

President Wetherbee called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 10:00 A.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, DPW Superintendent- Chris Holton

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The May 7, 2020 regular Council meeting were accepted with corrections.

The Special meeting minutes from May 18, 2020 Special meeting were accepted as presented

The Special meeting minutes from May 20, 2020 Special meeting were accepted as presented

Approval of Agenda (amendments/additions):

None

Correspondence:

Anne Harper- signage about keeping the community safe

Kelly Radeke- Around the Corner food and fun

Kevin Murphy- Social District suggestions

Mitten Brewery- Social District and closing of Park Street

Public Comment:

Don Sheets- commented about the Army Corps of Engineers report on the lake levels, and encouraged the Council to come up with a plan for the 4th Street road end.

Tom Weber- introduced himself to the Council and expressed his interest in serving on the Planning Commission.

Fred Steffens- commented on his successful business of 20 years and a bully on the Council.

Pam Steffens- commented on the Around the Corner Food truck invoice and if paid by the village there would be an uproar from the tax payers.

Doreen Tyrell- Supported Tom Weber for the vacancy on the Planning Commission.

Reports:

- A. **Liaison-** Cynthia Edmondson reported that she is working with a surveyor for the division of the 7th Street DPW property.
- B. **Clerk** – Clerk Scott reviewed her written financial report with the Council.
Scott also reported that she followed up with Paul Petersen from Waterways who has informed her that he will be moving forward with executing the grant agreement for the C Dock marina project.
- C. **Treasurer** – Treasurer Scripps provided a financial report for the month of May.
- D. **DPW-** Superintendent Chris Holton reported on the following items;
 1. Replacement of 2 culverts on Homewood Drive and South S.
 2. Continues curbside yard waste pickup on Tuesday and Friday
 3. Observation of South Beach activity and recommends opening public restrooms.

4. increased flow at the treatment plant from residential sump-pumps pumping ground water. Holton reminded everyone that it is “not allowed” and considered a cross-connection.

- D. **Employee Relations** – Steve Wetherbee reported that he will be scheduling a meeting soon.
- E. **Finance**- Minutes from the May 13, 2020 Finance Committee meeting was provided.
- F. **Infrastructure**- The next infrastructure meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 17, 2020 at 3:45.
- G. **Waterfront**- Harbor Master Susan Holtz provided a written report to the Council. Holtz also requested the hire of Mariah Kalchik, Alyssa Davis and Daniel Brown for the 2020 season.
Trustee Cook Moved, Supported by Trustee Gremel to hire Alyssa Davis, Mariah Kalchik and Daniel Brown for the 2020 season.
Roll Call Vote: Yeas (7) Nays (0) Motion Carried.
- H. **Planning Commission**: Next meeting is scheduled via zoom on June 17, 2020 at 10 am.
- I. **Parks and Trails**: A Parks and Trails meeting has been scheduled for Monday June 15, 2020 at 10 am.

Discussion Items:

Status of South Beach Restrooms:

Trustee Harper **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Gale to open the South Beach public restrooms by June 11, 2020. **Discussion:** Chris Holton recommended setting the timers for 8-6 on the bathroom locks. Signage for the restrooms will be determined by an ad-hoc committee.

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

Social Districts:

The Council discussed the Mitten Brewery correspondence to close Park Street and leave a 6’ pedestrian walk through. Fire Chief Hugh Cook did not recommend they closing of the street for safety reasons. The Council agreed not to pursue the closing of the street any further.

Trustee Harper **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Cook to approve the temporary blocking as suggested in Kevin Murphy’s correspondence in the municipal parking lot.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas (6) Nays (3) Abstained (1) Trustee Gale **Motion Carried.**

Trustee Harper Moved, Supported by Trustee Gale to approve the temporary blocking of one space for the Tribune to use as a designated pickup.

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

Lamppost Banner and Fence Banner:

The Council is interested in promoting the wearing of masks and social distancing. President Wetherbee would like to see a large banner displayed at the tennis court fencing as you come into town.

Trustee Harper Moved, Supported by Trustee Cook to authorize the expense of \$500 to purchase a banner. Discussion: Trustee Stoffel is not in favor of the banner and feels that everyone is aware of the social distancing guidelines. Other Council members felt it would be better to have a united front that focuses on the public health issues.

The following language was suggested for the Banner:

“Keep our Village Covid Free, Please wear your mask”

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

Action Items:

Appointment of Planning Commission:

Applicants Laura Cavendish, Kathy Wessel, Tom Webber and Cheryl Holwerda have applied for the vacancy on the Planning Commission. President Wetherbee will make his recommendation at the next regular Village Council meeting.

Leelanau County Interlocal Agreement:

Trustee Cook **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Gale to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Leelanau County for recycling services. **Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (7) Nays (0) **Motion Carried.**

Amendments to the NLTUA Articles of Incorporation:

Clerk Scott reviewed the two resolution with the Board. The resolution to amend the articles of incorporation will allow the board to hold its annual meeting anytime in April vs the third Tuesday of April at 7 pm. The second amendment allows the Board to hire an employee.

Trustee Gale **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Myers to approve the resolution amending the Articles of Incorporation for the NLTUA. **Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (7) Nays (0) **Motion Carried.**

Designated Library Parking:

Community Liaison Cindy Edmondson explained that the Leelanau Township Library would like to designate one parking space for dropping off and picking up books.

Trustee Gale **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Gremel to approve the temporary blocking of one parking space for the Library. **Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (7) Nays (0) **Motion Carried.**

“Little Free Library” and Story Walk:

Community Liaison Cindy Edmondson explained that the Leelanau Township Library would like to put up a “Little Free Library” in the Marina Park. The structure will match the marina theme and the library will pay for all costs involved.

Trustee Gremel **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Cook to approve the “Little Free Library” in the Marina Park. **Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (7) Nays (0) **Motion Carried.**

Trustee Gale **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Gremel to approve a story walk in the Marina Park. **Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (7) Nays (0) **Motion Carried.**

Payment of Bills:

Trustee Cook **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Gale to approve payment of the bills for the month of May when funds become available in the amount of \$44,573.11
Roll Call Vote: Yeas (7) Nays (0) Absent (0) **Motion Carried**

Public Comments:

Kathy Wessel- Thanked the Council for consideration on the Planning Commission.

Council Comments:

Trustee Cook- asked how long the village planned to continue with zoom meetings. President Wetherbee replied for the foreseeable future.

Adjournment:

Trustee Stoffel Moved, Supported by Trustee Gale to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 12:03 am

Several Citizens attended via phone.

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