

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-013

**ADOPTING OPERATIONAL BYLAWS FOR THE VILLAGE OF
SISTER BAY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND COMMITTEES**

WHEREAS, having a prescribed set of rules for all Village of Sister Bay Board of Trustees and Village Committees to follow ensures professional, ethical, consistent and accountable actions of elected and appointed officials and volunteers; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees reviewed their bylaws and the bylaws of their committees at their meeting on June 18, 2024, and made edits consistent with their annual appointment of committee members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of Trustees for the Village of Sister Bay, Wisconsin, the Village Board of Trustees Operational Bylaws and Village of Sister Bay Committee Bylaws are hereby amended, said bylaws are effective upon signing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board and Committee Bylaws herein adopted shall supersede and replace all other Board of Trustees Operational Bylaws and Committee Bylaws previously approved by the Village Board of Trustees.

Introduced at the Board of Trustees meeting of the Village of Sister Bay conducted this 18th day of June, 2024.

Passed and adopted this 18th day of June, 2024.



Nate Bell
Village President

ATTEST:



Heidi Teich, Village Clerk

VOTE: Ayes 7 Nays 0

Village of Sister Bay
Committee/Commission Bylaws and Rules
(Amended ~~June 18~~ ~~March 19~~, 2024)

1. Committee/Commission Organization

The Village President shall designate the Chairperson for each Village standing or ad hoc committee or commission on an annual basis.

2. Committee/Commission Meetings

All committee or commission meetings shall be held at one of the following locations: The Village Administration Building, the Village Hall, the North Sister Bay-Liberty Grove Fire Station, the South Sister Bay-Liberty Grove Fire Station, the Sister Bay-Liberty Grove Library, the Sister Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Sister Bay Marina, the Sister Bay Sports Complex, the Liberty Grove Town Hall or other accessible locations properly noticed. Meetings may also be held electronically as long as the public has access to the meeting via a participation link.

3. Quorum

A majority of board/committee/commission/task force membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

4. Absences and Attendance

Any member of a committee or commission who has knowledge of the fact that they will not be able to attend a scheduled meeting shall notify the Village Clerk of his/her anticipated absence at the earliest possible opportunity. The Village Clerk shall notify the Chairperson of the affected committee or commission in the event that the projected absence(s) will produce a lack of quorum. If the Village Clerk is not notified of an absence, it will be recorded as an unexcused absence. Committees and commissions only function if members attend meetings, and, therefore, regular attendance is expected. If a member misses more than three regular meetings during the preceding twelve months for whatever reason, the Chairperson shall report that lack of attendance to the Village President. The Village President may recommend removal to the Board of any committee or commission member whose attendance at meetings exceeds the stated guideline.

To the extent provided by these Bylaws, the various committees, commissions and boards, may, in addition to conducting meetings in which each trustee participates in person, and at the discretion of the chairperson, conduct any regular or special meeting by the use of an electronic means of communication, provided that:

- a) All participating members can simultaneously hear and see each other during the meeting;
- b) All communication during the meeting is immediately transmitted to each participating member, and each participating member is able to immediately send messages to all other participating members; and
- c) All requirements of the Open Meetings Law are met.

A member participating in a meeting by any means pursuant to this Section shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

5. Agendas and Minutes

Whenever a committee or commission meeting is scheduled the Chairperson of that committee or commission shall see that a written Agenda is provided to all the committee or commission members at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to such meeting. The Chairperson shall record the attendance and minutes of all committee or commission meetings, or the Chairperson may designate an individual to record the minutes of the meetings. The Chairperson or his/her designee is responsible for seeing that a copy of the minutes is provided to the Village Clerk prior to the next scheduled Village Board meeting.

6. Expenses

“Committee/commission meeting” means the convening of a quorum of the members of a committee or commission for the purpose of exercising the responsibilities, authority, power or duties delegated to or vested in the committee or commission.

The Village President and trustees, and committee members whose duties allow for compensation, shall be compensated for their attendance at meetings per the Ordinance adopted in the fall of the year preceding a Spring election of officers. For any member who does not wish to accept compensation, annually a waiver shall be filed with the Finance Director indicating their intentions to waive said compensation.

7. Budget

If applicable, all committees shall prepare an annual budget and submit that document to the Village Finance Director.

8. Other

All committees and commissions shall be governed by the Rules of Order, which were adopted for the Village of Sister Bay Board of Trustees. If there are no rules specified for a particular situation, Roberts Rules of Order will apply. If applicable, the term “Chairperson” shall be substituted for the term “Village President.”

