

President Wetherbee called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M at the Village Offices. Public was present both in person and via Zoom.

Roll Call:

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

Absent Members: Harper (attended via Zoom)

Staff Present: Community Liaison- Cindy Edmondson, Treasurer Kallie Craker and DPW Superintendent- Chris Holton

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The December 9, 2021 meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

Approval of Agenda (amendments/additions):

No changes were made.

Public Comment:

Joan Moore- read letter aloud about Children's Center Building which is included in packet.

Mike Stoffel- wanted to know what Parks and Trails were planning for the Mill Pond. He said he was not in favor of its removal, and many Village residents are in agreement with his sentiments.

Campbell McLeod- commented on the waterfront's inclusion of a kiosk in the marina project. He would like to see the Village put out an updated trail map for visitors. He is hopeful the village will make future decisions with the consideration to the environment. He also would like to see a construction calendar to help the DPW with projects.

Fred Steffans- commented on the talk to remove the Mill Pond. He has lived here for decades and is disgusted that new residents move here and want to change the things that matter most to longtime residents.

Laura Cavendish- wanted to see a discussion about Trustee salaries in the future. She also is happy that meeting links are on the website but would like to see the Village get the videos themselves so they would not be lost.

Discussion Items:

Flees Road Sewer Extension: - There are several homes that have paid their original assessment of \$10,100 on Fleece Rd. The proposal by Prein & Neuhof of \$130,400 is to construct the necessary main extension so these properties can connect.

Action Items:

Resolution to adopt "West Park Drive":

Trustee Cook **Moved, Supported** by Trustee Gale to adopt Resolution 1-2022 to rename Waukazoo St and Second St to West Park Drive. Discussion – None.

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

Approve Affinity Technologies, LLC proposal:

Trustee Gremel **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Cook to approve the \$6,137 proposal for transfer and update of internet service which includes \$2900 for first 20 hours of service. No discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas (6) Nays (0) Absent (1) Trustee Harper who attended via Zoom.

Motion Carried

Approve Harbor Master Contract:

Trustee Ager **Moved, supported by** Trustee Gremel to offer Harbormaster same contract as 2021 minus the first year incentive bonus.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas (6) Nays (0) Absent (1) Trustee Harper who attended via Zoom.

Motion Carried

Approve Waterways Grant Aid Application:

Trustee Ager **Moved, supported by** Trustee Gale to approve submittal of Waterways Grant Application.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas (6) Nays (0) Absent (1) Trustee Harper who attended via Zoom.

Motion Carried

Payment of Bills:

Bills not presented at this meeting.

Public Comments:

None.

Council Comments:

-Trustee Cook said he will cancel Infrastructure until next month so Village Council can weigh in on fourth street issue.

-President Wetherbee is still hopeful the State will allow meetings to be held via Zoom without penalty.

-Trustee Gale reported Land Trust/ Housing North/ Brownfield presentation is full of useful information. Link: https://youtu.be/3lsw_U5jE0w

Gale also reported that Chair Frerichs of the Planning Commission has stepped down and Nicole Arbury will take her place until the new term in April.

-Trustee Cook asked if Nicole will attend Infrastructure in Kathy Frerichs' place? He also stated that his reason for running for Trustee was to protect the Mill Pond.

- Trustee McCann implored village residents to reach out to him if they have questions about something that is happening associated with Parks & Trails. He stated he too is a native Northport resident and the Mill Pond has been a big part of his life. He sincerely hopes that there is a solution somewhere in the middle that will preserve the pond without the excessive cost.

-Trustee Ager states she is exploring all positions of the Mill Pond. She is not necessarily in favor of its removal. She is however interested in how the management of the pond will be paid for and is looking for avenues to get the funding.

-Trustee Gremel lives across from the Mill Pond and reports it is busy with families and visitors all day long throughout the year. He would hate to see it removed.

Adjournment:

Trustee Cook **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Gremel to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas (6) Nays (0) Absent (1) Trustee Harper who attended via Zoom.

Motion Carried

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 7:41 pm
Several Citizens attended via zoom.

**Cindy Edmondson, Village
Community Liaison**

