. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 5, No: 0.

Larrea stated that amendment Z-2025-02 would amend Section 9-13 Wireless Communication to meet the changes in state law.

Bahle moved, Suppes seconded, CARRIED, to adopt planning commission Ordinance Z-2025-02 being Amendment 16 of Ordinance 2 of 2018 amending Article 9-13 bringing the section into compliance with State law. ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: 5, No: 0.

VS-2025-04 Equipment Purchase

Larrea stated that after 20 years, it was time to retire the AEBI. Larrea noted that over the years the DPW has done all it could to make repairs. Staff consulted with MI-Deal and they are recommending the purchase of a John Deere with a snow blower attachment. Larrea noted that they hope to add on a mower deck and brush hog later.

Bahle moved, Suppes seconded, CARRIED, to authorize the Village Manager to accept the quote to purchase a John Deere 1575 with a heavy duty two stage snowblower as presented. Ayes: 5, No: 0.

Staff Reports

Larrea stated he will be presenting the work plan at the next committee meetings.

Good of the Order

Council Member Perkins questioned the consent agenda items Swim for Grand Traverse Bay and the Farmer's Market. He added he would like more trees planted downtown.

Member Suppes discussed security at meetings noting that Cadillac recently had security issues.

Member Christensen stated that staff has been doing a great job plowing in the Village.

President Lutke said he would be willing to sit with Perkins to give him a general understanding of how the agenda works.

Public Comment-Bill Crackel thanked the DPW for the quick response on the sewer back-up.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Dorothy Petroskey, Village Clerk.