

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

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Stoffel, Cook, Gale, Gremel, Myers and President Wetherbee

Absent Members: Trustee Harper

Staff Present: Clerk- Joni Scott, Treasurer- Merilee Scripps, Community Liaison- Cindy Edmondson, Harbor Master- Susan Holtz and DPW Superintendent- Chris Holton

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Trustee Gale Moved, Supported by Trustee Gremel to approve the October 3, 2019 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion Carried.

Trustee Gale Moved, Supported by Trustee Cook to approve the October 17, 2019 Special meeting minutes as submitted. Motion Carried.

Approval of Agenda (amendments/additions):

President Wetherbee amended the agenda adding Parks and Trails under reports and Sign Ordinance under Discussion items.

Correspondence:

None

Public Comment:

Bill Collins, Vincer Way- asked the Council to write a letter of support to the Township Planning Commission for the Timber Shores project. President Wetherbee added this topic to the agenda as an action item.

Reports:

- A. **Liaison-** Cynthia Edmondson provided the Council with a written report.
***Trustee Gremel Moved, Supported by Trustee Myers to authorize the final payment for the website design work in the amount of \$2,250.** Discussion: President Wetherbee asked what the monthly fee would be. Edmondson responded \$30 per month.
Roll Call Vote: Yeas (6) Nays (0) Absent (1) Trustee Harper Motion Carried.
- B. **Clerk** – Clerk Scott reviewed her written financial report with the Council.
Scott also noted that the Village had received 6 new sewer hookups for the year.
- C. **Treasurer** – Treasurer Scripp’s provided a written report for October.
- D. **DPW-** Superintendant Chris Holton provided a written report.
Highlights of his report included:
 1. Discussions with a structural engineer regarding C dock at the marina
 2. Additional Rip Rap added to the marina and south beach shoreline
 3. Completion of the 8th Street Fuel Depot
- D. **Employee Relations** – None
- E. **Finance-** Minutes from the October 16, 2019 Finance Committee meeting were provided. Clerk Scott noted that the Finance Committee would like to move forward with selling the 7th Street DPW property and that she had been in contact with Steve Voice, from Voice Environmental who could help assist the village with a wetland delineator if needed.
- F. **Infrastructure-** Minutes from the October 16, 2019 and November 4, 2019 Infrastructure meeting were provided.
- G. **Waterfront-** Harbor Master Susan Holtz provided a written report to the Council.
Highlights included discussions about:
 1. Repairs to the Boater Day room ceiling
 2. Meeting with 45th Parallel to see about raising C-Dock
 3. Seasonal Rates for 2020 scheduled to increaseMinutes from the October 15, 2019 Waterfront Committee meeting were provided.

H. Planning Commission: The Planning Commission met on October 22, 2019, Jane Gale provided a written report of discussion from the meeting. The next meeting will be held on November 19, 2019 and they will be discussing marijuana zoning language.

I. Parks and Trails: The Parks and Trails Committee recommended a gazebo at the Mill Pond area. The Committee suggested going for a LTCF grant which was due at the end of the month. Trustee Gale suggested waiting until all capital projects were in before making any decisions.

Discussion Items:

A. Committee to Complete Details for Marihuana Ordinances:

President Wetherbee assigned Trustees Gale, Gremel and Cook and Clerk Scott to an Ad-Hoc Committee to complete the marihuana ordinances.

B. Erosion at the end of 4th Street:

The Infrastructure Committee provided information regarding the erosion at the end of 4th Street. Letters from a neighboring property owner Mr. Sheets were also provided. The Council had a lengthy discussion about what should be done to protect and save the street end. Clerk Scott suggested getting the Village Attorneys opinion as to what the responsibility of the village is.

Trustee Stoffel **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Gremel to ask the attorney for a legal opinion for what the villages responsibility is on 4th Street.

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

C. Sign Ordinance:

The Council reviewed a memorandum outlining the advantages and drawbacks of moving the sign regulations to a village ordinance rather than keeping it in the zoning ordinance. The Council agreed that the benefits to making a village sign ordinance had a stronger rationale.

Trustee Gale Moved, Supported by Trustee Cook to develop a Village Sign Ordinance.
Motion Carried.

Action Items:

Support for Timber Shores Project:

Trustee Cook Moved, Supported by Trustee Myers to support the Timber Shores project. Motion Carried.

Payment of Bills:

Trustee Gale **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Stoffel to approve payment of the bills when funds become available in the amount of \$62413.40

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

Public Comments:

Anne Harper, Fourth Street- made comments regarding 4th Street and her offer to provide a temporary access road for the Sheets. Mrs. Harper also encouraged the Council to consider a broader view of the shoreline when making decisions due to the high water.

Council Comments:

Trustee Cook- asked to have the champion ship basketball and soccer signage replaced that are missing.
Trustee Stoffel- made comments about the petitions for marijuana.

Adjournment:

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 8:23 pm

Several Citizens attended.

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

