

President Wetherbee called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

### **Roll Call:**

**Council Members Present:** President Wetherbee and Trustees: Gremel, McCann, Harper, Gale  
**Absent Members:** Trustees Cook and Ager zoomed into the meeting.

**Staff Present:** Community Liaison- Cindy Edmondson, Treasurer- Kallie Craker, DPW Superintendent- Chris Holton (via Zoom)

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

Trustee Gale **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Gremel to approve the February 3, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

Trustee Gremel **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Harper to approve the February 16, 2022 Special meeting minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

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

Agenda was approved as presented with “Approval of 2022 Cars in the Park” moving after Public Comment.

### **Public Comment:**

**Greg Nobles-** Thanked the council for the new RFP for 4<sup>th</sup> St. He feels that the RFP should be expanded to include all the areas up to Mill St and along Rose St.

**Laura Cavendish-** asked if the Village Council compensation was going to be reviewed. President Wetherbee stated it would be addressed during the upcoming March 16th Employee Relations Meeting.

### **Correspondence:**

**Greg Nobles-** Commented on the Village’s new RFP proposal which will be addressed during discussion items later in the Agenda.

**Marsha Boynton-** Commented on the Village’s new RFP proposal which will be addressed during discussion items later in the Agenda.

**Will Harper-** Commented on the need to consider taking over M201 from MDOT. His position is the Village would be able to consider becoming a golf cart/electric vehicle friendly town with jurisdiction over M201.

### **Approve 2022 Cars in the Park, May 28,2022.**

Lynelle Irvine asked the council to approve the annual Cars in the Park. DPW Supervisor Chris Holton said the DPW will be able to accommodate the event in whatever capacity is necessary. The council **approved the event by consensus.**

### **Reports:**

- A. **Liaison-** Community Liaison Cindy Edmondson reported that the Northport School National Honors Society members have asked if the council would approve a community project of their choice for “Better World Day” on May 6<sup>th</sup>? The council was amenable and will ask for suggestions at the March 21<sup>st</sup> Parks & Trails meeting. The committee will get back to the council with possible projects.
- B. **Clerk** – no report Clerk Scott was on vacation.

- C. **Treasurer** – Treasurer Kallie Craker provided a revenue report with an updated figure of \$200,548.
- D. **DPW**- DPW Superintendent Chris Holton provided a written report on the DPW activities for the month of February, stating that the water lines on East 6th and the line between the Post Office building and the water main failed. Kal excavating was instrumental in repairing the line on a Sunday in an extremely efficient fashion. Kal also repaired the 6<sup>th</sup> St break the following day. The DPW is updating all new water and sewer installations and repairs that have come on line in the past few years to bring the GIS current.
- E. **Finance**- Finance Chair Jane Gale provided minutes from February 9, 2022 meeting. Gale reported that the Finance Committee will be reviewing the vendor policy along with additional policies that pertain to purchasing and investment within the Village.
- F. **Waterfront**- Waterfront Chair Tom Gremel provided minutes from the February 15, 2022 committee meeting. Harbormaster Rosemurgy gave an explanation for the need to add an additional circuit at the marina not to exceed \$17,900. The dock house requires isolation to prevent interference with operations should boats hooking up to the pedestals trip a circuit. The choice to have the copper wiring at the higher cost was agreed to by all because of durability and safety overall. Rosemurgy also reported the “Away with Geese” amber lights will be placed in the parks to repel the geese. The company reports a 97% success rate with a 100% money back guarantee.
- G. **Infrastructure**- Infrastructure Chair Cook stated we will be missing Kathy Frerichs, but her replacement Nicole Arbury will be a great addition. Cook also inquired when the street lights would be turned back on. President Wetherbee reported that they should all be turned back on soon with the exception of the hanging light south of town on M22.
- H. **Planning Commission**: minutes from the February 16, 2022 Planning Commission meeting were provided. Gale noted that Chair Arbury was very organized leading her first meeting and outlined a schedule of work for the commission going forward. Gale also announced the new recording secretary Sarah Murphy will begin March 16, 2022.
- I. **Zoning Administrator**: Scott provided a written report of her activities for the month of February. Included with her report was an updated LUP reflecting our Zoning Ordinances.  
Trustee Harper inquired about the illegal split referenced in the report. Liaison Edmondson stated that it was in reference to Park Street. The council never authorized a split. Harper noted he had filed the paperwork with the county.
- J. **Parks and Trails**: Chair McCann provided minutes from the February 21, 2022 committee meeting. He reported that they would consider the language and the size of the road end signs at the March meeting and would return with their recommendations for the April meeting. Trustee Harper pointed out that the issue has been litigated twice in the past and the Village is under no obligation to change anything.
- K. **Employee Relations**: President Wetherbee reported Employee Relations will meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 10:30AM. He reported that this month they would be recommending the 5.9% COLA increase for the staff.

## **Discussion Items:**

### **RFP for Fourth Street drainage work:**

President Wetherbee listened to suggestions from Fourth St residents, Noble, Stephens and Boynton addressing a larger scope of proposal. All agreed this has been a chronic issue historically. President Wetherbee will rework some of the language on the RFP to address their concerns and send out for everyone’s review.

## **Action Items:**

### **Approve MDOT Resolution for permit:**

Trustee Harper **Moved, Supported by** Trustee McCann to adopt the MDOT performance resolution for municipalities provided. **Motion Carried.**

### **Approve recommended COLA increase for Village employees:**

Trustee Harper **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Gale to approve the increase total compensation for Village employees by 5.9% COLA distribution to be determined. **Roll Call Vote: Yeas (5) Nays (0) Absent (2) Cook & Ager Motion Carried.**

### **Approve marina expense for new circuit to dock house:**

Trustee Gremel **moved, supported by** Harper to approve the estimate cost of \$17,900 from Advantage Electric for new circuit on C dock **Roll Call Vote: Yeas (5) Nays (0) Trustee Absent (2) Ager & Cook Motion Carried.**

### **Payment of Bills:**

None presented.

### **Public Comments:**

**Fred Steffens-** Stated that the issues increased with the installation of the sewer in 2008. Any movement of the earth necessary to install the sewer has repercussions to the ground water.

**Greg Nobles-** He realizes that the road end sign issue is not on tonight's agenda, but is hopeful that any proposed language would be posted prior to the Parks & Trails meeting so the public could view ahead of time. Trustee McCann was amenable to this request.

### **Council Comments:**

None

### **Adjournment:**

Trustee Gale **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Harper to adjourn the meeting.  
**Motion Carried**

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 8:09 pm  
Several Citizens attended via zoom.

**Cindy Edmondson, Community Liaison  
Village of Northport**

