

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

**Roll Call:**

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

Absent Members: Trustee Cook

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

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

The March 4, 2021 regular meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The March 10, 2021 special meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The March 24, 2021 special meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The March 31, 2021 special meeting minutes were approved as presented.

**Approval of Agenda (amendments/additions):**

President Wetherbee added to discussion items: 7. C Tree Planting and 7. D Run for Funds

**Correspondence:**

**Bob Hayden-** correspondence regarding recreational marijuana

**Greg Nobles-** correspondence asking the Council to reconsider their variance approval for the Hanley house.

**Watershed Center-** correspondence press release regarding the approval of a \$300k grant for trash removal in the Great Lakes Basin.

**Venture North-** press release regarding grants for small businesses with up to 9 employees.

**Public Comment:**

**Nicole Arbury, North Shore-** supported the need to reduce vehicle speeds on Bay Street, but was not in favor of a lighted speed sign.

**Reports:**

- A. **Liaison-** Community Liaison Cindy Edmondson reported on the lot development of 7<sup>th</sup> Street noting that after further discussions with DTE and Consumers Energy there is no need to install these utilities on the property, because they can be accessed from North Shore Drive.
- B. **Clerk** – Clerk Scott provided a financial report for the month of March 2021 in agreement with the Treasurer. Scott also displayed the Citizen of the Year plaque with the addition of William Collins for 2020. Scott made a suggestion that the Citizen of the Year could be acknowledged during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
- C. **Treasurer** – Treasurer Kallie Craker provided a financial report in agreement with the Clerk for the month of March. Craker also reported that she has begun the process for collecting delinquent personal property taxes.
- D. **DPW-** None.
- E. **Employee Relations** – None

- E. **Finance-** Finance Chair Jane Gale provided minutes from committee March 10, 2021. Gale reported that the Committee is reviewing the Vendor Ordinance.
- F. **Infrastructure-** None
- G. **Waterfront-** Waterfront Chair Tom Gremel provided minutes from their March 16 and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 committee meeting. Harbormaster Bill Rosemurgy reported that the new John Deere Gator had been delivered and the new channel markers for the marina had been ordered.
- H. **Planning Commission:** Representative Jane Gale reported that the Planning Commission survey for short term rentals was more positive than negative and that the Board was looking to recommend an annual fee and a good neighbor policy.  
Interim Zoning Administrator Scott: provided a report of her activities for the month.
- I. **Parks and Trails:** Parks and Trails Committee Chair Chris McCann reported that the community pitched in and cleaned up all the trash on Nagonaba Trail. The Committee is also looking a grant possibilities for new playground equipment.

### **Discussion Items:**

#### Radar speed sign for Bay Street:

The many of the Council members agreed that a flashing speed sign did not fit the village's current sign ordinance and were not in favor of it. President Wetherbee agreed to table the discussion on how to decrease speeding on Bay Street.

#### Status of old hospital building:

Trustee Ager reported that she reached out to Michael McCarthy owner of the old hospital property with regards to the dilapidated building and brick wall that is falling down. McCarthy said that he would have a mason look at repairing the wall.

Interim Zoning Administrator Scott reported that she received a phone call from an engineering firm looking for a site plan application for condo's.

The Council thanked Trustee Ager for her efforts.

#### Tree Planting on May 1, 2021:

Planning Commission Chair Kathrine Frerichs reported that the Village of Northport received a 100% tree grant to plant 20 trees in and around the village. Volunteers are needed and should contact Kathrine Frerichs. Trees will be planted Saturday morning May 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:45 am. Trustee Harper encouraged all Trustees to participate.

### **Action Items:**

#### **Adopt State of Emergency Resolution for the month of April:**

Trustee Harper Moved, Supported by Trustee Gremel to approve the resolution adopting a State of Emergency for the month of April.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas (6) Nays (0) **Motion Approved.**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> of July "Run for Funds" Cancer run:**

Trustee Harper Moved, Supported by Trustee Ager to approve the Run for Funds Cancer run on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas (6) Nays (0) **Motion Approved.**

**Request for Wine-Tasting License approval for Northport Wine, LLC**

Baia Estates will be moving their tasting room from their shared location on Waukazoo to 107 Nagonaba Street where they will expand their space and offer music and wine tasting.

Trustee Harper Moved, Supported by Trustee Gremel to approve the Wine Tasting License Resolution for Northport Wine, LLC.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas (6) Nays (0) **Motion Approved.**

**Payment of Bills:**

Trustee Gale **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Gremel to approve payment of the bills for the month of March when funds become available in the amount of \$300,400.91

**Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (6) Nays (0) Absent (1) Trustee Cook **Motion Carried**

**Public Comments:**

**Laura Cavendish-** commented on the incorrect zoning articles provided in the packet.

**Council Comments:**

Trustee Harper- encouraged all the Trustees to respond to Greg Nobles letter, regarding the approval of the zoning variance for 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Adjournment:**

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

**Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (6) Nays (0) Absent (1) Trustee Cook **Motion Carried**

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 8:17 pm

Several Citizens attended via phone.

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