

Northport Village Council
Special Meeting Draft

February 19, 2020

President Wetherbee called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 4:00 PM.

Roll Call:

Council members Present: President Wetherbee and Trustees: Stoffel, Cook, Gale, Gremel, Harper, Myers (present by phone).

Absent members: None

Staff Present: DPW Superintendent- Chris Holton, Community Liaison- Cindy Edmondson

Vote on Homewood Cottages Petition:

Chris Holton gave the council a description of the project to connect Homewood Cottages Association to the water main off M-22. The association has petitioned the Village for a special assessment to defer the cost over time.

Trustee Cook **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Gremel to approve the petition for a special assessment for Homewood Cottages to pay for engineering and construction costs of connecting to our Water Main.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas (6) Nays (0) Trustee Myers unable to vote by phone **Motion Carried.**

Discussion Of Levy Property Sale:

Levy family has requested buying property with house on it back from Village. They have offered \$180,000. The family is amenable to having trails on property in question, but has requested Village assume liability for people using said trails. President Wetherbee has contacted our lawyer and Mr. Hammersley said it is a relatively easy process to put in place.

Trustee Gremel reported Mark Huggard from Jacobs reported at last NLTUA meeting that Village has the ability to double its current capacity without further expansion.

Council agreed that the next step would be to get our own professional appraisal of the property. President Wetherbee asked Community Liaison Edmondson to inquire about reliable appraisers from local realtors and report back to council at the March meeting.

Trustee Cook **made a motion** to agree to sell property once an independent appraisal is done on the Levy property, and Village can make an informed counter offer. Trustee Stoffel supported motion and Trustee Gremel seconded motion. **Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (6) Nays (0) Trustee Myers unable to vote by phone **Motion Carried.**

Chris Holton Sick Leave

Chris Holton asked to roll over remaining sick/vacation days into the next fiscal year which begins March 1, 2020. He has neck surgery scheduled for February 21, 2020 and would like to use the time for his recovery.

Trustee Cook **Moved, supported by** Trustee Stoffel to roll over Holton's sick time into the next fiscal year. **Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (6) Nays (0) Trustee Myers unable to vote by phone **Motion Carried.**

Public Comment

Doreen Tyrrell of Main St asked when the Village originally bought the Levy property which was primarily swamp land, did they over pay for the property?

President Wetherbee said he was unsure about whether there had been an appraisal before purchase. He also said that the question of over payment has been asked many times.

D. Tyrrell also asked if we did sell the property back to the Levy's where would the proceeds go? After discussion returning funds to pay off the sewer debt was the consensus.

Kathryn Frerichs of South Shore asked if the Village does sell the property back to the Levy's what will happen with the trail easements if they sell it?

Steve Wetherbee responded that the deed restriction easement would be in perpetuity.

Jane Gale said similar arrangements have been made on the Whale Back property in Leland. There would need to be signage along the trails indicating the trails are located on private land.

Ms. Frerichs asked if we knew the amount of the appraisal that the Levy's had done?

Steve Wetherbee responded that their appraisal had come back in the low 200k range.

Adjournment:

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 4:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Edmondson
Community Liaison
Village of Northport