

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 June 6, 2019 regular meeting were approved as submitted

The minutes of the June 13, 2019 special meeting were approved as submitted

The minutes of the June 13, 2019 ZBA meeting were approved as submitted

The minutes of the June 24, 2019 special meeting were approved as submitted

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

No additions were made.

### **Correspondence:**

None

### **Public Comment:**

**Campbell McLeod, High Street-** commented about the NLTUA and an article in the paper concerning B dock at the marina.

**Dewane, Third Street-** Thanked the DPW for getting gravel at the end of their street quickly. Dewane also commented about the goose poop on the boat ramp.

**Bob Newell, Shabwasung Street-** made comments about the village not having a noise ordinance. Newell offered to meet with a committee to review examples of ordinances that the village could consider.

President Wetherbee created an ad-hoc committee with the following members; Stoffel, Wetherbee and Cook.

### **Reports:**

- A. **Clerk** – Clerk Scott briefly reviewed her report.
- B. **Community Liaison-** Cindy Edmondson proposed the purchase of 100 chairs to rent out with the pavilion for weddings. The cost is \$1,891 and the rental fee would be \$3 per chair.  
\*Trustee Gale Moved, Supported by Trustee Gremel to purchase the chairs at the cost of \$1,891. **Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (7) Nays (0) **Motion Carried.**
- C. **Treasurer** – A Treasurers report with Financials for the month of June was presented.
- D. **DPW-** Superintendant Chris Holton provided a written report.  
Highlights of his report included:
  1. Second quarterly PFAS testing completed, waiting for results.
  2. Relocation of the fence on Bay Street was completed.
  3. Scheduling to have the “bump” on Shabwasung Street repaved
- D. **Employee Relations** – None
- E. **Finance-** Minutes from the June 12, 2019 Finance Committee meeting were provided. Chair Gale reported that the committee is looking into scheduling a house hold waste pickup for 2020 possibly in coordination with the Township.
- F. **Infrastructure-** Minutes from the June 19, 2019 Infrastructure meeting were provided. Chair, Cook reported that the committee is working on amendment for the water ordinance. Cook also said that the committee is considering a new engineer for upcoming projects.
- G. **Waterfront-** Harbor Master Susan Holtz provided a written report to the Council. Minutes from the June 18, 2019 Waterfront Committee meeting were provided. President Wetherbee reported on the electricity at the marina explaining that Northport is checking and measuring if any, gradient levels in the water.
- H. **Planning Commission:** Highlights from the last Planning Commission meeting on June 12, 2019 include;

1. Article 5, Parking was tabled to allow more time to address concerns raised by the Zoning Board of Appeals.
  2. Article 6 Signs was tabled until a legal opinion on whether signage should remain in the village zoning ordinance.
  3. Update from Around the Corner Food Truck project.
- I. Parks and Trails-** Mike Stoffel recommended 3-5 buckets of the solution to remove sediment in the pond. Stoffel also reported that the park picnic tables were in need of repair and that the village should consider purchasing new one.

## **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. Park Drive issue:**

The Village Council reviewed a letter from Krista Phillip, MDOT Traffic and Safety Engineer. Ms. Phillips provided two options for the village in regards to Park Drive.

Trustee Cook Moved, Supported by Trustee Gale to make Park Drive from Nagonaba Street to Third Street a one-way road with a speed limit of 5 mph.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas (6) Nays (0) Abstained (1) Trustee Harper Motion Carried.

### **B. Village Parking Regulations:**

President Wetherbee noted that each Council member will be asked about their thoughts on parking regulations in the Village at the next regular meeting in August.

### **C. MDA :**

Trustee Harper is concerned with his name being attached with the Metropolitan District Authority (MDA) might create a conflict and would like for it to be successful.

### **D. Dates of RRC webinars:**

Trustee Gale reported that there will be Redevelopment Ready Community webinars held on July 17, August 19 and September 12.

### **E. Fourth of July Fireworks:**

The Council agreed that the show was awesome! Hugh Cook reported that 1,558 shells were ignited for the show and that there were no reports of any issues/damage.

## **Action Items:**

### **A. Electronic Communications Policy for Non-Elected Village Employees:**

Trustee Harper **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Cook to adopt Resolution to proceed with the Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification. **Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (7) Nays (0) **Motion Carried.**

### **B. Electronic Communications policy for Non-Elected Village employees:**

Trustee Stoffel **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Gremel to approve the Electronic Communications Policy for Non-Elected Village Employees. **Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (7) Nays (0) **Motion Approved.**

C. **Repeal of Ordinances 71 and 116**

Trustee Gale **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Stoffel to repeal ordinances 71 and 116.

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

**Payment of Bills:**

Trustee Gremel **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Gale to approve payment of the bills when funds become available in the amount of \$57,389.52

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

**Public Comments:**

**Bill Collins, Vincer Way-** wanted an update on the Around the Corner Food Truck project.

**Lyndsey Somero, Nagonaba Street-** wanted to know who to ask about a sign permit.

**Council Comments:**

Trustee Stoffel would like to review the Fireworks Ordinance. President Wetherbee asked to have a copy available for discussion at the next regular meeting.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm

Several Citizens attended.

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

