

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

**Roll Call:**

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

Absent Members: None

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

**ZBA Variance Request:**The Council adjourned to a Zoning Board of Appeals at: 7:01 and reconvened at 7:20pm

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes of October 5, 2017 were approved as distributed.

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

None

**Correspondence:**

Anne Harper- Letter dated October 25, 2017.

Scott Hibbs/Tom Mallery- Letter dated October 22, 2017

**Public Comment:**

None

**Reports:**

- A. **Clerk** – Clerk Scott briefly reviewed her report. The Clerks report was accepted as presented.
  - B. **Treasurer** – Treasurer Scripps provided a written report stating that the \$40,084.64 in delinquent taxes and water had been received from the County. The Treasurer’s Report was accepted as presented.
  - C. **Village Administrator** – Von Voigtlander provided a written report.
  - D. **DPW:** Chris Holton highlighted his DPW report. Upcoming projects include:
    - GLRI grant project rescheduled for a spring project due to timing on products available.
    - Raising of Finger piers along “A” dock.
    - Continuation of curbside leaf and brush pickup on Monday’s and Friday’s.
    - Repaving of a section of Wing Street near the Northport Public School
  - E. **Employee Relations** – None.
  - F. **Finance-** the Finance Committee minutes from their October 18, 2017 meeting were accepted as presented. The Committee will be reviewing the draft budget for the upcoming 2018-19 fiscal year.
  - G. **Infrastructure-** the Infrastructure Committee minutes of October 25 and 27<sup>th</sup> were accepted as presented.
- \***Trails:** The trails committee is in the process of applying for a LTCF grant.
- H. **Waterfront:** Harbor Master Mark Holtz provided a written report on activities at the marina. Upcoming projects include:
    - replacement of all power pedestals by 2019
    - New pump-out grant applied for
    - Painting of Break wall
    - The Committee is drafting the 2018-19 Budget

The minutes from the October 20, 2017 waterfront committee meeting were accepted as presented.

- I. **Planning Commission:** The next regular Planning Commission meeting will be a joint meeting with the Village Council held on November 21, 2017 at the Northport Creek Golf Course to discuss the Master Plan, and Capital Improvements. Commissioner Jane Gale provided a written report of their last meeting held on October 17, 2017.

## **Ongoing Business:**

- A. GLRI Grant:** The project is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2018.
- B. TAP Grant:** The TAP grant project is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2018 pending funding approval. The scope of work will be on Waukazoo Street.
- C. SAW Grant:** The Village of Northport has been awarded a SAW grant in the amount of \$147,112. The Villages 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.

## **Discussion Items:**

A. Affordable Housing (Campbell McLeod):

Trustee McLeod asked the Council for permission to put a proposal together on affordable housing and REUs. McLeod asked the Council to consider recommending an adjustment to the REU schedule with regards to businesses with and apartment and short term rentals.

Trustee Stoffel supported McLeod's efforts stating that the REU schedule needed to be "relooked at".

President Mikesell asked McLeod to prepare a more specific proposal for the Council to consider.

## **Action Items:**

A. Adoption of Trail Ordinance:

Trustee Wetherbee **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Rogers to approve the adoption of Ordinance 121 and ordinance regulating the use of the Northport trail system.

Discussion: included who will be enforcing the ordinance (Leelanau County Sheriffs Department) and making sure the rules were clear.

**Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (6) Nays (1) Kehl Motion Carried.

B. Approve distribution of draft Master Plan and Future Land Use Map:

Trustee Gale Moved, Supported by Trustee Wetherbee to approve the distribution of the draft Master Plan and Future Land Use Map. **Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (7) Nays (0) Motion Carried

C. Approval for purchase of new copy machine:

Trustee Wetherbee Moved, Supported by Trustee Rogers to approve the purchase of a new Xerox at the cost of \$6,032. **Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (7) Nays (0) Motion Carried.

## **Payment of Bills:**

Trustee Wetherbee Moved, Supported by Trustee Rogers to approve payment of the Bills when funds become available in the amount of \$61,013.17

Discussion: included questions about the Bobs bill and the service provided.

**Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (7) Nays (0)

Motion Carried.

## **Public Comments:**

**Yvonne Nordstrand, Sixth Street**-made a comment about the bills to pay on the minutes.

**Bill Collins, Vincer Way**- made a comment about the use of the trails in the summer and that only foot traffic is allowed.

## **Council Comments:**

Mike Stoffel made comments regarding the safety of the corner where the proposed electronic sign for the school was requested.

Timothy Kehl- had questions about the flags at the school. Kehl also commented on the Veterans memorial and the fundraising.

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 8:12 pm

Several Citizens attended.

*Joni L. Scott, Village of Northport Clerk*