The Village President shall serve as an Ex-Officio member of all Committees, Commissions and Boards organized by the Village.

9. Definitions

Trustee shall mean an elected trustee or the Village President of the Village of Sister Bay.

Resident shall mean a person who resides in the Village and is a registered voter or eligible to become a registered voter.

Citizen shall mean a person who is a Village property owner, the owner of a business located in the Village or a person with recognized experience and qualifications for a particular committee whether they be a resident or non-resident of the Village.

Community Member-at-Large shall mean a person who does not reside in the Village nor do they own land in the Village, but they live in the Sister Bay area, as determined by the Chair of

the Committee, and who has expertise or knowledge beneficial to the committee. Community Members-at-Large are appointed only after a sincere attempt to attract committee members has resulted in no citizen or resident interest. Members-at-Large can only serve on ad hoc committees, task forces, or as alternates on the Marina Committee.

Stakeholder shall mean a person with a vested interest in the outcome of a specific Village property, product, action, or service. For purposes of these bylaws, a stakeholder shall not have a financial interest in the property, product, action or service.

Duties of Committees or Commissions

(An asterisk represents a paid appointment)

Door County Coastal Byway Commission* *(Other Committee Appointments)*

Door County's Coastal Byway, a Wisconsin Scenic Byway, stretches over 66 miles of the Northern Door Peninsula. In 2010, the Door County Coastal Byway Commission was created, and its members are bound by the provisions of an Intergovernmental Agreement, which was executed by representatives of the Villages of Sister Bay, Ephraim and Egg Harbor, and the Towns of Gibraltar, Baileys Harbor, Sevastopol, Liberty Grove and Jacksonport. Each of those municipalities is entitled to have one representative on the Commission. The Village has elected to have a trustee or staff person represent it on the Commission.

Door County Economic Development Corporation* *(Other Committee Appointments)*

~~The Door County Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC) is a public/private partnership dedicated to improving the economic vitality of the County and its residents. As a public/private partnership, DCEDC is funded by a combination of investments from private companies and local government, as well as grants and contract service fees. These funds provide the money necessary for the DCEDC to provide business assistance, financial incentives and other initiatives designed to strengthen the local business climate.~~

~~If approved by the DCEDC Board, one trustee from the Village of Sister Bay shall serve as a DCEDC Board member, and the Village Administrator shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of that Board, if approved by the DCEDC Board.~~

Emergency Management and Hazard Mitigation Planning Task Force* *(A Statutorily Dictated Committee)*

Drafts and presents for adoption an Emergency Management Plan and program and a Hazard Mitigation Plan. Recommends a person responsible for plan implementation and to perform the duties outlined by Statute. The task force is comprised of the Village President, two trustees, County Emergency Management Director or their representative, and the Fire Chief. The ~~Public Works Director,~~ Village Administrator and Village Clerk ~~(as Recording Secretary), who shall serve as the Recording Secretary,~~ shall also serve on the task force but be non-voting members.

Finance Committee* *(A Standing Committee)*

The Finance Committee shall consist of three trustees and oversees the formulation of the annual budget for the Village of Sister Bay. The Finance Committee also:

- (a) Acts as the budget hearing committee and receives requests from various Village committees;
- (b) Consolidates and tabulates preliminary budget requests, including outlay and revenue accounts; and,
- (c) Conducts a budget review meeting with the Village Board.

Fire Board**(A Standing Committee)*

The Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Fire Board is the governing body of the Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Fire Department. The Fire Board shall consist of two trustees from the Village of Sister Bay and three Supervisors from the Town of Liberty Grove and is bound by the duties established in Village of Sister Bay Ordinance No. 136-021208 as well as the Intergovernmental Agreement, which is the subject of that Ordinance. The Fire Board shall prepare an annual budget and submit it to the Finance Director for review before the Finance Committee.

Fire District Exploratory Committee* *(Other Committee Appointment)*

In June of 2012, a Fire District Exploratory Committee was created. That committee, which consists of representatives from the Towns of Liberty Grove, Gibraltar, and Egg Harbor, and the Villages of Egg Harbor, Ephraim, and Sister Bay, was charged with studying the impact and value of consolidating certain Northern Door Fire Departments and the services they provide. One trustee or resident with recognized experience and qualifications, one firefighter from the Sister Bay-Liberty Grove Fire Department, and the Fire Chief shall be appointed to represent the Village.

