

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, DPW Superintendent- Chris Holton and Harbor Master- Susan Holtz and Community Liaison- Cynthia Edmondson

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the July 11, 2019 regular meeting were approved as submitted with a typo.

Approval of Agenda (amendments/additions):

Trustee Stoffel Moved, Supported by Trustee Cook to make the Marijuana Opt in/out an action item only. Roll Call Vote Yeas (7) Nays (0) Motion Carried.

Correspondence:

Jerry Siestema- against the marijuana opt-in

Public Comment:

Teresa Sledder, Third Street- asked the Council to table the marijuana ordinance adoption.

John Heitler, Bay Street- Thanked the Village for moving the fence and requested that the speed limit be lowered to 15 mph between Main Street and Nagonaba Street.

Reports:

- A. **Liaison-** Cynthia Edmondson reported;
 1. The 100 chairs for rental are available at the visitor's center
 2. Completion of the Dog Parade Permit
 3. She is working with Legendary Lion to get a quote for a website
 4. The Leelanau Township is interested in a spring trash pickup in 2020
- B. **Clerk** – Clerk Scott briefly reviewed her report.
- C. **Treasurer** – A Treasurers report with Financials for the month of July was presented.
- D. **DPW-** Superintendant Chris Holton provided a written report.

Highlights of his report included:

 1. Searching for a new pickup truck
 2. Completion of a new sidewalk at the Haserot Park restrooms
 3. Maintenance on the Trails
- D. **Employee Relations** – None
- E. **Finance-** Minutes from the July 10, 2019 Finance Committee meeting was provided.
- F. **Infrastructure-** Minutes from the July 17, 2019 Infrastructure meeting was provided.
- G. **Waterfront-** Harbor Master Susan Holtz provided a written report to the Council. Minutes from the July 16, 2019 Waterfront Committee meeting were provided.
- H. **Planning Commission:** Highlights from the last Planning Commission meeting on July 17, 2019 meeting included;
 1. Zoning Administrator Bill Fuller has offered to attend Village Council meetings.
 2. Options for 7th Street DPW site
 3. Articles 7 through 11B of the Zoning Ordinance reviewed.
- I. **Parks and Trails-** Mike Stoffel reported that the Parks Committee is working on a trail map brochure.

Ongoing Business:

- A. **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. Noise issue:

President Wetherbee reported that the ad-hoc committee reviewed several noise ordinances and determined that there was no perfect solution. Wetherbee tabled the conversation stating that it would be difficult to formulate at this time.

B. Beach Grass:

Liaison Edmondson and Clerk Scott reported that the village could purchase a native grass for less than \$200 to be planted at the south beach area to detour geese from accessing the park. The Council agreed by consensus.

C. Village Parking Regulations:

The Council had a lengthy discussion about parking regulations in the business district. All Council members agreed that there shouldn't be a parking requirement in the business district, and that we should keep the community walkable and friendly to small businesses. Trustee Harper suggested that maybe a parking requirement should be considered for larger businesses of a certain size.

Action Items:

A. Marijuana Opt- in/out:

President Wetherbee opened the floor to public comments. Comments were heard from; Barb Conley, Aland Dalzel, Dick Lang, Ray Kellogg, Joe Ruebel, Gerald Schatz, Teresa Sleder, Rich Isphorig, Mary Krueger, Ernie Barry, Campbell McLeod, John Heitler and Ron Schobel who also submitted a letter for the record.

Trustee Cook **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Stoffel to Opt-out of the marijuana issues.

Comments were heard from all trustees and the discussion ensued.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas (4) President Wetherbee and Trustees Cook, Stoffel, Gale. Nays (3) Trustees Harper, Myers and Gremel. **Motion Carried.**

Payment of Bills:

Trustee Myers **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Harper to approve payment of the bills when funds become available in the amount of \$169,773.31

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

Public Comments:

Teresa Sleder, Third Street- Thanked the Council for making a hard decision. Sleder also thanked the kids for cleaning up the goose poop.

Yvonne Nordstrand, Sixth Street- asked the Council to direct thir comments to the public.

Mike Djuanawicz, Shabwasung Street- commented about marijuana.

Campbell McLeod, High Street- commented about the number of bars in the Village.

Gerald Schatz, Mill Street- commented that the meeting was a great evening for democracy and that everyone was civil.

Council Comments:

Trustee Cook asked for all Council members to respect each other's opinions and comments.

Trustee Myers would like to see more information gathered on dispensaries so that the Council could reconsider in the future.

Trustee Gale commented on the implications of opting in at this time and the need to gather more information.

Adjournment:

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 8:58 pm

Several Citizens attended.

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

