

Infrastructure Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 17, 2021

Members present: President Wetherbee, Harper, Cook, Frerichs  
Staff present: Holton, Edmondson, Scott, Craker  
Public: Laura Cavendish, Denise Branch

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm

Approved the agenda as amended.

Public comments: We heard Laura Cavendish asking about the Children's Center and our walk-thru of the building. This is on the agenda for discussion later.

We received a letter and map from Craig Pepple requesting an ingress and egress access to the northeastern most part of his property. The Township had approved this property to be rezoned from agricultural to R1. President Wetherbee has been in touch with both Mr. Pepple and Fred Budd in regards to this issue. Chris Holton pointed out that the road next to the soccer field is an undeveloped road. We decided that we need to submit this to our legal council and then present it to the Village Council for approval. Mr. Pepple would be responsible for all legal costs in this matter. The Infrastructure committee is in favor of this. The letter and map are included with this report.

We received a Salt Barn update from Chris. The building is complete and ready for use. Chris is very happy with the structure. The DPW is going to start to fill the building with what sand they have.

We received an update on the streetlights from President Wetherbee. We have received more requests to turn the lights back on. We have also received phone calls expressing how they are thankful that the lights have been turned off.

We had a discussion on the RFP's for the Fourth Street Ditch project. Today is the last day to receive these RFP's and none have been received to date. 2 of the firms have refused to bid on this project.

We discussed our walk-thru of the Children's Center and the conditions of the building. **The one thing we decided is the power and the water need to be turned back on!!** We talked about maybe moving the Village Offices to this building. Joni pointed out that the building is uninsurable if the power and water are turned off.

We received a report from the DPW.

We received a report from the Planning Commission

Joni talked about budget items to include major street projects, local streets, hydrant replacements, water tank cleaning, ageing water lines, floors in the marina bathrooms, playground equipment, the bridge over Northport Creek in the marina, new flooring in the Village Office, sidewalks, and replacement of the marina lights.

Second Public Comments: Cindy clarified comments about the RFP's. Laura Cavendish had comments about the Children's Center and the need to turn on the water and power. She also had concerns about Mr. Pepples request for an easement and the condition of the road and need for repairs of the road. Also the danger of possible problems during soccer games with children using the road. What is the Village's liability in case of an accident to children?

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Harper and seconded by President Wetherbee. All ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33pm.

November 3, 2021

Village Council  
Village of Northport  
P. O. Box 336  
Northport, MI 49670

Dear Council Members,

This is a request to be given ingress and egress access to my northeastern most property through the Village owned 33 ft easement next to the Soccer Field off Melkild Road.

We are almost through with the process of rezoning my property from Agricultural to R2. Once this approval is complete by the Township, we will begin the process of land division. The division of the land will depend upon the approval of the Village of Northport to access the Northeast portion of my property. We have included the drawing of the property and the proposed driveway entrance off the sand road next to the Soccer Field.

Thank you for your consideration,

  
Craig Pepple  
10929E. Melkild Rd.  
Northport, MI 49670  
(231)631-0013

Tax

Parcel, Last Name, or Address



Parcel



Viewer



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Municipality	Northport
Parcel #	042-234-021-00
Acres	54.20
Address	401 W EIGHTH ST
City	NORTHPORT, MI
Zip	49670
Owner	VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT

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Proposed Driveway entrance.

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