Green Tier Legacy Community Committee (*Chair is paid; volunteers are unpaid) *(An Ad Hoc Committee)*

The Ad Hoc Green Tier Community Committee shall be chaired by the Village President or a Village Trustee. Non-reimbursable volunteer members shall consist of a minimum of ~~one resident and two citizens~~ **three stakeholders**. The committee is tasked with suggesting and engaging in activities that lead to the attainment of Green Tier Community status for the Village of Sister Bay. The committee shall report to the Village Board, who will in turn vote on any requests from the committee as to funds, approvals, policies and any other actionable decisions impacting the Village budget. This committee was enacted by the Village Board on June 15, 2021.

Historical Society* *(Other Committee Appointment)*

The trustee who is appointed Historical Society Liaison shall serve as the liaison between the Sister Bay Historical Society and the Board of Trustees.

Holiday Lighting Task Force* *(A Task Force)*

The Holiday Lighting Task Force is to be comprised of four to seven stakeholders who shall be responsible for reviewing the current holiday decorations and policies, determining if the decorations and policies need to be revised, and how, what the associated budget needs would be, and the timeline for implementation. Recommendations will be made to the Parks, Property & Streets Committee. It is anticipated the Task Force will complete their work within twelve months so any recommendations, if accepted, can be incorporated into the 2025 budget or subsequent budgets. The stakeholders shall serve as volunteers. A trustee may be

appointed chair of the task force, but in the event a trustee is not appointed, the task force members shall vote for and appoint a chair and a vice-chair of the task force. Trustees serving on the task force shall be compensated for their time. The ~~Director of Public Works or~~ Parks Maintenance Supervisor, and the Village Administrator, shall serve as the staff advisors to the task force, but are not required to attend all meetings, rather attend when information is requested of them. Upon cessation of the twelve-month task, the task force is hereby dissolved.

Housing Committee* *(A Standing Committee)*

The Housing Committee shall consist of no less than five nor more than seven Village stakeholders ~~and residents~~, one member shall be a Trustee. The stakeholders shall serve as volunteers. The committee is tasked with identifying a housing model, impediments to affordable housing, and address design, financing, physical layout as well as other aspects involved in community-provided workforce housing.

Library Commission* *(A Standing Committee)*

The Library Commission shall oversee the use and maintenance of the Sister Bay-Liberty Grove Library building and is responsible for seeing that an ongoing working relationship is maintained with the Door County Library System. The Village’s representatives on the Library Commission shall consist of one trustee and two Village residents. There shall also be one Town Board member and two Town residents. A Secretary/Treasurer, who is hired by the Commission, as well as the Sister Bay-Liberty Grove Head Librarian, serve as ex-officio non-voting members. The resident members of the Library Commission will be compensated for their services. The Library Commission shall prepare an annual budget and submit it to the Finance Director to present to the Finance Committee.

Marina Committee* *(A Standing Committee)*

The Marina Committee shall consist of three trustees, ~~one resident and one citizen~~ **two stakeholders** and the Marina Manager. The Marina Manager shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member. Two alternates shall also be appointed to ensure a quorum is always present at meetings. The Village Board has determined that residents or citizens, and the alternates, who serve on the Marina Committee are entitled to compensation for their services. The Marina Committee shall:

- (a) Provide direction for the operation and maintenance of the Sister Bay Marina;
- (b) Adequately provide for the needs of Marina patrons by planning and implementing Marina improvements;
- (c) Recommend all fees and charges for use of the Sister Bay Marina to the Village Board; and,
- (d) Prepare an annual budget and submit it to the Finance Director for presentation to the Finance Committee.

~~**Outdoor Recreation and Transportation Planning Committee*** *(An Ad Hoc Committee)*~~

~~An ad hoc group formed to work on updating the Outdoor Recreation Plan and ensuring trails are incorporated into said draft. The ad hoc committee will cease as a committee upon adoption of the updated plan. Membership shall consist of two trustees, one of which shall~~

~~serve on the Parks, Property and Streets Committee, and three citizens, one of whom shall be a resident.~~

Parking Task Force* *(A Task Force)*

The Parking Task Force is comprised of four to seven stakeholders who shall be responsible for analyzing the Village’s on-street and off-street public parking situation, associated parking needs, research other communities and their solutions to congestion and parking issues, and make recommendations to the Parks, Property & Streets Committee. It is anticipated the Task Force will complete their work within twelve months so any recommendations, if accepted, can be incorporated into the 2025 budget or subsequent budgets. The stakeholders shall serve as volunteers. A trustee may be appointed chair of the task force, but in the event a trustee is not appointed, the task force members shall vote for and appoint a chair and a vice-chair of the task force. Trustees serving on the task force shall be compensated for their time. The ~~Director of Public Works and~~ Village Administrator shall serve as the staff advisors to the task force but are not required to attend all meetings, rather attend when information is requested of them. Upon cessation of the twelve-month task, the task force is hereby dissolved.

