

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 February 7, 2019 regular meeting were approved as corrected.

The minutes of the February 1, 2019 special meeting were approved as presented.

*The Council requested a copy of the letter of termination sent to the Administrator

Approval of Agenda (amendments/additions):

None

Correspondence:

Patty Noftz- 2018 Visitors Center expenses report. The Council agreed by consensus to pay the \$236.47 visitors expenses.

Public Comment:

John Mitchell- gave a Veterans Memorial update and asked for a Trustee to be assigned to his committee.

Doreen Tyrell- made comments about the MDA, feels that the Council is rushing.

Reports:

- A. **Clerk** – Clerk Scott briefly reviewed her report. The Clerk’s report was accepted as presented.
- B. **Treasurer** – A Treasurers report with Financials for the month of February was presented.
- C. **Village Administrator** – None
- D. **DPW**- Superintendant Chris Holton provided a written report.
Highlights of his report included:
 - 1. Discontinuing the “run water” request
 - 2. Service to the 3rd Street DPW Boiler back on after 24 days without.
 - 3. PFAS testing cost estimate from Paragon Laboratories in the amount of \$3,725
*Trustee Cook Moved, Supported by Trustee Gale to approve the cost estimate of \$3,725 from Paragon Laboratories.
Roll Call Vote: Yeas (7) Nays (0) Motion
 - 4. DEQ approval of CIP for the Water operations.
 - 5. Report of ice damage at the marina
- E. **Employee Relations** – None
- F. **Finance**- None
- G. **Infrastructure**- Infrastructure Chair Cook provided minutes from the February 20, 2019 regular meeting. Cook noted that the Infrastructure Committee would like to raise the callout fee for water turn offs. Clerk Scott said that she had some suggestions for amendments to the Water ordinance and would be happy to meet with the committee.

Cook also asked the president to consider appointing a Planning Commission representative to the Infrastructure Committee. The President agreed to the appointment of Planning Commission member Doreen Tyrell.

- H. **Waterfront**- Harbor Master Susan Holtz provided a written report to the Council. Holtz also reported that she has collected 90% of the seasonal slip fees for 2019.

Trustee Stoffel reported on a New Tech Bio product that could be used to remove solids within the pond. Stoffel explained that the product could be used in lieu of a dredging project.

- I. **Planning Commission:** The next regular Planning Commission meeting will be held on March 19, 2019. Minutes from the joint meeting in February were provided.

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. Village Administrator Search Committee:

President Wetherbee recommended Trustee Gremel, Trustee Gale and Will Harper to the Ad-Hoc Committee. Trustee Harper suggested Trustee Myers instead of himself. Trustee Myers agreed to the appointment.

- B. Extension of RFP and RFQ deadline:

The Council agreed to run the ads in the Record Eagle for one week with an April 15, 2019 deadline. Clerk Scott was asked to run the ad.

- C. Recognition of Barb Von Voigtlander's Service:

President Wetherbee would like to have a plaque made for Barb Von Voigtlander for all her services. Wetherbee will contact Trophy Trolley to have one made.

- D. Township Marijuana Ordinance:

The Council had a brief conversation about the Marijuana ordinance. Some trustees would like to see if the Township ordinance is the same as what the village is looking at.

- E. Joint Village/Township Meeting on 3/5/2019

The Council discussed the joint meeting to form a MDA Metropolitan District Authority and the next steps. Clerk Scott noted that the Finance Committee will be reviewing the debt retirement at their next regular meeting.

Action Items:

- A. **Resolution to Proceed with RRC Certification:**

The Council agreed to wait on adopting the Resolution to proceed with the RRC. Trustee Gale would like to have it as a first reading in April and an Action item in May.

- B. **Resolution to Commence Necessary Steps to form a Metropolitan District:**

The Village Council reviewed the MDA Act 312 of 1929. Trustee Harper gave an explanation of the steps and procedure of the Authority.

Trustee Harper Moved, Supported by Trustee Cook to adopt the resolution to commence the necessary steps to form the Metropolitan District. Discussion: ensued.

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

Resolution Declared Adopted.

President Wetherbee nominated Trustee Harper and Trustee Myers to the Metropolitan District Authority. The Council agreed unanimously.

C. NLTUA Representatives to NLTUA:

President Wetherbee nominated Chris Holton to the NLTUA Board as the Village representative.

Trustee Gremel **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Gale to approve the appointment of Chris Holton as the Village Representative to the NLTUA Board. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (4) Gale, Gremel, Myers and Wetherbee Nays (3) Stoffel, Harper and Cook. **Motion Approved.**

President Wetherbee nominated Tim Overdier to the NLTUA as the Joint Village/Township Representative.

Trustee Gale **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Cook to approve the appointment of Tim Overdier as the joint Village and Township Representative to the NLTUA Board. Yeas (7) Nays (0) **Motion Approved.**

President Wetherbee nominated Tom Gremel to the NLTUA as the Village Council Representative.

Trustee Cook **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Harper to approve the appointment of Tom Gremel as the Village Council Representative to the NLTUA Board. Yeas (7) Nays (0) **Motion Approved.**

D. Planning Commission Appointments:

President Wetherbee asked the Council to reappoint Doreen Tyrell, and Chris McCann for a three year term, and Jane Gale for a two year term to the Planning Commission.

Trustee Stoffel **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Harper to approve the reappointment of Doreen Tyrell, and Chris McCann for a three year term, and Jane Gale for a two year term to the Planning Commission. Yeas (7) Nays (0) **Motion Approved.**

Payment of Bills:

Trustee Stoffel **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Myers to approve payment of the bills when funds become available in the amount of \$46,029.17
Roll Call Vote: Yeas (7) Nays (0) Absent (0) **Motion Carried**

Public Comments:

Yvonne Nordstrand- made comments about the snowplowing on her street.

Doreen Tyrell- Thanked the Council for the reappointments to the Planning Commission.

Council Comments:

Trustee Cook- made comments about the lack of communication on the Council. Cook also would like to see only the President allowed to speak to the paper on village issues.

Adjournment:

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 7:35 pm

Several Citizens attended.

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

