

President Wetherbee called the meeting to order via zoom at 1:00 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, DPW Superintendent- Chris Holton

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The July 9, 2020 regular Council meeting were accepted with corrections;

Corrections Noted: Trustee Harper abstained from the Levy appraisal/sale, and a correction to the sentence for the Planning Commission appointment of Kathy Wessel.

Approval of Agenda (amendments/additions):

Trustee Harper questioned why the Around the Corner Food and Fun fence was on the agenda. President Wetherbee explained that he had concerns over the appearance of the fence, and that he had already received an answer which he would explain during the discussion.

Trustee Stoffel asked to add to the discussions overnight boat trailer parking. The Council agreed to add the discussion to the agenda item (H.).

Correspondence:

Anne Harper- correspondence regarding a light out on 8th Street.

Public Comment:

Campbell McLeod- commented that the meeting minutes need more explanations/description, the vacancy on the Planning Commission, and questioned the survey for the Levy property.

Laura Cavendish- reported that the sidewalk in front of the Around the Corner Food and Fun will be cut from the village owned sidewalk the week of the 10th.

Reports:

- A. **Liaison-** Community Liaison Edmondson reported that she had published the Site Plan Review and Public Hearing for Daniel Caudill's special use permit to locate a marijuana dispensary at 800 N. Mill Street on August 20, 2020 at 7 pm via zoom.
- B. **Clerk** – Clerk Scott was unable to provided written financial report for the month of July. Scott explained that she was still working on reconciling the marina sales. A bill sheet and payroll report were provided.
Scott also noted that the auditors had been in all week preparing the Financial statements.
- C. **Treasurer** – None
- D. **DPW-** Superintendent Chris Holton provided a written reported to the Council. Holton noted that the annual cleaning of the catch basins and sediment traps were completed.
- D. **Employee Relations** – None
- E. **Finance-** The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on August 13, 2020 at 10 am. Discussion items will include audit update, marina bonds and budget expenses.

- F. **Infrastructure-** Infrastructure Chair Hugh Cook provided the minutes from the July 15, 2020.
- G. **Waterfront-** Harbor Master Susan Holtz provided a written report to the Council. Waterfront Chair Tom Gremel reported that the committee discussed; the status of the waterways grant and completion of updates to seasonal boater waiting list.
- H. **Planning Commission:** The Planning Commission met on July 15, 2020 and the meeting minutes were provided. Trustee Gale reported that the Future Land Use and Zoning Maps were sent to Wade and Trim for updates and that Chair Tyrell has submitted her resignation from the Planning Commission Board. Gale explained that the Board would be holding a special meeting to elect new leadership.
- I. **Parks and Trails:** Parks and Trails Chair Mike Stoffel reported that the tablets for the Mill Pond have been applied to the pond and that they should break-down/dissolve the vegetation and muck. Stoffel also reported that Trustee Myers was working with John Mitchell on gathering more information for the Veterans memorial at Haserot Park.

Discussion Items:

Northport “Little Library” Concepts:

The Council was provided with 2 architectural drawing options for the Little Library that will be placed in the marina park.

Trustee Cook **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Tom Gremel to accept concept C. Discussion: Trustee Gale would like to allow for the library to make modifications as the designer feels appropriate. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (7) Nays (0) **Motion Carried.**

Draft Zoning District Map- July 2020:

A draft zoning district map was provided for the Councils review. President Wetherbee plans to have more discussion regarding the map at the September meeting.

Installation of Fencing at Around the Corner Project:

President Wetherbee explained that he was concerned with the way the fencing looked at the Around the Corner project. After further discussion with Laura Cavendish she explained that everything at the site was not in its permanent spot. Wetherbee said that the explanation satisfied his concerns.

Possible Survey of Nagonaba and Wind Turbine Ridge Trails:

John Korr, with JFK Surveying is working to provide an estimate to survey the Nagonaba and Wind Turbine Ridge trail so that a license can be issued to the village after the sale to the Levy's.

Geese Problem at the marina and beaches:

The Council recognizes that they have a geese problem and would like to have them eliminated.

Trustee Harper Moved, Supported by Trustee Stoffel to proceed with having village attorney Ross Hammersley iron out the specifics to eradicate the geese. **Discussion:** discussions included techniques that could be used, the damage that the geese are causing and the best time of the year to eliminate them. The Council agreed to wait until more information could be gathered.

Trustee Harper withdrew his motion.

Regular Council Zoom Meeting Time:

Trustee Myers Moved, Supported by Trustee Gale to resume the regular Council meetings at 7 pm. **Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (7) Nays (0) **Motion Carried.**

Possible Curb Alteration by the Old Railroad Station:

Jay and Diane Homan have offered to pay for a curb to be installed on the north side of the entrance to the marina. Superintendent Chris Holton doesn't see any problem with adding the curbing and will gather a quote from Wes Buss.

Overnight Parking at the Marina:

The Council had a lengthy discussion about the policy for overnight parking at the marina. Some Council members felt that long term parking shouldn't be allowed in the main parking lot. It was agreed that long term parking was a seasonal problem and not much could be done.

Action Items:

Water Reliability Study (Fleis and VandenBrink):

The Village of Northport Water Reliability Study was last updated in 2006. Fleis and VandenBrink provided an estimate of \$7,000 to perform and prepare all necessary updates.

Trustee Cook Moved, Supported by Trustee Harper to approve the \$7,000 expense for the Water Reliability Study. **Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (7) Nays (0) **Motion Carried.**

Payment of Bills:

Trustee Harper **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Gale to approve payment of the bills for the month of July when funds become available in the amount of \$145,000.02

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

Public Comments:

Campbell McLeod- commented on; signage at the marina, paving on Third Street, geese problem, Oak trees on High Street, overnight parking at 7th Street.

Kathryn Frerichs- suggested a geese eradication process.

Laura Cavendish- commented that she welcomes and questions about the Around the Corner Food and Fun project.

Council Comments:

None

Adjournment:

Trustee Gremel Moved, Supported by Trustee Myers to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 2:38 pm

Several Citizens attended via phone.

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