Parks, Property and Streets Committee* *(A Standing Committee)*

The Parks, Property and Streets Committee shall consist of three trustees, and two resident members. The Village Board has determined that the resident members of the Parks Committee are entitled to compensation for their services. The Parks, Property and Streets Committee shall:

- (a) Provide oversight of activities occurring in the Village Parks, and operate, maintain and improve the Village Park System in accord with Wis. Stats. §27.02-§27.06;
- (b) Be responsible for all repair, maintenance and remodeling of Village owned buildings, including any improvements, except when such authority is specifically delegated to another committee;
- (c) Be responsible for all repair and maintenance of Village roads, sidewalks and trails;
- (d) Ensuring adequate access to technology and broadband infrastructure to public properties and buildings, with the referral of any software needs to the applicable oversight committee; and,
- (e) Prepare an annual budget and submit it to the Finance Director to present to the Finance Committee.

Personnel Committee* *(A Standing Committee)*

The Personnel Committee shall consist of three trustees. The Personnel Committee shall:

- (a) Consider and review all matters relating to wages, hours, fringe benefits and conditions of employment for Village employees, including discipline, promotion and job descriptions;
- (b) Act on grievances submitted by employees and be the arbitrator between the employees and the Village Board;
- (c) Review requests for new positions from committees; and,
- (d) Prepare an annual budget and submit it to the Finance Director to present to the Finance Committee.

Plan Commission* *(A Statutorily Dictated Committee)*

Per Wisconsin Statutes, Section 61.35, Villages are bound by the rules established for city planning, as outlined in Stats. 62.23. Those statutes require the Plan Commission consist of seven members, three of which must be resident members. There can also be one ex-officio non-voting resident or citizen member with recognized experience and qualifications related to planning and development. Per Village Bylaws, the Chair shall be the Village President, or his/her designee from its' membership. The Village Board has determined that residents who serve on the Plan Commission are entitled to compensation for their services. The Plan Commission shall promote the public health, safety, morals, comfort, prosperity, aesthetics, and general welfare of the Village as provided in Chapter 66 of the Village's Code of Ordinances. Chapter 66 provides for administration and enforcement of applicable Ordinances and provides penalties for violations. All members shall, by statute, serve a three-year term.

In the event there is an extended absence of a Village/Zoning Administrator, the Plan Commission Chairperson may elect to act as temporary Zoning Administrator to conduct initial reviews of potential development projects and be available to answer related zoning questions prior to submission to the Plan Commission. The Chairperson shall be compensated as stated in the ordinance adopted by the Village Board which sets the compensation schedule for trustees and committee members.

Sewer and Water Utilities Committee* *(A Standing Committee)*

The Sewer and Water Utilities Committee was created to oversee and plan all aspects of Sister Bay's Wastewater Treatment Plant, Water, Wastewater Collection and Storm Sewer systems. The Committee makes recommendations to the Village Board. The Committee shall consist of 3 trustees. The Village Administrator, and Lead Operator/**Utilities Director and Public Works Director** shall serve as ex officio non-voting members.

Sister Bay Advancement Association Board of Directors* *(Other Committee Appointments)*

The trustee who is appointed to the Board of Directors for the Sister Bay Advancement Association (SBAA) shall be a voting member of that Board and will also act as the Liaison between the Village Board and the SBAA.

TIF Joint Review Board* *(A Statutorily Dictated Committee)*

State law provides for a Joint Review Board (JRB) and defines its members and responsibilities. JRB members represent a taxing jurisdiction (municipality, county, school, technical college). It is the JRB's responsibility to approve or deny the creation or amendment of a Tax Incremental District (TID). If the JRB approves the TID, it viewed or heard convincing evidence of the need for Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) assistance to make the development a reality. The JRB jurisdictions agree to sacrifice some amount of tax revenue for many years into the future expecting the tax base will ultimately increase.

The JRB meets annually before June 30 to review the TID reports and on an as-needed basis to review a request or create or amend a TID.

Tourism Zone Commission* *(Other Committee Appointment)*

The Door County Tourism Zone Commission is an intergovernmental entity established in 2006 by the municipalities in Door County to encourage tourism, the success of which is measured by

an increase in overnight stays at various lodging establishments. The Commission is responsible for collecting an 8% tax on room charges, and the Village is bound by Ordinance No. 123-121206, and Resolution No. 160-121206, subsequently amended by Resolution No. 452-02162021, Resolution No. 467-08172021 and Ordinance 284-081721, which relate to the room tax and the creation of an Intergovernmental Tourism Zone Commission.

