

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

### **Roll Call:**

**Council Members Present:** Wetherbee, Stoffel, Rogers, Gale, McLeod, Harper and President Mikesell

**Absent Members:** None

**Staff Present:** Clerk- Joni Scott, Administrator- Barb Von Voigtlander, DPW Superintendent- Chris Holton, Treasurer- Merilee Scripps

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes of the July 12, 2018 regular meeting were approved as distributed.

The minutes of the August 2, 2018 regular meeting were approved as distributed.

The minutes of the August 29, 2018 Special meeting were approved as distributed.

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

None

### **Correspondence:**

Northwest Michigan Housing Summit- scheduled for October 22, 2018 at the Hagerty Conference Center.

Ryan Blessing- Trustee Stoffel read Blessing's letter that was concerning the Mill Pond and possible removal of the dam and the brook trout. Blessing was not in favor of the removal.

### **Public Comment:**

Fred Steffens, Fourth Street- made comments about the culvert on Rose Street needing to be cleaned out and the Weather tower lights that haven't been replaced.

Alison Heiser, Mill Street- made comments about the North End Building and its potential use.

John Mitchell- made comments about fundraising for the 15k needed to remove the power pole in Haserot Park for the Veterans memorial.

### **Reports:**

- A. **Clerk** – Clerk Scott briefly reviewed her report. The Clerk's report was accepted as presented.
- B. **Treasurer** – The Treasurer submitted a report for the month of August. Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.
- C. **Village Administrator** – Von Voigtlander provided a written report of her daily activities.
- D. **DPW:** Superintendent Chris Holton provided a verbal report of the DPW activities.  
Upcoming projects include:
  - Installation of a Fuel Depot at 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - Culvert work on South Shore to begin next week, all permits have been received.
  - Well testing for MDEQ for Perfluorolky and Polyfluoroalky was completed by AECOM. Results when completed will be posted.
  - Leelanau Uncaged is scheduled for September 29.
- E. **Employee Relations** – None
- F. **Finance**- the Finance Committee meeting minutes from August 8, 2018 were approved as distributed.
- G. **Infrastructure**- The minutes of August 15, 2018 meeting were accepted as presented.
- H. **Waterfront:** The minutes of August 3, 2018 meeting were accepted as presented. Susan Holtz also provided a report on behalf of Starboard Cleaning Services, LLC.
- I. **Planning Commission:** The next regular Planning Commission meeting will be held on September 19, 2018 at the Village of Northport. Commissioner Jane Gale provided a written report on the Planning Commission's last meeting. Highlights included;
  - The Zoning Ordinance Article 18-20 were reviewed
  - A public hearing on September 19 to solicit volunteers for the citizen's committee lead by Gerald Schatz.

- Treasurer Scripps resignation of recording secretary.
- Zoning Administrator, Bill Fuller submitted a report for July.

## **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. Golf Cart Ordinance- Stoffel:

Trustee Stoffel would like to allow for golf carts in the Village Parks. The Council was agreeable to discuss language to amend the ordinance regulating golf carts.

B. Halloween assignments- Barb:

Administrator Von Voigtlander provided an assignment sheet for the Village Halloween hotdog party. Council members agreed on a 5-7 pm time. Trustee Harper offered his gas grill for the event.

C. Golf Course Contract- Barb:

The current management agreement with the Northport Creek Golf course will expire in November of 2019. Von Voigtlander explained that the agreement could be extended for another 5 years if the Council was agreeable. The Council agreed by consensus to have an amendment prepared for review at the next regular meeting.

D. Develop plan to assess Mill Pond- McLeod:

Trustee McLeod had questions about the dredging of the Mill Pond and the costs involved. McLeod noted that the Pond should be identified as a Village asset and that there should be an appropriation of funds for the dredge each year. Clerk Scott noted that the Pond and dredge was an identified Village asset. The Village Planning Commission has also identified the dredge project as a capital improvement.

## **Action Items:**

A. **Amendment to Rules of Procedure:**

Trustee Harper **Moved, Supported** by Trustee Mcleod to approve the amendment to the Rules of Procedure as follows;

**F-6 Authorization for contacting the village attorney**

Inquiries to the village attorney must be approved by vote of the village council unless they are of an urgent nature (determined by the president) and time is of the essence. In all cases the exact wording of all such inquiries shall be provided to all council members in electronic format at the time that they are made. All other correspondence between the village attorney and village officials in addition to work product will also be provided to all council members.

**Discussion ensued.**

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas (4) Trustees; Harper, McLeod, Stoffel and Gale Nays (3) President Mikesell and Trustees Wetherbee and Rogers.**

**Motion Carried.**

**B. Approval of Ordinance 122:**

Trustee Gale **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Stoffel to adopt Ordinance 122 and ordinance to prohibit and to prevent obstructions to, and otherwise regulate, the use of village streets, alleys and sidewalks.

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

**Ordinance Declared adopted.**

**Payment of Bills:**

Trustee Gale **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Wetherbee to approve payment of the bills when funds become available in the amount of \$226,704.32

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

**Public Comments:**

**Fred Steffens, Fourth Street-** Made comments about the Leadership Team and the busyness of the community.

**Darlene Stanley, Third Street-** made comments with concerns about the new ownership of the North End building a future business.

**Thea Kellogg, Mill Street-** made comments about the Mitten Brewery music noise.

**Mimi Heberline, Mill Street-** made comments about restricting noise for businesses.

**Alan Campbell, Leelanau Enterprise-** made comments about a legal opinion and public policy.

**Council Comments:**

Trustee Stoffel made a comment about trailer parking in the marina.

Trustee McLeod made a comment about the NLTUA audit

Trustee Harper told Mr. Campbell that he would personally look into what the public policy is for legal opinions.

Administrator Von Voigtlander explained her thoughts on letters provided by legal counsel which is confidential, but could be waived by a vote of the majority of the Council.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 8:50 pm

Several Citizens attended.

*Joni L. Scott, Village of Northport Clerk*