

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

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Trustees; Wetherbee, Kehl, Stoffel, Rogers and President Mikesell

Absent: Budd

Staff Present: Clerk- Joni Scott Treasurer- Merilee Scripps, Administrator- Barb Von Voigtlander, Superintendent- Chris Holton, Harbor Master- Mark Holtz

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of June 1, 2017 were approved as presented.

The minutes of June 14, 2017 were approved as presented.

Approval of Agenda (amendments/additions):

None

Correspondence:

- a. Letter from Ann Harper regarding lighting issues on Fourth Street.
- b. Running Wise and Ford regarding the process for changing the REU schedule, and which body has the authority to initiate change.
- c. Email correspondence from James Levy regarding offer to purchase property back from the village.

Public Comment:

Darin Irvine- Thanked the Village of Northport DPW and Council for their support and help with the Car show, and requested the park for the same weekend in 2018.

Ron Schobel- thanked the DPW for the continuation of leaf pickup, Schobel also commented that there were 3 people that he knew that were interested in the vacant seat on the Council.

Yvonne Nordstrand- stated that her daughter thought that the fireworks were very good.

Jane Gale from the Northport Energy Action Taskforce (NEAT)- offered to pay for all the electricity for the electric car chargers for the next two fiscal years.

Campbell Mcleod- wanted to know what the letter from the attorney regarding the process for the REU changes said. Von Voigtlander read the conclusion of the attorney letter.

Pam Steffens- stated that the Record Eagle report on the sewer was miss-leading. Steffens was also concerned with the GLRI grant project costs and said that the taxpayers cannot handle any more expenses.

Gerald Schatz- commented that his request for basic documents for the Village of Northport regarding vacancy's and ethics has not been fulfilled.

Jenny Danaher- had questions over how many meetings a Council member could be excused from, and suggested the need for a policy.

REPORTS:

1. **Clerk** – Clerk Scott briefly reviewed her report; Scott also reported \$11,653.60 in delinquent water bills had been applied to tax bills. Scott thanked the Fireworks Shooters for a great show on the 4th of July.
2. **Treasurer** – Treasurer Scripps reported that the taxes were sent out and that she had billed a total of \$408,208.82. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.
3. **Village Administrator** – Von Voigtlander provided a written report.
4. **DPW:** Chris Holton highlighted his DPW report. Upcoming projects include:
 - EV charging station located in the Municipal parking lot.
 - Rain Garden, on the corner of High Street and Nagonaba.
 - Mural project in the Marina
5. **Employee Relations** – No Report.
6. **Finance**- No Report.
7. **Infrastructure**- The minutes from the June 8th and 29th, 2017 infrastructure meeting were accepted as presented.
8. **Waterfront:** Harbor Master Mark Holtz provided a written report on activities at the marina.
9. **Planning Commission:** Mr. Stoffel highlighted the June 20, 2017 Planning Commission meeting.

On Going Business:

- A. **GLRI (Great Lakes Restoration Initiative) Grant:** Village Administrator Von Voigtlander reported that the bids for the GLRI project were in and that out of 3 original interested bidders, only 1 company bid the project. Von Voigtlander stated that the bid came in at \$930K and that the funds available were only \$369K. The Watershed is working with the engineers and the bidder on a reduced scope of the project to bring the costs down.
- B. **TAP (Transportation Alternative Program):** Village Administrative Von Voigtlander reported that the Village of Northport has received a letter of commitment from the State for the grant.

Discussion Items:

- A. **Vacancy on Village Council:** Village Administrator Von Voigtlander reported that William Harper and Dave Stahl had submitted a letter of interest in filling the vacant seat on the Council. She also stated that any person seeking to fill the vacancy on the village council must be a village resident and have no delinquent tax bills. Applicants should submit a letter of email to the Village Administrator by July 24, 2017. The Council agreed by Consensus to an ad that will be placed in the Leelanau Enterprise.
- B. **EV charging station payment of electrical use:** Joe DeFors, reported that Tesla has agreed to pay for the installation of both chargers at a cost of \$4,300 which will include a meter. The Council had a brief discussion about the offers to pay for the electricity used and agreed to make a decision at the next regular meeting on August 3, 2017.
- C. **LTCF request for support for Proposal:** The Leelanau Township Community Foundation is requesting a letter of support for a grant they are applying for with Rotary Charities. The grant will be used for survey.