By the passage of Resolution 369-112117 and Ordinance 256-022118, Sister Bay has been designated as a Premier Resort Area and enacted an additional 0.5% sales tax as allowed by Wis. Stats. Sec. 66.1113(2)(G) and Subchapter X of Chapter 77, Wis. Stats., thereby bringing the total tax rate to 6%. Based upon the room tax collected to date, Sister Bay is entitled to have three members, who shall serve one-year terms and have voting privileges. Per Ordinance 123-121206, the appointment shall not receive pay for attendance from the Commission, but may be reimbursed for travel expenses. This ordinance was superseded by Ordinance 2023-005 which reaffirmed members are not to be paid by the Commission. However, the Village, via Resolution 2023-009, determined the Village would compensate Trustees appointed to the Commission for their attendance at meetings.

Village Hall Task Force (**Chair is paid; volunteers are unpaid*) (A Task Force)

A two-year task force assigned the task of determining the best use of the Village Hall, renovations needed, and how to fund those renovations. The task force shall be comprised of seven voting members, two of which are trustees; three residents; and two citizens. With regard to residents and citizen appointments, priority shall be given to individuals skilled in fundraising, design, and general contracting. The task force shall also include two ex-officio non-voting members, whom shall be Village employees. The ex-officio members shall include the Village Administrator, and the Village Clerk who is the employee responsible for renting the Hall, and who shall also serve as Recording Secretary.

Zoning Board of Appeals* (A Statutorily Dictated Committee)

The Zoning Board of Appeals, which is statutory, shall consist of five residents and two alternate resident members, and is responsible for hearing and deciding appeals of decisions, which are made by the Zoning Administrator. Also, the Zoning Board of Appeals has the power to grant variances from the Village's Zoning Ordinance.

As required by Wisconsin Statutes, 62.23(7)(e)2, members shall be appointed for three-year terms, except that of those first appointed one shall serve for one year, 2 for 2 years and 2 for 3 years. The Village President shall appoint the Chairperson. The President shall also appoint, for staggered terms of 3 years, 2 alternate members of such board, in addition to the 5 members above provided for. Annually, the President shall designate one of the alternate members as 1st alternate and the other as 2nd alternate. The 1st alternate shall act, with full power, only when a member of the board refuses to vote because of interest or when a member is absent. The 2nd alternate shall so act only when the 1st alternate so refuses or is absent or when more than one member of the board so refuses or is absent. The residents serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be compensated for their services at the same rate as a Village appointed committee or commission member, said compensation set by ordinance.

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall adopt their own, separate Rules of Procedure.

Village of Sister Bay
Board of Trustees Bylaws
For the Government of the Village Board
(Amended ~~June 18~~March 19, 2024)

1. Meetings, Regular and Special

The regular meetings of the Sister Bay Board of Trustees shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. Any two members of the Village Board may call a special meeting, with a signed request presented to the Village Clerk, a minimum of 48 hours prior to that meeting. Public Hearings may be scheduled for a time which is agreeable to the majority of the Board and consistent with State Statutes.

2. Quorum

A minimum of four Trustees constitutes a quorum of the Village Board. As soon as the Village Board is called to order roll call shall be taken, noting who is present and who is absent, and the same shall be noted in the official record. If there is not a quorum present, this fact shall be entered in the minutes and the Village Board shall adjourn. Any member of the Village Board who has knowledge of the fact that they will not be able to attend a scheduled Board meeting shall notify the Village Clerk at the earliest possible opportunity. In the event that the projected absence will produce a lack of quorum, the Village Clerk shall notify the Village President. If the Village Clerk is not notified of an absence, it will be recorded as an unexcused absence.

3. Presiding Officer

The President of the Village Board (Presiding Officer), shall, at the hour of the meeting stated on the Agenda, call the Board to order. The Village President shall preserve order and decorum, and decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal, by any member. The Village President has the same rights as a Trustee.

4. Presiding Officer's Duties

At each meeting, the Village President should have at hand:

- a) A copy of the Bylaws;
- b) A copy of applicable parliamentary authority;
- c) A list of committees/commissions and the members of those groups; and,
- d) A memorandum of the complete order of business.

5. Absence of Village President

In the event the Village President is absent at the time of the meeting, the Village Clerk shall call the Village Board to order; and thereupon the Board shall elect one of its own members the President Pro-Tempore.

