

MINUTES
SUTTONS BAY TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 8, 2023

(Note: The first part of this meeting will be a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2023/2024 Budget. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.

(There will be a ZOOM site for remote access)

CALL TO ORDER

Tom Nixon, Supervisor, called the regular meeting of the Suttons Bay Township Board to order on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. at the Township Offices.

Roll of Board Members - Quorum Present

Present: Tom Nixon, Sandy VanHuystee, Dorothy Petroskey, Doug Periard

Absent and excused: Debbie Slocombe

Staff: Steve Patmore, Marge Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Dorothy Petroskey/moved, Sandy VanHuystee/supported, to approve the agenda, motion carried.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2023-2024 BUDGET

Tom Nixon opened the public hearing on the proposed 2023-2024 Budget at 5:16 p.m.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Revenues - \$523,169.00. Expenditures - \$552,127.00.

There was no public comment on the proposed budget or written correspondence received.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2023-2024 BUDGET

Tom Nixon declared the public hearing on the proposed 2023-2024 Budget closed at 5:18 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Muennick commented on the dog park and said the product roundup should not be used there.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest.

REPORTS:

Planning & Zoning - Steve Patmore submitted his Report.

Parks Supervisor - Bill Drozdalski submitted his Report.

Parks & Recreation Committee - Pete Ostrowski submitted his Report.
Fire Authority - Dorothy Petroskey - New Union Contract was approved at the Fire Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of the Minutes - February 8, 2023

Dorothy Petroskey/moved, Sandy VanHuystee/supported, to approve the February 8, 2023 Minutes as submitted, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes - February 22, 2023

Dorothy Petroskey/moved, Sandy VanHuystee/supported, to approve the February 22, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes as submitted, motion carried.

2. Payment of the Bills -

Sandy VanHuystee submitted bills for payment in the amount of \$16,549.82.

Tom Nixon/moved, Sandy VanHuystee/supported, to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$16,549.82, motion carried.

3. Adopt the Proposed Budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

Sandy VanHuystee/moved, Dorothy Petroskey/supported, to adopt the millage rate of .05414 as the maximum allowed by Headlee, and to adopt the proposed Budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.

Roll call vote: Yes: Tom Nixon, Dorothy Petroskey, Doug Periard, Sandy VanHuystee. No: None. Absent & excused: Debbie Slocombe. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution for Approval of a Small Winemaker and Tasting Room License at 9 Bean Rows

Memo reviewed from Steve Patmore - March 8, 2023

Boulangerie 9 LLC, (Jennifer & Nic Welty) submitted a request for a Small Winemakers License with an On-Premises Tasting Room at 9000 E. Duck Lake Road.

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission requires a licensee to obtain a recommendation from a local government as part of the licensing process.

Suttons Bay Township allows for a Winery or Cidery with a Special Land Use Permit in the Agricultural Zoning District after a Site Plan Review and Public Hearing. There are criteria that must be met to get the Land Use Permit including a license from the State, growing fruit on the property, and meeting other agency approvals. This property is located in the Agricultural Zoning District, and is currently the 9 Bean Rows Farm Market.

The letter from their attorney indicates that the property owners acknowledges that a Special Land Use Permit is required. A recommendation on this license from the township board does not bind or commit the planning commission to approval of the required permit.

I have no objection to a Suttons Bay Township Board recommendation for approval of the Small Winemakers License and On-Premise Tasting Room with the understanding that the winery owners will need to go through the Special Land Use Permit process.

Suttons Bay Township Resolution No. 6 of 2023

Tom Nixon/moved, Doug Periard/supported, to adopt Suttons Bay Township Resolution No. 6 of 2023 recommending approval to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission of the BOULANGERIE 9 LLC Small Winemakers License and On-Premise Tasting Room at 9000 E. Duck Lake Road, Suttons Bay, with the understanding that a Special Land Use Permit is required from the township to operate a winery, and that this recommendation for the license does not guarantee that a Special Land Use Permit will be granted by Suttons Bay Township. This Board authorizes the Township Clerk to sign and submit the Local Government Approval Form to the State of Michigan.

Roll call vote: Yes: Tom Nixon, Sandy VanHuystee, Dorothy Petroskey, Doug Periard. No: None. Absent and excused: Debbie Slocombe. Suttons Bay Township Resolution No. 6 of 2023 declared adopted.

2. Discussion on T.A.R.T Proposal for Access Route Adjacent to the Township Office
Chris Cushman represented T.A.R.T. and said it is proposed that Tart Trail be extended from the Hansen Plaza Parking Lot over the wetland by the Township Offices via construction of a bridge.

The Board discussed the request from T.A.R.T. and the consensus was that project would affect the limited parking at the township offices. No action was taken by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Drozdalski commented on the dog park and said roundup will not be used.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Doug Periard said the actions taken by the Planning Commission were the following: Baldwin Special Use Permit was tabled. Korson rezoning - Planning Comm recommends to Township Board that the rezoning be denied. Work continues on the Zoning Ordinance update.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Minutes by Marge Johnson, Recording Secretary
Sandy VanHuystee, Clerk

Minutes Approved as-presented on April 12, 2023