

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, Budd, Loud, Rogers and President Mikesell

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

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of May 2, 2017 were approved as amended

Approval of Agenda (amendments/additions):

Under F. Finance – Add discussion of two proposed motions regarding NLTUA and the REU scheduling. The Agenda was accepted.

Correspondence:

a. Letter from Gerald Schatz regarding the need to have Council documents posted on the website.

Public Comment:

Yvonne Nordstrand- requested that the recording of meeting minutes be available for the public to listen to. Michael Sinclair- commented on the Finance Committee meeting, and his letter to the Council, dated April 24, 2017, recommending a change in the REU's fee policy. He added that the Village Council has the power to recommend, to change, or to create an ordinance in this Village to reflect REU allocations for small businesses with small apartments and/or Short-Term Rentals. He encouraged the council to act on these recommendations at this meeting.

John Mitchell- provided background information on the importance of the Northport Harbor during the Civil War, and that the sacred ground to be preserved. He added that there is nothing mention (plaques/signage) at the marina of it being a Civil War Harbor or of its Civil War people, and he finds that a disgrace. Mr. Mitchell continued that he would like the Marina Committee to look at possibilities of Northport being promoted as a Civil War Town (which is a rare thing). He concluded that he would also like to see a Civil War ship depicted in the mural that is going to be created at the marina.

Pam Steffens- requested that the EV Charging Station be moved from Action Items to Discussion Items on the Agenda.

Campbell McCloud- encouraged the council to look at the REU Rate Schedule, address the concerns being raised, and to be flexible in its thinking.

Will Harper- reviewed the proposals that will be discussed under Finance Committee discussion, stating that there are two minor adjustments to the REU schedule that would fix what is now unfair. He added that the two proposals would only affect Article #96 in the Village Ordinance – not proposing to change anything in the Township Ordinance. Mr. Harper added that he hopes the Village Council will listen to the business community and approve the two proposals.

Ron Schobel- questioned who wrote the original ordinance, and where does the Township fit into this in terms of ordinance procedures.

Yvonne Nordstrand -asked if all Short Term Rentals and Air B&B's are registered with the Village.

Chris Verdon stated that a Special Meeting should be scheduled regarding this matter, and public participation encouraged.

Al Dalzell remarked that both units of governments are having trouble paying their bonds.

REPORTS:

1. Clerk – The Clerk’s Report was briefly reviewed by Village Administrator Von Voigtlander.
2. Treasurer – The Treasurer’s Report was accepted as presented.
3. Village Administrator – The report was accepted as presented.
4. DPW: Chris Holton highlighted his DPW report. Dates to remember include:
 - June 10 – Trash Removal Day – early morning until 12 Noon.
 - June 10 – Releaf Michigan – beginning at 8:45 a.m. – planting of 20 trees throughout the Village and Township. Volunteers were encouraged to attend.
5. Employee Relations – No Report.
6. Finance: President Mikesell stated that the committee had met, and an extensive discussion on how to address the REU Schedule was the focus of the meeting.

On behalf of the Finance Committee President Mikesell asked Mr. Stoffel to bring before the council the two prepared motions. Mr. Stoffel stated the two proposals as motions as follow:

MOVED BY STOFFEL, SUPPORTED BY KEHL THAT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL REQUESTS THAT THE NLTUA CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FROM MR. SINCLAIR AND MR. HARPER AND REPORT THEIR ACTIONS TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL AT ITS AUGUST MEETING.

No additional discussion was heard. MOTION APPROVED 7-0.

MOVED BY STOFFEL, SUPPORTED BY BUDD THAT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL REQUESTS THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT HIS LEGAL OPINION ON: THE PROCESS OF CHANGING BOTH THE CATEGORIES AND ASSIGNMENT OF REU’S, AND WHERE DOES THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE THE CHANGE LIE.

Discussion followed: Mr. Budd stated that he thought this was something to be sorted out by the Finance Committee, but this hasn’t seemed to be the process. **MOTION APPROVED 7-0.**

Mr. Stoffel added that at a later time he would like to see business owners, the Village Council and the NLTUA hold a joint meeting, with public in attendance – and solve this problem.

7. **Infrastructure:** No Report.
8. **Waterfront:** Harbor Master Mark Holtz reported on the first weeks of the marina season.
9. **Planning Commission:** Mr. Stoffel highlighted the May 16, 2017 Planning Commission meeting.

On Going Business:

- A. **Releaf Michigan:** Village Administrator Von Voigtlander added information on the planting of trees on June 10, 2017 stating that about 22 trees will be planted, many of native species.
- B. **GLRI (Great Lakes Restoration Initiative) Grant:** Village Administrator Von Voigtlander recapped her written reports on the GLRI Grant. She stated that bids went out on May 24, 2017, with a pre-bid meeting scheduled for June 5, 2017. All qualified bidders are required to attend, with a targeted start date right after Labor Day. Substantial completion date is November 25, 2017.
- C. **TAP (Transportation Alternative Program):** Village Administrative Von Voigtlander reviewed the progress of the TAP Grant.

Discussion Items:

Note: As a point of order, the EV Changing Station was moved from an Action Item to a Discussion Item.