6. Agenda

The Board acknowledges that the committee structure is an appropriate mechanism to deal with many of the issues facing the Village. In order to take advantage of the knowledge and experience of the committees, Trustees who wish to bring an issue before the Board shall refer

the issue to the appropriate committee for discussion. Committee Chairpersons shall address those requests in a timely manner and submit a committee recommendation to accompany the Trustee’s recommendation when the issue comes before the Board. Other board agenda items will be placed on the agenda at the discretion of the Village President and Village Administrator. All items to be a part of the Agenda shall be in the possession of the Village Administrator by the first day of the month. A copy of the Agenda shall be furnished to each Trustee at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the regularly scheduled monthly meetings of the Village Board or twenty-four (24) hours prior to any Special Board meetings.

7. Term of Office

The terms of the Village President and the Trustees shall be for two (2) years [statutory]. All standing committees, elective or appointive, shall serve for one (1) year unless Statutes provide otherwise. Changes in committee names and structure shall be subject to the approval of a majority vote of the Village Board.

8. Committees and Commissions

There are five types of committees: *Standing, Statutory, Ad Hoc, Task Force, and Other Committee Appointments*. Committees, sometimes referred to as Boards, shall be established upon adoption of a Resolution designating the committee name, number of members, purpose and term. Members shall be appointed by the Village President and approved by the Village Board. Ad Hoc Committees and a Task Force shall be dissolved upon completion of the purpose for which it was created; said dissolution shall require Board of Trustees approval.

The President shall serve as ex-officio of all committees, commissions and boards organized by the Village.

A listing of all the Committees and Commissions, which are in existence at the time of adoption this document, as amended, are as follows:

NAME & TYPE OF COMMITTEE/COMMISSION	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>
Door County Coastal Byway Commission <i>(Other Committee Appointments)</i>	1 Trustee or Staff Person
Door County Economic Development Corporation—DCEDC <i>(Other Committee Appointments)</i>	1 Trustee, if approved by the DCEDC Board. The Village Administrator shall also serve as an “ex-officio” non-voting DCEDC member, if approved by the DCEDC Board.
Emergency Management and Hazard Mitigation Planning Task Force	Board President, 2 Trustees, County Emergency Management Director or

	their representative, and the Fire Chief. The Public Works Director , Village Administrator and Village Clerk (as Recording Secretary) shall also serve on the task force but shall be non-voting members.
Finance Committee <i>(Standing Committee)</i>	3 Trustees
Fire Board <i>(Standing Committee)</i>	2 Village Trustees and 3 Supervisors from the Town of Liberty Grove
Fire District Exploratory Committee <i>(Other Committee Appointment)</i>	1 Trustee or Resident with recognized experience and qualifications, 1 Fire Fighter from the Sister Bay-Liberty Grove Fire Department and the Fire Chief.
Green Tier Legacy Community Committee <i>(Ad Hoc Committee)</i>	Village President or Trustee, 1 Resident , 2 Citizens -Min. 3 Stakeholders
Historical Society <i>(Other Committee Appointment)</i>	1 Trustee who will serve as a Liaison
Holiday Lighting Task Force	4-7 Stakeholders who elect their Chair and Vice-Chair
Housing Committee	5–7 Stakeholders, one being a Trustee, who elect their Chair
Library Commission <i>(Standing Committee)</i>	1 Trustee and 2 Village Residents, and 1 Town Board member and 2 Town Residents. A Secretary/Treasurer, who is hired by the Commission, as well as the Sister Bay-Liberty Grove Head Librarian serve as ex-officio non-voting members.
Marina Committee <i>(Standing Committee)</i>	3 Trustees, 1 Resident and 1 Citizen 2 Stakeholders , and the Marina Manager, who shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Marina Committee. Two alternates shall also be appointed to ensure a quorum is always present at meetings.
Outdoor Recreation & Transportation Plan Committee (Ad Hoc Committee)	2 Trustees, one of which shall serve on the Parks, Property & Streets Committee, and 3 Citizens, one of whom shall be a Resident

