

President Wetherbee called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 P.M.

**Roll Call:**

Council Members Present: Stoffel, Cook, Gale, Gremel, Harper, Myers and President Wetherbee

Absent Members:

Staff Present: Clerk- Joni Scott, Treasurer- Merilee Scripps, Harbor Master- Susan Holtz and Community Liaison- Cynthia Edmondson

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Trustee Gale Moved, Supported by Trustee Myers to approve the August 1, 2019 meeting minutes as clarified. Motion Carried.

Trustee Gale Moved, Supported by Trustee Cook to approve the August 27, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

**Approval of Agenda (amendments/additions):**

None

**Correspondence:**

Pam Steffens- regarding the motion in the August 1, 2019 meeting minutes.

Christine Verdon- regarding the speaker Don Bailey.

**Public Comment:**

**Ron Schobel, Ransom Street-** Commented about the meeting place being moved. .

**Anne Harper, Fourth Street-** commented about the Fourth Street road end and asked the council to consider returning the street back to a natural state.

**Pam Steffens, Fourth Street-** commented about the Fourth Street road end and the high water erosion.

**Campbell McLeod, High Street-** commented about selling village property.

**Chris Verdon, Mill Street-** commented about the need to hear a proponent for marijuana.

**John Heitler, Bay Street-** asked the Council to consider lowering the speed limit on Bay Street to 15 mph.

**Don Bailey:**

Speaker Don Bailey an advocate against marijuana spoke to the Council and public regarding issues with allowing marijuana dispensaries. questions and comments were heard from; Tom Omeke, Tysen Haverberg, Ron Schobel, Will Harper, Campbell McLeod, Anne Harper, Ron Mallek, Kevin Murphy and Barb Conley.

**Reports:**

A. **Liaison-** Cynthia Edmondson provided the Council with a written report,

Highlights Include:

1. Grass is scheduled to be planted at south beach
2. Discussed Bay Street property with owners in regards to selling the property for a parking lot. After talking with property owner they are not interested.
3. Continued discussions with Legendary Lion

B. **Clerk** – Clerk Scott reviewed her written report with the Council.

Budget Amendments:

Scott provided current Budget amendments for approval.

Trustee Stoffel Moved, Supported by Trustee Harper to approve the current budget amendments as presented. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (7) Nays (0) Motion Carried.

Office Parking Lot Sealing:

Clerk Scott provided an estimate from Great Lakes Sealing and Striping.

Trustee Gale Moved, Supported by Trustee Gremel to approve the \$1,681.20 expense to have the office parking lot sealed and painted. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (7) Nays (0)

Motion Carried.

C. **Treasurer** – A Treasurers report with Financials for the month of August was presented.

D. **DPW**- Superintendant Chris Holton provided a written report.

Highlights of his report included:

1. Continues Mapping, inspecting and cleaning water valves.
2. Continues work on shoreline erosion
3. South Beach playground upgrades

D. **Employee Relations** – None

E. **Finance**- Minutes from the August 14, 2019 Finance Committee meeting were provided.

F. **Infrastructure**- Minutes from the August 21, 2019 Infrastructure meeting were provided.

G. **Waterfront**- Harbor Master Susan Holtz provided a written report to the Council.

Highlights included discussions about:

1. Pending Electrical audit
2. The need for a designated golf cart parking area in the parks
3. The committee had a discussion about security and the need for security cameras.

Minutes from the August 20, 2019 Waterfront Committee meeting were provided.

\*Trustee Gremel provided a correspondence from John and Deb Richter thanking the Harbor Master and staff for a great season.

H. **Planning Commission**: Highlights from the last Planning Commission meeting on August 21, 2019 meeting included;

1. Capital Improvement planning is underway for the upcoming budget 2020/2021
2. Options for 7<sup>th</sup> Street DPW, review of quit claim release
3. Off Street parking requirements in the core business district.

Zoning Administrator Bill Fuller provided a written monthly report for review.

## **Ongoing Business:**

A. **SAW Grant**: The Village DPW will be working with Monchilov Sewer Services, LLC during the process of cleaning and inspection of the Village storm water drain systems.

## **Discussion Items:**

### A. Levy Property:

President Wetherbee reported that Mr. Levy is willing to pay for an appraisal for the property that his family currently has a life lease on. The property is located on Morningside Drive and is part of the acquired Sewer Treatment Plant property. Mr. Levy is interested in purchasing the property from the Village. The Council agreed to the appraisal and will provide a list of two village recommended appraisers.

### B. Web Page

Liaison Edmondson provided a quote from Legendary Lion in the amount of \$4,500 to create a website for the Village of Northport. The Council had many questions over the security of the website.

Trustee Myers Moved, Supported by Trustee Cook to authorize Stage 1 of the website design.  
Roll Call Vote: Yeas (7) Nays (0) Motion Carried.

### C. Park Street and Bay Street Speed limits:

The Council agreed to the request from Mr. Heitler on Bay Street to lower the speed limit to 15 mph.

Trustee Cook Moved, Supported by Trustee Gremel to set the speed limit on Bay Street to Fifth Street to 15 mph. Motion Carried.

The Council also discussed the speed limit on Park Street which was lowered in July to 5 mph and made into a one way street.

D. Medical Marijuana options:

The Council had a lengthy discussion about medical marijuana dispensaries. A sample ordinance from the City of Cadillac to allow Medical Marijuana facilities was provided to the Council.

E. Hansen land division request:

Zoning Administrator Bill Fuller provided the land division request from Mr and Mrs. Peter Hansen for their property located on Mill Street.

Trustee Harper Moved, Supported by Trustee Myers to approve the Land division as stated for parcel #042-234-004-001. Motion Carried.

**Action Items:**

A. **Water Ordinance 94-2006 amendments:**

Trustee Stoffel **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Harper to adopt the resolution amending the Water Ordinance 94-2006 as presented.

**Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (7) Nays (0). **Motion Carried.** Resolution Declared Adopted.

B. **Approval of Oscar Larson Quote:**

Trustee Stoffel **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Cook to approve the \$8,486 quote from Oscar Larson to replace the fuel pump box replacement. **Motion Carried.**

**Payment of Bills:**

Trustee Gale **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Harper to approve payment of the bills when funds become available in the amount of \$200,278.57

**Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (7) Nays (0) Absent (0) **Motion Carried**

**Public Comments:**

**John Heitler, Bay Street-** made a comment about the website and security with it.

**Campbell McLeod, High Street-** commented about the marina lights and the need for them do comply with the Dark Sky.

**Tom Omeke,-** commented about the sewer project and services in the village and township.

**Council Comments:**

Clerk Scott mentioned that she hadn't heard from the Village attorney regarding Mia Powers property.

Trustee Gale reported that the Village attorney had also missed a deadline for the Planning Commission.

Trustee Harper said he would contact Mr. Hammersley.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 9:20 pm

Several Citizens attended.

**Joni I. Scott, Village of Northport  
Clerk**



