

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

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: President Wetherbee and Trustees: Stoffel, Cook, Gale, Gremel, Myers, Harper

Absent Members: None

Staff Present: Clerk- Joni Scott, Community Liaison- Cindy Edmondson, Harbor Master- Susan Holtz and DPW Superintendent- Chris Holton, Treasurer- Merilee Scripps

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Trustee Cook Moved, Supported by Trustee Gremel to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2020 meeting as presented.

Approval of Agenda (amendments/additions):

Trustee Cook asked to have the petition for Homewood Cottage Association moved to a discussion item.

Clerk Scott asked for the Council to approve a quote for a new computer. The Council agreed to add as an action item.

Correspondence:

Don Sheets- Letter regarding 4th Street road end repairs.

Public Comment:

Yvonne Nordstrand, Sixth Street-commented on the unfunded budget project for 6th Street road repairs. Nordstrand would like to see the project funded due to the pooling of water and ice buildup.

Public Hearing for the 2020-21 Budget and 8.5 Millage Rate:

Trustee Gale Moved, Supported by Trustee Cook to start the public hearing. Motion Carried.

Gerald Schatz- Commented on the water ponding and ice accumulation on the corner of 6th Street and 201.

Trustee Stoffel Moved, Supported by Trustee Myers to end the public hearing. Motion Carried.

Village Insurance – Paul Olson:

Paul Olson presented the 2020-21 insurance plan to the Council. Olson highlighted on the village 2018 dividend of \$624.89, the opportunity to apply for a grant for surveillance camera at the marina and the new offer for cyber coverage at an additional cost of \$895.

Reports:

- A. **Liaison-** Cynthia Edmondson reported the submittal of an application for a marijuana facility. Edmondson also provided a copy of the Village Harbor 5 Year Recreation Plan that she created with Susan's input. This plan was a necessary addendum to the Village's current Parks and Recreation Plan and required for the submittal of a Waterways Grant Aid application.

B. **Clerk** – Clerk Scott reviewed her written financial report with the Council.

BUDGET AND MILLAGE:

Trustee Gremel Moved, Supported by Trustee Myers to approve the resolution for the 2020-21 budget and millage rate.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Trustee Harper Moved, Supported by Trustee Gale to approve the current budget amendments for the 2019-20 budget.

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

C. **Treasurer** – Treasurer Scripp’s provided a written report for January.

D. **DPW**- Superintendant Chris Holton provided a written report.

Highlights of his report included:

1. Installation of chlorine scales at wells 2 & 3
2. Continued work with Homewood Cottage Association to upgrade their municipal water supply.
3. Removal of all Holiday decorations.

D. **Employee Relations** – None

E. **Finance**- Minutes from the January 8, 2020 Finance Committee meeting were provided. The Committee has been working on the 2020-21 draft budget.

F. **Infrastructure**- Minutes from the January 15, 2020 Infrastructure meeting were provided.

G. **Waterfront**- Harbor Master Susan Holtz provided a written report to the Council. Highlights included discussions about:

1. Cost Estimates for raising C Dock are in at \$597,849
2. Central Reservation System is up and running

Minutes from the January 28, 2020 Waterfront Committee meeting were provided.

H. **Planning Commission**: Commissioner Jane Gale provided the Council with a written report from the January 21, 2020 planning commission meeting. Some discussions included; review of asset detail sheets, draft of Article 15 Marihuana Establishments review and began reviewing the Recreation Plan for updates.

I. **Parks and Trails**: The Parks and Trails Committee has agreed to discontinue regular meetings until March of 2020.

Discussion Items:

Review Ballot Language:

Village attorney Ross Hammersley provided a memorandum on the ballot language for the referendums over Ordinance 124 (allowing medical marihuana facilities) and 125 (allowing recreational marihuana establishments). Mr. Hammersley concluded with the recommendation to not certify the language for the ballot petition proposal related to medication marihuana due to the fact that it is governed by the State and is an “Opt-in” statute. Mr. Hammersley did provide subsequent ballot language for ordinance 125.

Appraisal of Levy Property / Possible Sale:

The Council reviewed a restricted appraisal report for the Levy property located 9980 n. Morningside Drive. The Council agreed by consensus to sell the property and retain the trail.

Discussion of Property located between Waukazoo and Bay Street:

Trustee Harper discussed a piece of property located behind Shear Pleasure and Toms that has a chain-link fence around it. Harper asked the Planning Commission to look into the property.

RRC Workshop:

Trustee Gale reported that the next RRC workshop would be on June 24, 2020 and that the focus will be on capital improvement planning.

Homewood Cottage Association water Upgrades and Petition:

Community Liaison Cindy Edmondson explained the she has a few more documents to submit to the association before they plan to submit a petition for a special assessment.

Action Items:

Approve Application for Marina Work Grant:

Trustee Stoffel **Moved Supported by** Trustee Cook to approve the Waterways Grant Aid Application for \$594,849 with a 51% local match of \$304,903.

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

Adopt Rules of Procedure:

Trustee Gale would like to make some additional amendments to the Rules of Procedure. An Ad-Hoc Committee of Stoffel, Harper and Gale was created to review the rule of procedure and report at the next regular meeting.

Approve Meeting Schedule:

Trustee Harper **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Gremel to approve the meeting schedule for the 2020-21 fiscal year. **Motion Carried**

Approve purchase of new computer for Clerk:

Trustee Cook **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Harper to approve the \$5,000 expense for a new computer and network system for the Clerk's office.

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

Approve Connection to water main on Melkild:

Trustee Stoffel **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Myers to approve water connection on Melkild rd for the Deering family. **Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (7) Nays (0) Absent (0) **Motion Carried.**

Payment of Bills:

Trustee Gale **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Myers to approve payment of the bills when funds become available in the amount of \$33,959.91

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

Public Comments:

Gerald Schatz, Mill Street- commented about how great the new website looks and offered a draft conflict of interest policy.

Ray Kellogg, Mill Street- thanked the Council for approving the water connection in the township.

Council Comments:

Trustee Cook- commended about the lack of a quorum at the special council meeting.

Trustee Stoffel- asked if President Wetherbee had talked with Mr. Fuller regarding his work.

Adjournment:

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 9:28 pm

Several Citizens attended.

**Joni I. Scott, Village of Northport
Clerk**