

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, Gale, Rogers and President Mikesell

Absent Members: None

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Trustee Jane Gale noted that Trustee Rogers wasn't listed as being present.

The minutes of September 7, 2017 were approved as distributed.

Approval of Agenda (amendments/additions):

None

Correspondence:

Northport/Omena Chamber of Commerce- thank you for support with the Dog Parade.

Public Comment:

Victor Goldschmidt, Leelanau Township- made statements regarding the new sign ordinance and marijuana laws. Goldschmidt also offered to facilitate a meeting for the village after reading the Northern Express article.

Christine Verdon, Mill Street- Thanked Anne Harper and Barb Weber for setting up the Forum.

Fred Steffens, Fourth Street- made comments on; Trustees that were born and raised on the Council, monarchy and cronyism and removal of the current Administrator.

Ron Schobel, Ransom Street- Thanked Chris Holton for his leadership and work with the Leelanau Uncaged.

Pam Steffens, Fourth Street-made comments about the forum for the vacant trustee position.

John Mitchell, Waukazoo Street- told the Council that he will be heading up the Veterans memorial.

Yvonne Nordstrand, Sixth Street- made comments regarding the Leelanau Uncaged event, and more signage needed.

Anne Harper, Fourth Street- made comments about the cleanup of the Leelanau Uncaged event, the forum held for the appointment of the vacant trustee position, the Sewer rate schedule and the need for new people on the NLTUA, the need for a directory of the Trustees.

Bill Collins, Vincer Way- made comments on the Trails and the use of ORVs not being an allowed use.

Alan Campbell- Requested a copy of the signed financial documents showing the 80/20 split.

Reports:

- A. **Clerk** – Clerk Scott briefly reviewed her report. Clerk Scott reminded the Council of the Halloween Hot dog and Brat event on October 31.
- B. **Treasurer** – Treasurer Scripps provided a written report. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.
- C. **Village Administrator** – Von Voigtlander provided a written report. Von Voigtlander also thanked the Northport Women's Club and Patty Noftz for their support with the flowers and visitors center.
- 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.
 - Hydrant Flushing scheduled for October 11, 2017.
 - Continuation of curbside leaf and brush pickup on Friday's.
 - Repaving of a section of Wing Street near the Northport Public School
- E. **Employee Relations** – Next meeting scheduled for October 13, 2017.

F. **Finance-** the Finance Committee minutes from their September 14, 2017 meeting was accepted as presented. The Committee will be reviewing the draft budget for the upcoming 2018-19 fiscal year.

G. **Infrastructure-** No Report.

***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 marina will officially close on October 16, 2017

The minutes from the September 28, 2017 waterfront committee meeting were accepted as presented.

I. **Planning Commission:** The next regular Planning Commission meeting will be 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 \$3,770. 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. Trail Ordinance:

A draft ordinance to regulate the use of the Village Trails was provided. The Infrastructure Committee is scheduled to review the ordinance at their next regular meeting scheduled October 18, 2017.

Action Items:

A. Reimburse Citizen for additional costs associated with the Marina Mural Project:

Ernie Barry provided a breakdown of the mural project and costs. The total project ran over by approximately \$900, which Mr. Barry has paid for out of his own pocket.

Trustee Wetherbee **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Rogers to approve the additional \$900 expense for the Marina Mural project.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas (6) Nays (0) Motion Carried.

B. Appoint of applicant for vacancy on Village Council:

President Mikesell asked the Council to vote on each applicant until there was a majority vote.

Will Harper- **Yeas** (2) Trustees Kehl and Stoffel **Nays** (4) President Mikesell and Trustees Wetherbee, Gale, Rogers.

John Heitler- **Yeas** (1) Trustee Kehl **Nays** (5) President Mikesell and Trustees Wetherbee, Gale, Rogers and Stoffel

Campbell McLeod- **Yeas** (6)

Trustee Wetherbee Moved, Supported by Trustee Rogers to appoint Campbell McLeod to the vacant position on the Village Council. **Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (6) Nays (0) Motion Carried

Payment of Bills:

Trustee Wetherbee Moved, Supported by Trustee Jane Gale to approve payment of the Bills when funds become available in the amount of \$68,789.01

Discussion: included the Porcelain Patrol bill and the GIS bill for the water system.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas (6) Nays (0)

Motion Carried.

Public Comments:

Greg Nobles, Fourth Street- commented on his support for Campbell McLeod for the vacancy, and the process for selecting a trustee.

Will Harper, Mill Street- made several comments about the process for selecting a trustee, and supported McLeod's offer to sit on the NLTUA.

Chris Verdon, Mill Street- had questions about the Trail ordinance.

Yvonne Nordstrand, Sixth Street-made a comment about allowing snowmobiles on the trail.

Anne Harper, Fourth Street-made a comment about the Committee meeting schedule, and the directory needing to be updated online.

Mike Dujanowicz, Shabwasung Street- made a comment about the GIS program.

Doreen Tyrrell, Main Street- made a comment that she is not in support of motorized vehicles on the trails.

Pam Steffens, Fourth Street- commented on troubles with accessing the minutes on the website.

Vicky Kehl, Casperson Rd- commented that the local phone book has a directory of all the governments.

Campbell McLeod, High Street- thanked the Council for his appointment and offered to sit on the NLTUA.

Council Comments:

Mike Stoffel made comments regarding the forum, people that report things to him and the availability of trustees in the community.

Jane Gale thanked Anne Harper for putting on the Forum for the Vacant Trustee position.

Phil Mikesell made comments about the process chosen for filling the vacancy on the Council.

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 8:09 pm

Several Citizens attended.

Joni L. Scott, Village of Northport Clerk