



VILLAGE OF SUTTONS BAY
420 N. FRONT ST, SUTTONS BAY, MI 49682
VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2023

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

Present: Bahle, Case, Christensen, Lutke, Smith, Suppes and Yoder
Staff present: Fay, Larrea and Deputy Donohue

Consent agenda

Lutke moved, Yoder seconded, CARRIED, to approve the consent agenda as presented.
The Village Council meeting minutes of July 17, 2023 are approved. The payment of invoices is approved. Ayes: 7, No: 0.

Agenda approval

Yoder moved, Case seconded, CARRIED, to approve the agenda as presented.
Ayes: 7, No: 0.

Public comment

Written public comment received from Kathy Egan.
Public comments received from Larry Mawby and Bill Perkins.

VS-2023-45 Consideration of sewer lining contract

Case moved, Yoder seconded, CARRIED, to direct the Village Manager to finalize the attached contract for the reasons stated in Report VS-2023-45 and being made a part of this motion. Ayes: 7, No: 0.

VS-2023-47 Amendment Z-2023-05

Smith moved, Yoder seconded, CARRIED, to deny amendment Z-2023-05 to Zoning Ordinance 2 of 2018 to amend Table 5-3 Spatial Requirements maximum stories permitted from 2.5 to 3 stories in the South Gateway district as described in Report VS-2023-47, with a roll call vote. Ayes: Case, Christensen, Lutke, Smith and Yoder. No: Bahle and Suppes.

VSB-2023-47 Amendment Z-2023-06

Smith moved, Yoder seconded, CARRIED, to deny amendment Z-2023-06 to Zoning Ordinance 2 of 2018 to amend Section 9-7 Multi-Family Development, to change the maximum density permitted in a building from 8 units to 18, as described in Report VSB-2023-47 but modified striking “and eliminate the open space provision,” and being made a part of this motion, with a roll call vote. Ayes: Case, Christensen, Lutke, Smith and Yoder. No: Bahle and Suppes.

Special Committee Reports/Staff reports

Short Term Rental Committee Report – Smith stated the Committee has met one last time and that a report is forthcoming. The report will be distributed to Council and placed on the next Village Council agenda.

Good of the Order

Case had a question about the Bayshore Oil entry found on the Check Register. He would like the Village to consider an ordinance for non-motorized vehicle parking in the streets. He has concerns about E-bikes and scooters riding on sidewalks. He stated there are a significant number of dogs on Marina beach and perhaps we need more signs. He referred to Egan’s written public comment found in the packet, and further stated that what the Village does have is the best beach and sand piles in Leelanau County, crosswalks, new Village signs, North Park with its refreshing and non-congested use for launching boats, and good parking.

Christensen congratulated Debi Smith on the Citizen Planner certificate. She stated she would love to see a tree replacement plan and trees replaced in Marina Park. She noted an opportunity with Green Suttons Bay to move forward with more trees.

Smith stated she is looking forward to the 20 trees to be planted by Green Suttons Bay. She requested crosswalk markings at the schools prior to school starting.

Yoder clarified the tow rope at Bahle Hill was removed to prevent injury.

Bahle stated that something should be done about e-bikes ignoring traffic signs.

Larrea stated the EGLE public review period for Waterwheel Park is now complete. Activity there could begin in the next 30 days. A ZBA court hearing is on Monday. Elmers will begin work on S. Shore Drive on Wednesday and that it should be about a three- day project.

Public Comment

Public comment received from Kim Eike, Larry Mawby and Bill Perkins

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Shar Fay, Clerk.