

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the May 2, 2019 regular meeting were approved as submitted

Approval of Agenda (amendments/additions):

The Village President asked to remove Discussion item 10 D. Village Parking Regulations from the agenda. This topic will be discussed at the ZBA meeting on Thursday June 13, 2019.

Correspondence:

Northport.com website- Correspondence regarding the new public site

Northport Cars in the Park:

Darin Irvine thanked the Village and Chris Holton for all their support and help for the event. Irvine asked the Council for approval to hold the event again in 2020. The Council agreed by Consensus.

Senior Project Proposal:

Lindsey Somero presented a mural for the west facing wall on the Ace Hardware building. The Council determined since the mural was art and not a sign, the project wouldn't require a permit. The Council agreed that the mural project would be a nice asset to the village.

Redevelopment Ready Community Best Practices Baseline Report (Prablo Majano):

The Council listened to Mr. Majano present a PowerPoint presentation of the RRC Baseline Report. The Council will consider moving forward with the program at the next regular meeting in July.

Public Comment:

Alan Dalzell, West Bay Shore Dr- asked the Council to waive the parking requirements for the 115 Waukazoo project.

Ron Schobel, Ransom Street- spoke in favor of adopting the Opt-Out Marijuana Ordinance.

Campbell McLeod, High Street- commented about the 5 NLTUA board members, was in favor of moving the fence on Bay Street, and supported not Opting-out of the Marijuana ordinance.

John Sanders, Northport- supported not Opting-out of the Marijuana ordinance.

Doreen Tyrell, Main Street- not in favor of moving the fence at South Beach, suggested that the issues with the fence should be brought back to the Planning Commission. Tyrell also mentioned that speeding was an issue on Bay Street.

Barb Holcomb, Mill Street- commented that she was not in favor of moving the fence at South Beach.

Skip and Diane Siestima, Bay Street- commented that they were not in favor of moving the fence at South Beach and was in favor of the adopting the Opt-Out Marijuana Ordinance.

Laura Cavendish, Plum Lane- gave an update on the demo of the former Soggy Dollar building.

John Heitler, Bay Street- suggested putting up no parking signs instead of moving the fence on Bay Street.

Reports:

- A. **Clerk** – Clerk Scott briefly reviewed her report.
- B. **Treasurer** – A Treasurers report with Financials for the month of May was presented.
- C. **DPW-** Superintendant Chris Holton provided a written report.
Highlights of his report included:
 1. New ramps installed at the marina shoppers docks
 2. Roof completed on Fuel Depot building
 3. Visit from DEQ representative Jamie Wade, review of water system
- D. **Employee Relations** – None

- E. **Finance-** Minutes from the May 8, 2019 Finance Committee meeting was provided.
- F. **Infrastructure-** Minutes from the May 15, 2019 Infrastructure meeting was provided.
- G. **Waterfront-** Harbor Master Susan Holtz provided a written report to the Council. Minutes from the May 21, 2019 Waterfront Committee meeting were accepted as presented.
- H. **Planning Commission:** The next regular Planning Commission meeting will be held on June 19, 2019. Highlights from the last Planning Commission meeting include;
 - 1. Approval of Site Plan for Around the Corner Food Truck
- I. **Community Liaison Search Committee:** Minutes from the Ad-Hoc Search Committee dates May 31 and June 6, 2019 were accepted as presented. Trustee Gale noted that the Committee had completed the interviews and unanimously recommended the hire of Cindy Edmondson for the CL position. The Council agreed to hold a special meeting on June 13, 2019 at 3 pm.
- J. **Parks and Trails-** Mike Stoffel provided minutes from the last committee meeting. Highlights include; discussions about how to make the golf course more family oriented, improve the Mill Pond area and increase parking at the marina.

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. Mia Powers Sewer Assessments:

Clerk Scott provided the Council with a copy of Mia Powers tax bills and a deed for lots 13, and 14 which states that no building could be constructed on the property. The Council agreed to send the information on to legal.

B. MDA Update:

Trustee Harper reported that the MDA Board discussed costs for the special election and that the Township has agreed to split the cost 50/50.

Trustee Harper Moved, Supported by Trustee Stoffel to approve a 50/50 split of the Ballot up to \$10k. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (7) Nays (0) Motion Carried.

C. Recreational Marijuana Opt- Out:

The Council had a lengthy discussion about recreational marijuana. Trustee Harper is in favor of not opting out, stating that there is no rush. Trustee Stoffel is in favor of Opt-Out ordinance and feels that crime would increase in the village. Trustee Gale noted that there are webinars that MSU provides regarding recreational marijuana and suggested that the Council could purchase one.

The Village Council will continue this topic as a discussion item at the next regular meeting in July.

D. Suggested relocation of South Beach fence (with possible action):

The Council and Public had an open discussion about the fence at the South Beach Park.

Trustee Harper Moved, Supported by Trustee Cook to move the 6' back into the park as soon as possible. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (7) Nays (0) Motion Carried.

E. Electronic Communications Policy for Non Elected Village Employees:

Trustee Harper provided a draft electronic communications policy for non elected village employees to the Council for a first review.

F. Definition of C.L. position and repeal of ordinances 71 and 116:

President Wetherbee explained that Ordinances 71 and 116 will need to be repealed because they both deal with a Village Administrator position. This will be an action item at the next regular meeting in July.

Action Items:

A. **Village Auditor, Village Attorney:**

Trustee Gale **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Gremel to continue to retain Dennis, Gartland and Niergarth as the Village auditors. **Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (5) Nays (2) Trustees Harper and Stoffel. **Motion Carried.**

Trustee Harper **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Gale to retain Ross Hammersley from Olson, Bzdok & Howard. **Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (7) Nays (0). **Motion Carried.**

B. **Electronic Communications policy for Council members:**

Trustee Harper **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Myers to approve the Electronic Communications Policy for Council members. **Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (7) Nays (0) **Motion Approved.**

Payment of Bills:

Trustee Gremel **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Harper to approve payment of the bills when funds become available in the amount of \$76,332.04

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

Public Comments:

Campbell McLeod- suggested talking to other small communities in Colorado about recreational marijuana.
Yvonne Nordstrand- thanked the Village President for opening up the discussion to the public over the fence at Bay Street.

Council Comments:

Trustee Harper thanked the President for a “well run meeting”. Harper also made comments about the Village Zoning Administrator not being very helpful.

Trustee Gale thanked the staff for all the extra work they have been doing in lieu of the Administrator.

Trustee Gale Moved, Supported by Trustee Gremel to name the new Fuel Depot after Thomas Botz, DPW. Motion Carried.

Adjournment:

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 9:05 pm

Several Citizens attended.

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

