

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, Superintendent- Chris Holton, Harbor Master- Susan Holtz

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the March 7, 2019 regular meeting were approved with typo corrections.

The minutes of the March 5, 2019 special meeting were approved as presented.

Approval of Agenda (amendments/additions):

President Wetherbee asked to add 6.5- Veterans Memorial Committee update and Discussion Item F. Electronic Communications Policy added to the agenda. The Council agreed to the additions

Correspondence:

Patty Koch- email to Trustee regarding Violation notice for open foundation. The Planning Commission will follow-up on the process and the complaint.

Public Comment:

Laura Cavendish, Lord and Lady Construction- told the Council that the asbestos removal will begin at the Soggy Dollar Building next week and that there has been no date set for the demolition of the structure yet.

Campbell McLeod, High Street- made comments about the MDA and marina reservation system.

Chris McCann, Main Street- made comments about the golf course and the trail system.

The Bolt 2019:

Sawyer Scott gave a brief presentation on the Bay to Braman Bolt last year. Trustee Harper made some suggestions about the date and the course and offered to meet with the committee. The Council will continue the discussion at the next regular meeting.

Veterans Memorial Committee:

President Wetherbee announced that Trustees; Myers, Stoffel and Cook have volunteered to serve on the committee.

Reports:

- A. **Clerk** – Clerk Scott briefly reviewed her report.
- B. **Treasurer** – A Treasurers report with Financials for the month of March was presented.
- C. **DPW-** Superintendant Chris Holton provided a written report.
 - Highlights of his report included:
 - 1. Sweeping will begin at the end of April or beginning of May
 - 2. Quote to install natural gas to the 8th Street DPW came in at \$1,800
 - 3. PFAS testing has been completed on well #2
- E. **Employee Relations** – None
- F. **Finance-** March 13, 2019 committee meeting minutes were provided. Clerk Scott reviewed the results of the Bendzinski sewer bond retirement review for the MDA.
- G. **Infrastructure-** None
- H. **Waterfront-** Harbor Master Susan Holtz provided a written report to the Council. Holtz recommended the purchase of eight trash/recycle receptacles for the marina park at a cost of \$6,033.27
- I. **Planning Commission:** The next regular Planning Commission meeting will be held on April 16, 2019. Zoning Administrator Bill Fuller provided a report of his activities in March. Highlights from the last Planning Commission meeting include:
 - 1. Appointment of Doreen Tyrrell to the Village Infrastructure Committee
 - 2. Zoning Articles 1, 2 and most of 3 were re-reviewed
 - 3. Update from Lord and Lady Construction on the 115 Waukazoo Building

Ongoing Business:

- J. TAP Grant:** The TAP grant project is now scheduled to begin in the spring of 2020 pending funding approval. The scope of work will be on Waukazoo Street.
- K. SAW Grant:** The Village of Northport has been awarded a SAW grant in the amount of \$147,112. The Village's commitment to the grant will be \$15,088. The scope of the project includes survey of the existing storm water system, mapping, inspections and televising of approximately 7,500 feet of storm sewer. The information gathered will be inputted into GIS. This project is underway.

Discussion Items:

A. Restore ability to change agenda during the week preceding meeting:

President Wetherbee made an executive decision to allow for items to be added to the agenda leading up to the meeting. The Council agreed that a draft agenda should be sent out the weekend prior to the regular Council meetings with an option for changes leading up to two day before the meeting date.

B. Northport Energy Initiative:

The Council had a brief discussion about green energy.

C. Invitation to joint meeting with Township:

President Wetherbee informed the Council that Ron Schobel suggested a joint meeting with the Township to discuss the marijuana options.

D. Change of fence height allowance:

Trustee Stoffel would like to see the 7' height requirement for a fence amended to 8'. This is a Zoning Ordinance requirement which the Planning Commission is currently reviewing.

E. Resolution to permit golf carts in Haserot Park:

Trustee Harper suggested that use of golf carts in Haserot Park and for the signs for "no golf carts" be taken down. This discussion will be an action item at the next regular meeting in May.

F. Electronic Communications Policy:

Trustee Harper agreed to draft a new Electronic Communications Policy for the Council.

Action Items:

A. Resolution to form a Parks and Trails Committee:

Trustee Gale Moved, Supported by Trustee Gremel to adopt the resolution to create a Parks and Trails Committee. Discussion: included that the Waterfront Committee would continue to be responsible for all the parks on the waterfront.

WHEREAS, the Northport Village Council recognizes recent increase use of its public lands for parks, trail and other recreational purposes and,

WHEREAS, the Northport Village Council wishes to be a proactive supporter of such use,

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the Northport Village Council hereby establishes a three member Parks and Trails Committee which, appointed by the Village President, will meet monthly and will report its activity to the Northport Village Council at regularly scheduled meetings.

Motion Approved. Resolution Declared Adopted.

President Wetherbee appointed Trustees; Harper, Myers and Stoffel to the Committee. The Council also agreed that Chris McCann should also be included in all the meetings.

B. Recycle/Trash receptacles for the Marina Park:

Trustee Cook Moved, Supported by Trustee Myers to approve the purchase of eight recycle/trash receptacles at the cost of \$6,033.27.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas (7) Nays (0) Motion Approved.

Payment of Bills:

Trustee Stoffel **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Harper to approve payment of the bills when funds become available in the amount of \$652,581.57

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

Public Comments:

Yvonne Nordstrand- made comments about job titles and the salaries that go with them.

Doreen Tyrell- Thanked the Council for completing 2 of the suggestions that the Planning Commission made at the joint meeting back in February.

Campbell McLeod- made comments about recycling and procurement.

Chris McCann- made comments about the Stubbs/Soggy Dollar Building.

Council Comments:

None

Adjournment:

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 8:45 pm

Several Citizens attended.

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

