

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

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: President Wetherbee and Trustees: Gremel, McCann, Cook, Gale
Trustee Ager attended the meeting via zoom.

Absent Members: Trustee Harper

Staff Present: Clerk- Joni Scott, Community Liaison- Cindy Edmondson, DPW Superintendent-
Chris Holton, Harbor Master- Bill Rosemurgy, Treasurer- Kallie Craker

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The May 12, 2022 meeting minutes were approved with corrections. Note: Trustee Gale corrected the spelling of Joe DeFors name and that he represented Leelanau Energy.

Approval of Agenda (amendments/additions):

None

Correspondence:

Phyllis Rebori- Letter requesting the Streetlight on M22 heading towards Leland be decommissioned.

Kirk Richards- Letter to the Parks and Trails Committee requesting language to be added to Rules on the Villages Public Beaches.

Karl Wizinsky, Marcia Boynton and Greg Nobles- Letters regarding the RFPs and work needed for 4th Street.

Public Comment:

Mike Stoffel- made the following comments; 1. that the Village Ordinances needed to be enforced, 2. Efforts by the Council needs to stop catering to special interest groups to focus on the Village locals, 3. he would still like to see the tablets put in the pond to help clear up the algae, 4. Was not in favor of a special milage for the Golf Course.

Darin Irvine- Thanked the Village Council and DPW Superintendent Chris Holton for making the park look great for the event and all of the support. Irvine reported that it was a record year for entries in the car show, with 222 cars in attendance. Irvine request that the Park be reserved for 2023.

Reports:

- A. **Liaison-** Community Liaison Cindy Edmondson reported on the following;
 1. The biennial Village Clean-up Day is scheduled for June 18, 2022.
 2. The July 4th Firework donation letters had been sent out.
- B. **Clerk** – Clerk Scott provided a financial report for the month of May in agreement with the Treasurer. Clerk Scott also reported that she had received notice that the Village was approved for the Waterways Grant Application in the amount of \$450,850.
- C. **Treasurer** – Treasurer Kallie Craker provided a financial report for the month of May in agreement with the Clerk. Craker noted that the Tax Roll was complete and that she was preparing for the upcoming tax season.
- D. **DPW-** DPW Superintendent Chris Holton provided a written report of the DPW activities for the month of May.
 1. **Employee Relations** – Chairman Steve Wetherbee reported that the Committee was working on a performance evaluation forms.

2. **Finance-** Finance Chair Jane Gale provided minutes from June 8, 2022 meetings. Gale reported that the Finance Committee had received notice from the Clerk regarding the request for funding for the 4th Street RFPs. Gale noted that the Clerk had provided a breakdown report of the sewer bond debt retirement which she was happy to report that at this time the Village was not facing a deficit.
3. **Infrastructure-** Infrastructure Chair Hugh Cook provided minutes from the May 18, 2022. Cook noted that Committee supported the recommendation to increase the base water rates by 20%. Cook also reported that the committee would like to schedule a meeting the engineers that had responded to the village's RFP.
4. **Waterfront-** Waterfront Chair Tom Gremel provided minutes from the May 17, 2022 committee meeting. Harbor Master, Bill Rosemurgy reported on the following; that the newly epoxy floors in the public bathrooms looked great, the geese battle was still underway and reminded the public not to feed the geese.
Trustee Ager suggested providing the seasonal and transient boaters with a handout explain how they can help eliminate the geese from the parks.
5. **Planning Commission:** Trustee Gale reported that the Board was in the process of reviewing all documents pertaining to the 7th Street development project, and that a questionnaire was being developed to be distributed with the village taxes and engage the public.
6. **Zoning Administrator:** Scott provided a report of her activities for the month of May.
7. **Parks and Trails:** Trustee McCann reported that the Northport Creek Golf Course had received the "Red Hot Best" award, and that Jerry Spears had begun working on the driving range net installation.

Discussion Items:

Proposed Water rates:

The Council reviewed the Village Municipal Water Ordinance 94 with revisions and the proposed rate increase of 20% to the base rate. Clerk Scott explained that the base rate would increase by 20% and that the minimum usage would be eliminated. The rates for usage in increments of 1000 gallons of water will remain the same.

Fourth Street RFP response:

The Council asked the office staff to contact the engineers that had responded to the RFP. Finance Committee Chair Gale reported that the Committee received the request for funding from the Infrastructure Committee. Gale explained that the village was only 3 months into the current budget and that there was no funding available at this time.

Appointment of Clerk and Treasurer Ordinance:

The Council reviewed two draft ordinances that would allow for the Village to appoint a Clerk and Treasurer.

Action Items:

None

Payment of Bills:

Trustee Gale **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Cook to approve payment of the bills for the month of May when funds become available in the amount of \$109,671.46

Roll Call Vote: Yeas (5) Nays (0) Absent (2) **Motion Carried**

Public Comments:

Mike Stoffel- Commented on the following; 1. That the PUD off of 7th street said that they were going to build cape cod style houses but didn't, 2. The dispensary provided plans for approval and the design was not followed, 3. Supported the appointment of Clerk Scott stating that she was doing a great job, 4. Requested that the Council let the Zoning Administrator do her job and for them to not get in the way.

Marcia Boynton- questioned who would be the point person for contacting the engineers and setting up the meeting.

Council Comments:

Trustee Cook explained that the cost of the fireworks have quadrupled this year and that there was also a shortage. Cook said that he would like to write a letter to the editor explaining the shortage. Trustee Ager offered to help with writing the letter.

Adjournment:

The President adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm

Several Citizens attended via zoom.

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