

President Wetherbee called the meeting to order via zoom at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: President Wetherbee and Trustees: Ager, Cook, Gale, Gremel, McCann, Harper

Absent Members: None

Staff Present: Clerk- Joni Scott, DPW Superintendent- Chris Holton, Community Liaison- Cindy Edmondson, Treasurer- Kallie Craker, Harbor Master- Bill Rosemurgy

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Trustee Cook Moved, Supported by Trustee Gale to approve the February 4, 2021 Regular Council meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

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

Approval of Agenda (amendments/additions):

Trustee Cook asked to make discussion item E. Sidewalk along Northwest portion of Waukazoo St. moved to an Action item.

Correspondence:

None

Public Comment:

Anne Harper, Fourth Street- questioned if the ZBA public hearing was going to be held.

Pam Steffens, Fourth Street- asked if she could be unmuted during the ZBA public hearing.

Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing for 226 E. 5th Street:

Trustee Harper **Moved Supported by** Trustee Gremel to begin the ZBA public hearing for 226 E. 5th Street. Roll Call Vote: **Yeas (7) Nays (0)** Motion Carried.

The Public Hearing began at 7:05 pm

The Regular Council meeting reconvened at 8:32 pm

Reports:

- A. **Liaison-** Community Liaison Cindy Edmondson provided a PSA with Machin Engineering for design of the north marina parking lot.
- B. **Clerk** – Clerk Scott provided a financial report for the month of February 2021 in agreement with the Treasurer.
- C. **Treasurer** – Treasurer Kallie Craker provided a financial report in agreement with the Clerk for the month of February with a total of \$193,095.21 in revenues. Craker reported that she completed a 2 day training with BS&A online.
- D. **DPW-** Superintendent Chris Holton provided a written report to the Council. Highlights of the report included;
 1. Update on the C Dock marina project; steel stringers.
 2. The DPW have asked a few homes with known waterline freeze ups to run their water.

3. Quote from Bay Area Recycle representatives regarding the removal of the 7th Street DPW building in the amount of \$9,800
- D. **Employee Relations** – Trustee Ager Moved, Supported by Trustee Gale to approve the Treasurer increase to \$25,000. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (7) Nays (0)
Motion Carried.
- E. **Finance**- Finance Chair Jane Gale provided minutes from committee February 10, 2021 meeting.
- F. **Infrastructure**- Infrastructure Chair Hugh Cook provided minutes from the February 17, 2021.
- G. **Waterfront**- Waterfront Chair Tom Gremel provided minutes from their February 16, 2021 committee meeting. Harbormaster Bill Rosemurgy reported that he is looking to hire dockhands for the 2021 season.
Trustee Gremel Moved, Supported by Trustee Ager to approve a \$25 annual fee for the marina waitlist.
- H. **Planning Commission:** Representative Jane Gale reported that the Planning Commission survey for short term rentals was successful and that they have received 20% back so far.
- I. **Parks and Trails:** Parks and Trails Committee Chair Chris McCann reported that the Cross Country Ski trail has gotten much positive feed back from the community.

Discussion Items:

4th of July Fireworks:

The Council agreed by consensus to continue with the annual 4th of July firework plans.

Speed Control for Rose and Nagonaba Street:

Trustee Harper spoke with Jay and Diane Homan who would like to place an electric speed sign in front of their residence at their expense to help control excessive speeds on Rose Street. Trustee Harper will provide photos for next months meeting. An alternative of a 4 way stop was suggested, DPW Superintendent Chris Holton strongly disagrees.

Professional Service Agreement for North Marina Parking lot:

Trustee Harper Moved, Supported by Trustee McCann to accept the PSA from Machin Engineering in the amount of \$28,500 for the design and execution of the marina parking lot grant project. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (7) Nays (0) Motion Carried.

Action Items:

Payment request for Foley legal fee invoices:

The Foleys have acquired \$3,265 in legal fees. Trustee Harper presented Virginia and Ted Foley's request for compensation of legal fees acquired, due to Zoning Administrator Bill Fullers request of survey and accusations that the Foley's contractor positioned their house in Village's road right or way.

Trustee Harper Moved, Supported by Trustee Ager to approve the total compensation of \$3,265. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (3) Trustees Harper, Ager and Cook Nays (4) President Wetherbee and Trustees Gale, Gremel and McCann. **Motion Failed.**

Trustee Harper Moved, Supported by Trustee McCann to approve half of the requested invoiced amount \$1,632.50. Roll Call Vote Yeas (6) Nays (1) Trustee Gale. Motion Carried.

Sidewalk in front of Bohemian :

Kristen Kelitz explained the need/requirement to be ADA compliant and her plans to add a concrete ramp in front of the New Bohemian.

The Village Council agreed to pay for half of the replacement cost of the sidewalk in front of the New Bohemian.

Payment of Bills:

Trustee Ager **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Harper to approve payment of the bills for the month of February when funds become available in the amount of \$717,116.80

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

Public Comments:

Fred Steffens- commented on the Rose Street culvert, and offered to meet with the committee reviewing a building packet.

Laura Cavendish- commented on the number of Land Use Permits issued in 2020.

Council Comments:

Trustee Harper- commented that he felt that the Zoning Board of Appeals went against all the surrounding property owners' concerns associated with the Hanley property. Harper stated that he was very disappointed in the vote.

Hugh Cook- told the Council that Trustee Harper texted him after the vote on the zoning variance stating "Hope you never want to go to the Garage Bar ever again!". Cook said that it sounded like a threat and asked for Trustee Harper's immediate resignation.

Joni Scott, Clerk- stated that the Council approved rules of procedure for remote meetings, prohibiting texting during meetings.

Trustee Harper- apologized to Trustee Cook and the Council stating that he was totally kidding.

Adjournment:

Trustee Cook **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Gremel to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 10:18 pm

Several Citizens attended via phone.

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