Parking Task Force	4-7 Stakeholders who elect their Chair and Vice-Chair
Parks, Property & Streets Committee <i>(Standing Committee)</i>	3 Trustees and 2 Residents
Personnel Committee <i>(Standing Committee)</i>	3 Trustees
Plan Commission <i>(Statutory)</i>	4 Trustees, 3 Residents, and if available, one ex-officio non-voting Resident or Citizen member with recognized experience and qualifications related to planning and development. The Chairperson shall be the Village President or his/her appointee. (Terms are dictated by statute and require a three-year term.)
Sister Bay Advancement Association - SBAA - Board of Directors <i>(Other Committee Appointment)</i>	1 Trustee, who shall be a voting member of the SBAA Board and shall also act as the Village Board Liaison to the SBAA.
TIF Joint Review Board <i>(Statutory)</i>	1 Trustee, 1 Resident, 1 representative of the County, 1 representative of the Gibraltar School District and 1 representative of the Northeastern Wisconsin Technical College District
Tourism Zone Commission <i>(Other Committee Appointments)</i>	Based upon room tax collected to date the Village is entitled to have 3 representatives on the Tourism Zone Commission. They serve one-year terms.
Sewer and Water Utilities Committee – Wastewater Treatment Plant, Water, Sewer and Storm Sewer Committee <i>(Standing Committee)</i>	3 Trustees. The Village Administrator, Lead Operator/ Utilities and Public Works Director serves as ex-officio non-voting members.
Village Hall Planning Task Force	2 Trustees, 3 Residents and 2 Citizens. The Village Administrator and Village Clerk shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members.
Zoning Board of Appeals <i>(Statutory)</i>	5 Residents and 2 Resident alternates. (Terms are dictated by statute and require three-year, staggered terms.)

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Citizen shall mean a person who is a Village property owner, the owner of a business located in the Village or a person with recognized experience and qualifications for a particular committee, whether they be a resident or non-resident of the Village.

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Stakeholder shall mean a person with a vested interest in the outcome of a specific Village property, product, action, or service. For purposes of these bylaws, a stakeholder shall not have a financial interest in the property, product, action or service.

9. National Incident Management System

The NIMS training program is intended for all personnel who are directly involved in emergency management and response. This includes all emergency services related disciplines such as EMS, hospitals, public health, fire service, law enforcement, public works/utilities, skilled support personnel, and other emergency management response, support and volunteer personnel. Elected and appointed officials should have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities for successful emergency management and incident response. To that end, it is vital that elected and appointed officials understand and receive NIMS training. This training is intended to aid people who don't usually work together to seamlessly respond to and recover from a disaster either natural or man-made. Therefore, FEMA recommends the following training for elected and appointed officials: G-402 Incident Command System (ICS) Overview for Executives/Senior Officials, G-191 Incident Command System/Emergency Operations Center Interface. Within one year of being elected each new Trustee shall meet the minimum requirements to be NIMS compliant outlined by FEMA standards.

10. Consent to Speak

A member desiring to speak shall address the Village President or President Pro-Tempore, when recognized by that person. A member shall confine his/her remarks to the question under consideration and avoid personalities. Members' remarks must be germane to the question. Statements must have a bearing on the pending motion. To ensure an efficient meeting which allows all interested speakers an opportunity to comment on an agenda item, the President or President Pro-Tempore reserves the right to limit the length of time a speaker may speak on any one agenda item. Rude or derogatory comments made by a speaker may result in the President or President Pro-Tempore refusing to allow the speaker to continue presenting their comments.

11. Motions

Motions shall be prefaced with “I move,” and the person making the motion shall then state the action that is to be voted on in a positive form so that the Board is not voting “no” to approve the action.

12. Roll Call Vote

When a roll call vote is statutory or required by the Rules of Order, it shall be automatic. The Clerk or any Board member may call for a roll call vote on any question, and it shall be granted before the decision of the Village President is announced. There shall be no interruption during roll call.

13. Abstaining on Vote

Any member of the Board of Trustees may recuse themselves from a discussion and subsequent action if they feel they have a conflict of interest, or, after discussion determines there may be a conflict, abstain from voting on any question before the Board after notifying the Village President or President Pro Tempore of his or her intention to abstain and the reason therefore.

14. Out of Order

When declared “out of order” a Trustee, resident or citizen shall immediately submit to the ruling of the Village President or President Pro-Tempore.

15. Interruption of Speaker

When any of the Trustees, residents or citizens are speaking, no one shall entertain any private discourse or in any way interrupt the speaker, except as to a question of order.

16. Public Addressing the Board

A non-member wishing to address the Village Board may gain permission from the Village President or President Pro-Tempore. The Village President or President Pro-Tempore should be aware that the right of the public to attend governmental meetings does not necessarily imply a right to participate in the conduct of those meetings. Absent a public hearing, the public has no inherit right to speak at a Village Board Meeting.

17. Suspension of Rules

These rules may be suspended by a majority roll call vote of the Village Board.

18. Amending Rules

These rules may be amended at any regular session of the Village Board by a majority vote of the Board.

