

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, Harbor Master- Susan Holtz

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the April 4, 2019 regular meeting were approved with typo corrections.

The minutes of the April 10, 2019 special meeting were approved as presented.

The minutes of the April 20, 2019 special meeting were approved as presented.

Approval of Agenda (amendments/additions):

Trustee Harper asked to add establishing lot lines for the Kehl property as an action item to the agenda. The Council agreed to add the action item to the agenda under Action Item (B).

Correspondence:

Northport/Omena Chamber of Commerce- annual membership fee (the council agreed by consensus to the membership)

Public Comment:

Gerald Schatz, Mill Street- made comments about the need for a professional administrator at the village.

Yvonne Nordstrand, Sixth Street- wanted to know the status of the Village Administrator job.

The Bolt 2019:

The Bay to Braman Bolt will be held on August 31, 2019 and will benefit Northport Area Heritage Association (NAHA). The Council approved the event by Consensus.

KAM Marine Representatives:

Representatives from KAM Marine introduced themselves as the new owners of the Northport Bay Boat Yard. Clerk Scott noted that the agreement with Northport Bay Boat Yard and the Village would need to be amended now to represent the new owners. President Wetherbee will make the proper changes to the agreement for use at the Marina and provide it to the Council at the next meeting.

Redevelopment Ready Community Best Practices Baseline Report:

The conference call and power-point presentation was rescheduled for the next regular council meeting in June.

Reports:

- A. **Clerk** – Clerk Scott briefly reviewed her report.
- B. **Treasurer** – A Treasurers report with Financials for the month of April was presented.
- C. **DPW-** Superintendant Chris Holton provided a written report.
 - Highlights of his report included:
 - 1. Sweeping will begin at the end of April or beginning of May
 - 2. Completion of Well #3 inspection and the installation of a new pump
 - 3. The installation of 130' long sidewalk from Haserot bathrooms to the marina Shoppers docks to be completed after Memorial Day.
- D. **Employee Relations** – The Committee met and discussed pay for the Liaison position with the staff.
- E. **Finance-** Minutes from the April 10, 2019 Finance Committee meeting was provided.
- F. **Infrastructure-** Minutes from the April 17, 2019 Infrastructure meeting was provided. Highlights include; a sculpture proposal on the old cut off light posts from Betsy Ernst. The Council agreed by consensus to the project.
- G. **Waterfront-** Harbor Master Susan Holtz provided a written report to the Council. Highlights include; the delivery of the new KECO pump-out, gas pumps are officially on

and ready for a sale, re-certification of the Clean Marina is underway with an inspection this month to complete the certification.

H. Planning Commission: The next regular Planning Commission meeting will be held on May 21, 2019. Zoning Administrator Bill Fuller provided a report of his activities in April. Highlights from the last Planning Commission meeting include;

1. The re-election of Officers; Doreen Tyrrell as Chair and Chris Verdon as Secretary
2. Zoning Articles 3 was reviewed
3. Soggy Dollar property owner Kelly Radeke discussed their decision to demo the building. Laura Cavendish gave a brief update on the progress of the project and presented their plans for future redevelopment of the property.

I. Community Liaison Search Committee: Trustee Gale reported that the advertisements were in both the Leelanau Enterprise and Record Eagle for the next two weeks and that the committee had met and was working on salary and the job description.

J. Veterans Memorial Committee: Trustee Myers provided minutes from the April 25 & 30th meetings. The Committee is working on a timeline as follows; Dedication- Memorial Day 2021, Phase 1- Pole removal, Phase 2- Design and Phase 3- Implementation. The Memorial will be near the weather station at Haserot Park.

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. Suggested MML Social Media Policy:

The Council reviewed a suggested social media policy which was submitted to the village from their risk management team. Trustee Harper offered to draft a social media policy for the council to review at the next regular meeting.

B. MDA Update:

Trustee Harper reported that the MDA Board appointed its members at their last meeting as follows; Denise Dunn- President and Will Harper- Vice President.

Harper also noted that the millage request may not go on the August ballot due to the costs of having a special election.

C. Look at RFP and RFQ:

The Village of Northport received two RFP's from the following auditing firms; Dennis, Gartland & Niegarth and Rehmann.

The Village of Northport received four RFQ's from the following attorney firms; Running Wise & Ford, David Bieganowski, Olson, Bzdok & Howard and Sondee Racine & Doren.

The Council plans to take action at the next regular meeting in June.

D. Trustee Email Policy:

Trustee Harper provided a draft Electronic Communications Policy for the Councils review. The Council plans to take action at the next regular meeting in June.

Action Items:

A. Amend Ordinance 97 to permit golf carts in Haserot Park:

Trustee Harper Moved, Supported by Trustee Cook to adopt the ordinance amending ordinance 97 which regulates the use and operation of low speed vehicles. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (7) Nays (0) Motion Approved.

B. Land Division for Kehl Property:

Trustee Harper Moved, Supported by Trustee Gale to approve the Land Division for the Kehl property as described. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (7) Nays (0) Motion Approved.

Payment of Bills:

Trustee Stoffel **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Gremel to approve payment of the bills when funds become available in the amount of \$63,712.87

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

Public Comments:

Bill Collins- made comments about painting village buildings and asked about the demolition of the Soggy Dollar building. Soggy Dollar representative Laura Cavendish responded to all the questions.

Council Comments:

Trustee Gale stated that she will make sure that all Council members have the PowerPoint presentation before the next regular meeting in June.

Trustee Cook had questions over the village looking to paint buildings.

Adjournment:

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 8:20 pm

Several Citizens attended.

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

