

President Wetherbee called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7:00 P.M.

### **Roll Call:**

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

Absent Members: None

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

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Trustee Gale Moved, Supported by Trustee Cook to approve the July 8, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

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

President Wetherbee asked for the following items to be added to the agenda;

Mill Street Box Culvert- Discussion

Housing and Energy Presentation- Discussion

Re-establishment of Lot lines (Twocrow)- action item

### **Correspondence:**

Pam Steffens- provided a petition of 7 signatures in favor of keeping the light on 4<sup>th</sup> Street on. The letter highlights that there was a total of 10 property owners on the street.

### **Public Comment:**

**Campbell McLeod-** commented about the need for maps of the trails system, suggested making one of the 7<sup>th</sup> Street development lots for multi family or affordable homes.

**Pam Steffens-** Discussed the petition for the removal of the Street light on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, stating that 7 property owners had signed the petition in favor of keeping the light on their street.

**John Weber-** questioned why the village was considering limiting the number of marijuana establishments.

**Tom Weber-** questioned why he hadn't been contacted by the village's Dark Sky Committee.

**Laura Cavendish-** asked if the recordings of the meeting could be posted on the village website.

**Richard Isphording-** questioned whether the letter from Doug Whitley regarding John Sanders and comments made by Trustee Harper was going to be read or discussed.

**Jane Gale-** offered to send the property owners on 4<sup>th</sup> Street a link to a Dark Sky article with research and data that outlines the goals of Dark Sky.

### **Reports:**

A. **Liaison-** Community Liaison Cindy Edmondson reported that the Native American Heritage Fund was awarded to Northport Schools.

Edmondson also submitted the permit for the Dog Parade on August 14, which has been approved by MDOT. asked for volunteers to help build the 10

**Clerk** – Clerk Scott provided a financial report for the month of July 2021 in agreement with the Treasurer. Scott also reported that the auditor would be in the week of August 11.

- B. **Treasurer** – Treasurer Kallie Craker provided a revenue report in agreement with the Clerk for the month of July.
- C. **DPW**- DPW Superintendent Chris Holton provided a written report on the DPW activities for the month of July.
- D. **Employee Relations** – None
- E. **Finance**- Finance Chair Jane Gale provided minutes from the July 14, 2021 meeting. Highlights included;
- F. **Infrastructure**- Infrastructure Committee member Steve Wetherbee reported the following items were discussed at the July 21, 2021 meeting;
  1. 4<sup>th</sup> Street Ditch Concerns regarding the high water and the difficulty to keep the ditch free of weeds.
  2. Sara U'Ren, discussion of Stormwater abatement grant projects.
  3. Third Street road end parking and the need for a survey.
- G. **Waterfront**- No meeting to report.  
Harbormaster Bill Rosemurgy provided a written report of marina activities.
- H. **Planning Commission**: None  
Zoning Administrator: Scott provided a report of her activities for the month of July. Scott also noted that at the next Planning Commission meeting the Board will be reviewing a site plan for 215 N. Mill Street, and reviewing the zoning audit results with Arthur Mullen from Wade, Trim.
- I. **Parks and Trails**: Parks and Trails Committee Chair Chris McCann provided minutes from the July 26, 2021 meeting.

## **Discussion Items:**

### Speed limit on South Shore Drive:

President Wetherbee explained that Tom Weber had made a request to lower the speed limit on South Shore Drive to 15 mph. The Council asked for Mr. Weber to gather consent from the other property owners on South Shore and report back.

### Salt Barn and possible agreement with County:

DPW Superintendent Chris Holton reported that the County is interested in sharing space in the proposed salt barn and in lieu of rental payments the Village would have access to the sand/salt mixture without charge.

### Council Code of Ethics:

President Wetherbee assigned an Ad-hoc Committee of Susan Ager, Hugh Cook and himself to work on creating a Council Code of Ethics Policy.

### MDOT Discussion with Dan Wagner to take possession of M22:

President Wetherbee reported that Dan Wagner from MDOT has approached him with the idea of the Village taking over the portion of M22 that runs through the Village of Northport. Wetherbee explained that his main concern was with the culvert on Mill Street. Wagner had State Engineers provide a survey that ranked the culvert as a 7 out of 10. The Infrastructure Committee will consider the request at their next meeting.

### Housing and Energy Presentation:

President Wetherbee announced a Housing and Energy Presentation on August 18, 2021 from 5-6 pm at the Leelanau County Buildings.

## **Action Items:**

### **Adoption of Ordinance 129 an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 124, Village of Northport Medical Marihuana:**

Trustee Harper **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Ager to adopt Ordinance 129 an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 124, Village of Northport Medical Marihuana.

Discussion: Clerk Scott explained that the amendment will limit the number of provisioning centers to one (1).

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

### **Adoption of Ordinance 130 an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 125, Village of Northport Recreational Marihuana:**

Trustee Harper **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Ager to adopt Ordinance 130 an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 125, Village of Northport Recreational Marihuana.

Discussion: Clerk Scott explained that the amendment will limit the number of Retailers to one (1).

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

### **Nomination of Village President Pro Tempore:**

President Wetherbee nominated Chris McCann as President Pro Tempore.

Trustee Gale Moved, Supported by Trustee Cook to approve Chris McCann as President Pro Tempore. **Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (7) Nays (0) **Motion Approved.**

### **Re-Establishment of Lot Lines for Elizabeth Two Crow:**

Zoning Administrator Scott provided the Council with a survey outlining the new lot lines for parcel # 042-103-013-10 and parcel # 042-103-013-30 with new legal descriptions.

Trustee Harper Moved, Supported by Trustee Gale to approve the Re-establishment of lot lines as described in the legal descriptions and survey.

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

### **Payment of Bills:**

Trustee Gale **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Gremel to approve payment of the bills for the month of July when funds become available in the amount of \$163,674.22

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

**Public Comments:**

**Pam Steffens, 4<sup>th</sup> Street-** question dingy speeds in the marina and asked for better patrol.

**Tom Weber, South Shore-** questioned how to get ahold of Trustee Cook and asked for his phone number.

**Fred Steffens-** commented that was very disappointed with the Council and suggested that they have not done the public any good.

**Council Comments:**

Chris Holton- announced that the Beach was at a level 1.

**Adjournment:**

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

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

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 8:15 pm

Several Citizens attended via zoom.

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