19. Rules of Order

The Rules of Order as adopted shall govern the proceedings of the Village Board, except as may be contrary to Wisconsin Statutes. In such event, the State Statutes shall prevail. Roberts Rules of Order shall apply to those areas these Rules do not cover.

20. Board Member Code of Conduct

The Board of Trustees recognizes the need for decision-making and public responsiveness, which requires a commitment to ethical, business-like, and lawful conduct, including proper use of authority and appropriate decorum when acting as a Board member. Accordingly, each Board member shall:

- a) Commit to regular attendance at Board and Committee meetings unless excused and be properly prepared for deliberation.
- b) Understand and follow all provisions of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law as well as any other applicable statutes that govern the conduct of elected officials.
- c) Respect the confidentiality appropriate to issues of a sensitive nature and never discuss in public the issues discussed during closed sessions.
- d) Respect, listen to and communicate with fellow Board members and the Village Administrator.
- e) Acknowledge that the authority over Village policies or operations resides in the Village Board and not with individual Trustees.
- f) Make a committed effort to continuing education and to be well informed about issues and trends that could affect the Village, as well as Open Meeting Laws.
- g) Represent all the people of the community while avoiding partisanship based upon special interests.
- h) Keep the best interests of the Village in mind by considering himself/herself a “Trustee” of the Village and do his/her best to ensure that the Village is well maintained, financially secure, growing, and always operating in the best interests of those the Village serves.
- i) Be available and responsive to residents by interpreting the needs of citizens to the Village and by interpreting the actions of the Village to citizens without favor of any particular geographic area or interest group.
- j) Make decisions involving the welfare of the community based upon study and evidence, recognizing that personal feelings and other such factors are not conducive to sound decision-making; and always remember that respecting the opinions of fellow Board members is vital. When outside of Board meetings Board members shall avoid making individual pronouncements and public conjectures about Village matters not yet decided by the Board.
- k) Not promise in advance of a meeting how they will vote on any issue, reserving judgment until all the facts have been presented.
- l) Accept the principal of Board unity by supporting the majority decisions of the Board.
- m) Not engage in “self-dealing” or interfere in the conduct of any private business for personal services between any Board member and the organization, except as procedurally controlled to assure openness, competitive opportunity and equal access to “inside” information.

- n) Recuse himself/herself from discussing or voting on an issue about which they have a conflict of interest.
- o) Not use his/her position to obtain employment for him/her, for family members or for close associates. (Should a member desire employment by the Village, they must first resign.)
- p) Respect the Board’s commitment to work with the Village Administrator by:
 - 1) Requesting desired information about programs directly from the Village Administrator;
 - 2) Referring to the Village Administrator’s suggestions for new policies;
 - 3) Seeking the Village Administrator’s professional advice;
 - 4) Refraining from acting on any complaint until the Village Administrator has had an opportunity to investigate it fully and report to the Board; and,
 - 5) Supporting Board-approved actions of the Village Administrator and staff.
- q) Understand and respect the separation of Board responsibilities and functions from those of the Village Administrator and staff. The Board’s responsibility is to ensure that the Village is well managed—not to manage the Village.

21. Electronic Participation in Meetings.

The chair of each committee and the Village Board President may authorize committee members and trustees to participate in meetings electronically. Any members connecting electronically need to be visible and available to speak at all times during such meetings. The chair of each committee may decide whether the meeting will be held electronically or in-person, and such decision will be made clear to the public on the agendas of the meetings. Electronic participants must follow the guidelines below:

- a) All participating members can simultaneously hear and see each other during the meeting at all times during the meeting;
- b) All communication during the meeting is immediately transmitted to each participating member, and each participating member is able to immediately communicate to all other participating members; and,
- c) All requirements of the Open Meetings Law are met.

A member participating in a meeting by any means pursuant to this Section shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

22. Expenses

“Committee/Commission/Board meeting” means the convening of a quorum of the members of a Committee, Commission or Board for the purpose of exercising the responsibilities, authority, power or duties delegated to or vested in the Board, Committee or Commission. The Village President and the Trustees shall be compensated for their attendance at meetings per the Ordinance adopted in the fall of the year preceding a Spring election of officers. For any member who does not wish to accept compensation, annually a waiver shall be filed with the Finance Director indicating their intentions to waive said compensation.

23. Electronic Delivery of Information

Board, Committee and Commission members that are part of Standing Committees shall have Agendas, Packets, and Meeting Materials delivered electronically. The Village Board shall annually authorize a sum of monies through its budget to fulfill “at home” printing of materials by Board, Committee and Commission members. These costs shall not exceed the cost of materials.

