

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,

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Trustee Gale **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Cook to approve the August 5, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. **Discussion:** Trustee Ager questioned the member comment regarding the E. coli levels reported for the week. Clerk Scott said that she would double check the report. **Motion Carried.**

Trustee Cook **Moved, Supported by** Trustee McCann to approve the August 21, 2021 Special meeting minutes. **Motion Carried.**

Approval of Agenda (amendments/additions):

Trustee Harper asked for Action Item (A) decision on MDOT's offer to give Northport ownership of M-201 to be tabled until Street Administrator Chirs Holton could be in attendance. President Wetherbee explained that he had spoken to Chris Holton and can relay the discussion during the action item.

Correspondence:

Mike Stoffel- Mill Street neighbors Rick and Nancy Deering, Marjorie Roslund and Jeff Kellogg all requested that the light on Mill Street be turned back on.

Bruce Viger- Requested the need for more public restrooms in the commercial district.

Thomas Oehmke- 7th Street Road end signage.

Rich Isphording- correspondence regarding the Timber Shores development.

MDOT Jeremy Wiest- the Village of Northport can allow for golf carts on M-201 after adopting a resolution that outlines the details.

Public Comment:

Thomas Oehmke- commented about his discussions with the Villages legal counsel, and language for the 7th Street Road end.

Reports:

- A. **Liaison-** Community Liaison Cindy Edmondson reported that the work on the new base for the village office sign has begun and will be completed in 8-10 days.
- B. **Clerk** – Clerk Scott provided a financial report for the month of August 2021 in agreement with the Treasurer. Scott also reported that the license for the retail marijuana and recreational dispensary have been fulfilled.
- C. **Treasurer** – Treasurer Kallie Craker provided a revenue report in agreement with the Clerk for the month of August. Craker noted that she is in her final days of collecting taxes and payments were coming in steady.
- D. **DPW-** DPW Superintendent Chris Holton provided a written report on the DPW activities for the month of August.

- E. **Employee Relations** – None
- F. **Finance-** Finance Chair Jane Gale provided minutes from the August 11th and September 8, 2021 meetings. Gale reported that the committee is in the process of drafting a Land Division Ordinance which will be presented for adoption at the next regular meeting.
- G. **Infrastructure-** Infrastructure Committee Chair Hugh Cook provided minutes from the August 18, 2021 meeting. Cook noted that not all the identified streetlights that were scheduled to be turned off, were turned off and the committee plans to discuss this at their next meeting
- H. **Waterfront-** Waterfront Chair Tom Gremel provided minutes from the August 17, 2021 meeting.
Harbormaster Bill Rosemurgy provided a written report of marina activities.
- I. **Planning Commission:** minutes from the August 18, 2021 Planning Commission meeting were provided. Gale noted that the Planning Commission will be reviewing the plans for the marina parking lot at their next meeting.
Zoning Administrator: Scott provided a report of her activities for the month of August.
- I. **Parks and Trails:** Parks and Trails Committee Chair Chris McCann provided minutes from the August 16, 2021 meeting. McCann thanked the Village Groundskeeper Brad Price for all the great work on the gardens around the Club House.

Discussion Items:

7th Street Road End Signage:

Trustee Ager explained that she likes the language that she provided the Parks and Trails Committee and would for the Council to adopt it. President Wetherbee suggested waiting and that there was no rush since the summer season was coming to an end.

Trustee Ager **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Harper to adopt the language she provided to the Parks and Trails Committee. **Discussion:** Trustee Gale noted that she hadn't seen the sign language and wasn't prepared to vote. Other Council members agreed.

Trustee Harper **withdrew** his motion of support. Trustee Ager **withdrew** her motion in order to offer more time for the Council members to review the sign language. Ager urged the Council to take action in October.

New Plat Bounded by Nagonaba, Mill, 3rd and Warren:

Trustee Harper questioned why the Village was amending the plat. President Wetherbee and Trustee Gale together explained that the action taken by the Council back in 1961 wasn't recorded properly and therefore the property is somewhat abandoned. The amending of the plat will also resolve the many questions over Park Drive, dedicate the street and park area that the village owns.

Action Items:

Decision on MDOTS offer to give Northport ownership of M-201:

Trustee Gale **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Gremel to decline the offer from MDOT to take over M-201. **Discussion:** President Wetherbee explained that repairs to the street would be very expensive in the future and that there weren't many benefits to taking the road over.

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

Tom's Land Division for Clint Craker Property on Waukazoo Plat:

Trustee Cook **Moved, Supported by** Trustee McCann to adopt the following resolution;

Whereas: The division of a platted lot is governed by MCL 560.263, and

Whereas: The Village of Northport has adopted Ordinance 66B of 1973 an Ordinance that regulates the subdivision of land in the Village of Northport, and

Whereas: The proposed division meets the requirements of the Land Division Act, and

Now Therefore be it Resolved: That the Village Council has reviewed the Land Division request and approves the division according to the surveys provided on record parcel #042-500-004-50.

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

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Payment of Bills:

Trustee Gale **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Cook to approve payment of the bills for the month of August when funds become available in the amount of \$154,042.81

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

Public Comments:

None

Council Comments:

Will Harper- questioned the development of 7th Street and the need for the Council to approve the sale of the property.

Hugh Cook- asked President Wetherbee if the Council would be moving to all zoom meetings. President Wetherbee explained that the resolution adopted at the special meeting gave an opportunity for a hybrid meeting. Cook also stated that he was disappointed with the looks of the dispensary building on Mill Street.

Adjournment:

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

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

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 7:55 pm

Several Citizens attended via zoom.

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