Action Items: None

Payment of Bills:

Trustee Wetherbee Moved, Supported by Trustee Roger to pay the following bills as Funds become available;

ADVANTAGE ELECTRIC	\$5,579.32	GRAND TRAVERSE CANVAS WORKS	\$2,500.00
AIS CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT	\$575.05	HOME CITY ICE	\$469.00
AMERICAN WASTE	\$9,220.00	KAL EXCAVATING CO.,INC.	\$1,879.88
ART'S AUTO & TRUCK PARTS	\$33.44	KAT DAKOTA	\$5,750.00
AT&T MOBILITY	\$367.84	MARINAWARE	\$375.00
BAY AREA COMPUTERS	\$795.00	MICHIGAN RURAL WATER ASSOC	\$440.00
BAYSHORE OIL AND PROPANE	\$22,976.44	MILLER,CANFIELD,PADDOCK & STON	\$73.75
BULLSEYE TELECOM CHARTER	\$433.94	MUTT MITT	\$162.73
COMMUNICATIONS	\$805.42	NORTHERN FIRE & SAFETY INC.	\$261.57
CHEMICAL CONTROL COMPANY INC	\$135.00	NORTHERN MICHIGAN JANITORIAL	\$689.55
CINTAS CORPORATION LOC. 729	\$81.54	PORCELAIN PATROL SERVICE	\$1,179.50
CONSUMERS ENERGY	\$3,491.41	PRIORITY HEALTH	\$3,517.06
DAN DEVRIENDT	\$805.00	PURE WATER WORKS	\$24.00
DAVE'S DUST CONTROL	\$5,002.00	RAM PLUMBING	\$571.38
DAVID TOMPKINS	\$42.38	RAY'S SIDING	\$600.00
DENNIS GARTLAND & NIERGARTH,PC	\$1,430.00	S& J LAWN & LANDSCAPING	\$678.89
DOLLS & MORE	\$107.00	STAPLES	\$794.23
DTE ENERGY	\$158.25	TEAM BOBS	\$976.00
ELEVATE NET	\$810.00	THE LEELANAU ENTERPRISE	\$391.00
ELHORN ENGINEERING CO.	\$1,024.75	TOM'S MARKET, INC.	\$124.25
ETNA SUPPLY COMPANY	\$547.61	GEM CAR NEW BATTERIES	\$200.00
FLEIS & VANDENBRINK ENGINEERIN	\$1,057.00	West Marine	\$1,512.00
GINOP SALES	\$40.43	S& J LAWN & LANDSCAPING	\$225.00
		WEST MARINE	\$320.00
		ENVELOPES	\$1,200.00

Roll Call Vote: Yeas (5) Nays (0) Absent (1) Trustee Budd Motion Carried

Public Comment:

1. Ron Schobel- commented that he would not like any personal information disseminated to the Federal government.
2. Barb Conley- said that Tesla should be able to provide data on electrical usage for the EV chargers.
3. Pam Steffens- had questions about the costs to install the EV charging stations.
4. Yvonne Nordstrand- wanted to know if Cross Country Skiing would be allowed on the golf course this winter.
5. Campbell Mcleod- commented on the GLRI grant bids, and suggested a press release with Tesla for the new charging stations.
6. Will Harper- reminded the Council of his offer to pay for the EV charger electric, and suggested that all correspondence should be read during the meetings.

Council Comment:

Administrator Von Voigtlander said that there is an app that will provide information that Northport has a charger. President Mikesell commented that he had talked to an electric car owner who thinks that the new charging station in Northport is very attractive.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Public Attendance: Several Citizens attended.

Joni Scott, Northport Village Clerk

