

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

Wetherbee welcomed the new Trustees to the Council.

Roll Call:

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

Absent Members: None

Staff Present: Clerk- Joni Scott, Administrator- Barb Von Voigtlander

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the November 1, 2018 regular meeting were approved as amended.

(Wrong meeting date stated for planning commission)

Approval of Agenda (amendments/additions):

Trustee Harper Moved, Supported by Trustee Stoffel to move the Harbor Master contract to a discussion item rather than and action item. **Discussion ensued.**

Roll Call Vote: Yeas (6) Nays (0) Motion Approved.

Discussion of the RFQ and RFP for the Village attorney and auditing firm was added to the agenda by consensus of the Council.

Discussion of the TAP Grant was agreed by consensus to add to the agenda.

Appointment of a Planning Commission representative was added as an action item to the agenda by consensus of the Council.

Correspondence:

Carrie Wadas- Thank you letter for the Halloween event put on by the Village Council.

Ron Schobel- Letter regarding opposition to the recreational use of marijuana.

David Summers- Letter of support for the Mill Pond and not removing the dam.

Richard Deering- appointment to vacant seats on the Council.

Public Comment:

Gerald Schatz, Mill Street- Conflict of interest policy

Ron Schobel, Ransom Street- opposed to the Marijuana recreational use

Arnie Lande, North Shore Drive-supported Ron Schobel's comments on the recreational use of marijuana.

Reports:

- A. **Clerk** – Clerk Scott briefly reviewed her report. The Clerk's report was accepted as presented.
- B. **Treasurer** – None
- C. **Village Administrator** – Von Voigtlander provided a written report of her daily activities.
- D. **DPW**- None
- E. **Employee Relations** – None
- F. **Finance**- None
- G. **Infrastructure**- None
- H. **Waterfront**-None
- I. **Planning Commission:** The next regular Planning Commission meeting will be held on December 18, 2018. Highlights from the November 20, 2018 meeting included;
 - 1. Recommendation to reappoint Jane Gale to the Planning Commission.
 - 2. Zoning Administrator, Bill Fuller submitted a report for October.

The Council agreed to a joint meeting with the Planning Commission to be held on February 19, 2018 at the Northport Creek Golf Course.

Ongoing Business:

J. TAP Grant: The TAP grant project is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2019 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 will now begin in the spring of 2019.

Discussion Items:

A. Dark Sky Lighting Resolution

The Council was provided a resolution in support of dark sky lighting. The resolution will be an action item at the next regular meeting.

B. Vacancy on Village Council:

President Wetherbee asked the trustees to recommend names to fill the vacancy up to December 20, 2018. Each candidate will be asked to provide a short bio and interest in the position. The candidates will be selected at the next village council meeting by the most preferential votes.

C. Marijuana Opt Out Ordinance:

A draft ordinance was provided to the village council for review. The ordinance will be brought as an action item at the next regular council meeting in January.

D. Reschedule January meeting until the 10th:

The Council agreed by consensus to reschedule the January meeting for the 10th.

E. Harbor Master Contract:

A Waterfront Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday December 11, 2018 at 3:45 to discuss the Harbor Masters contract.

Action Items:

A. Appointment of President Pro Tempore:

Trustee Stoffel **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Cook to appoint Will Harper as President Pro Tempore.
Roll Call Vote: Yeas (6) Nays (0) **Motion Carried.**

B. Appointment of ZBA Chair:

President Wetherbee **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Cook to appoint Jane Gale as Zoning Board of Appeals Chair. **Motion Carried.**

C. Appointment of Planning Commission member (Council Rep.):

Trustee Cook **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Gremel to appoint Jane Gale as the Council representative to the Planning Commission.
Roll Call Vote: Yeas (6) Nays (0) **Motion Carried.**

D. Resolution concerning Vincer West/Reach housing:

Trustee Gale Moved, **Supported by** Trustee Harper, that the Village of Northport denies the request made by the developer's representative of the Vincer West by Leelanau REACH Project to co-sign the permit application for the construction of a community septic system as defined under Part 41, Sewerage Systems of NREPA, PA 451 of 1994, proposed for that development. For clarification, the Village of Northport is supportive of the project to provide affordable housing for the village. The reason for declining to co-sign the application is that it is the Village's intention not to assume any liability for the operations and maintenance of the system in the future. The project would still be subject to all the customary approvals and permits required by the Village for the project.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas (6) Nays (0) **Motion Carried.**

E. Adoption of Rules of Procedure:

Trustee Gale Moved, **Supported by** Trustee Gremel to approve the Rules of Procedure. **Motion Carried.**

F. Harbor Master Hourly Pay raise

Trustee Harper Moved, **Supported by** Trustee Gale to approve a \$22 an hour pay for Susan Holtz, to be prorated back for the last two weeks worked.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas (6) Nays (0) **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 \$36,535.08

Roll Call Vote: Yeas (6) Nays (0) Absent (0) **Motion Carried**

Public Comments:

Ron Schobel- made comments about marijuana and the new laws

Yvonne Nordstrand- requested names and emails for all council members.

Bill Collins- congratulated the new council members.

Council Comments:

Trustee Stoffel- made comments about the NLTUA, and confidential conversations with public officials.

Trustee Cook- made comments about the publication of the harbor master position and confidential conversations with public officials.

Trustee Gale- commented on the Redevelopment Ready Communities status.

Administrator Von Voigtlander- commented on the waterfront committee and the Harbor Master job description.

Adjournment:

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 8:22 pm

Several Citizens attended.

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