EV Charging Station at Marina and Waukazoo Municipal Parking Lot: President Mikesell presented information on the proposal of a TESLA EV Charging Station being located at the South side of Tuckers, at no cost to the Village for the unit or its installation.

Trustee Kehl expressed concern over the expense to taxpayers of the \$300 yearly fee, and the cost of the electricity. He also expressed concern that only TESLA vehicles could charge there.

Discussion followed of the pros and cons. Trustee Wetherbee stated if the costs are over taxing the Village, the service could be discontinued. Trustee Stoffel suggested a universal charger might be a better way to go.

Action Items:

A. Resolution of Intent to Return Property on South Shore Drive to Phil Thomas:

Village Administrator Von Voigtlander stated that in 1974 the Village Council approached Mr. Thomas of the possibility of his giving up some of his property to widen a 201' x 17' of what is now South Shore drive. Mr. Thomas agreed for a purchase price of \$1.00. She continued that the project never happened.

Mr. Thomas has indicated that he would like to buy the property back for the \$1.00, and have the property returned to him. Legally this can be done if the basis of the intended use never happened.

MOVED BY WETHERBEE, SUPPORTED BY ROGERS TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE PROPERTY ON SOUTH SHORE DRIVE TO PHIL THOMAS. No additional discussion was heard.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas (7) Nays (0) Absent (0) Motion Carried. The Resolution was approved 7-0.

B. Re-establishment of lot line-Steffens:

Village Administrator Von Voigtlander stated that not all conditions have been met at this time.

After discussion it was the consensus of the Village Council to schedule a Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 to consider this matter.

Payment of Bills:

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

AIRGAS USA,LLC	\$264.68	KATHLEEN TULICK	\$461.50	
AMERICAN WASTE	\$300.00	LEELANAU COUNTY ROAD		
AT&T MOBILITY	\$292.84	COMMISSIO		\$2,191.56
BAY AREA COMPUTERS	\$1,718.00	MARK HOLTZ	\$408.42	
BAYSHORE OIL AND		MCGOUGH'S	\$575.40	
PROPANE	\$944.74	NLTUA	\$2,811.52	
BRAMER AUTO		NORTHERN BUILDING		
SUPPLY,INC	\$30.82	SUPPY	\$49.61	
BULLSEYE TELECOM	\$216.97	NORTHPORT BUILDING		
CALHOUN EXCAVATING	\$336.00	SUPPLY	\$1,506.77	
CASH	\$300.00	OSCAR LARSON	\$1,249.47	
CHARTER		PRIORITY HEALTH	\$7,034.12	
COMMUNICATIONS	\$824.03	PURE WATER WORKS	\$14.00	
CHEMICAL CONTROL		RUNNING,WISE &		
COMPANY INC	\$440.00	FORD,P.L.C.	\$5,621.00	
CINTAS CORPORATION		SOS ANALYTICAL	\$100.00	
LOC. 729	\$149.14	SPARTAN FLAG		
CONSUMERS ENERGY	\$3,250.16	COMPANY	\$40.00	
DENNIS GARTLAND &		SPINNIKEN LAWN &		
NIERGARTH,PC	\$2,800.00	IRRIGATION	\$960.00	
DOLLS & MORE	\$372.98	STAPLES	\$418.74	
DTE ENERGY	\$277.38	TEAM BOBS	\$614.25	
ETNA SUPPLY COMPANY	\$294.28	THE LEELANAU		
FASTENAL COMPANY	\$325.01	ENTERPRISE	\$766.00	
FASTSIGNS	\$58.99	THE SCHIFFER GROUP,		
FLEIS & VANDENBRINK		INC.	\$3,090.96	
ENGINEERIN	\$819.00	THOMAS A BOTZ	\$207.75	
GERALD SPEARS	\$10,000.00	TOM DONLEY	\$175.00	
GINOP SALES	\$574.17	TOM'S MARKET, INC.	\$65.46	
GOVERNMENTAL		VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT		
BUSINESS SYSTEMS		WATER	<u>\$148.00</u>	
GROTENHUIS	\$94.95			
H&M SALES	\$52.22			
KAL EXCAVATING				
CO.,INC.	\$1,772.65			
		\$217.85		

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

Public Comment:

1. Doreen Tyrrell thanked Chris Holton and others for their efforts with the fabulous Marina Park Car Show. Mr. Holton stated that 175 cars were part of the show.
2. Will Harper stated that the only way the REU matter can be handled is if the Village Council acts on it, as the NLTUA has no interest in it.
3. Campbell McCloud had several comments. 1. He acknowledged all of the things the Village Council has accomplished for the Village, 2. Mr. Mitchell's point to add a Civil War era ship to the mural was a good point, 3. If Mr. Harper has the data and Clerks Scott and Dunn (Township) could open the books, numbers could be crunched to come up with alternatives, and 4. Trustee Kehl's had a good point in his thoughts of getting behind just one manufacture of EV chargers.
4. Yvonne Nordstrand – asked what was the fee for charging a vehicle and how long did it take.
5. Ann Harper – stated that she was appalled of the amount paid for legal fees for one month, with so little serious discussion.

Council Comment:

None

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Public Attendance: Several Citizens attended.

Merilee Scripps, Northport Village Treasurer