

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, Ager and Harper.

Absent Members: None

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Trustee Cook Moved, Supported by Trustee Gale to approve the June 9, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

Approval of Agenda (amendments/additions):

None

Correspondence:

Victoria Guerrini- Northport Policy on Electronic Communications, and village business on social media.

Anne Harper- complaint about neighbor's yard lighting.

Public Comment:

Greg Nobles- commented about the parking on 4th Street and the road end. Nobles suggested a sign limiting the parking within 50' of the road end.

Pam Steffens- gave a brief history of parking on 4th Street, explaining specifically a time that they were ticketed for parking on 4th Street. The Steffens challenged the parking tickets and the case went in front of Judge Benedict who determined that a "No Parking" sign on a Street meant the entire street. Steffens said that they ended up paying for one of the tickets and that the Village removed the "no Parking" signs. Steffens commented that if the village implemented signs for one street that they should do it for all.

Don Sheets- commented that from June 30- July 4 parking can be challenging on 4th Street. Sheets noted that he has been able to launch his boats from the road end access and that everything is fine, except when Anne Harper and Greg Nobles are in town.

Fred Steffens- commented that the 4th Street end access had not been blocked and stated that the parking issue was all about a "view".

Mike Stoffel- commented that he has lived in Northport for 50 years and that Park Street has always been maintained by the Village. Stoffel told the Council that they took an oath of office, and that they should be representing everyone in the village, not just "special interest groups".

Reports:

- A. **Liaison-** Community Liaison Cindy Edmondson reported on the following;
 1. Request to place a commemorative plaque at the tree in memory of Colton Roberts.
 2. The Firework fundraising brought in \$7,697 total.
- B. **Clerk** – Clerk Scott provided a financial report for the month of June noting that there were inaccuracies with the Camis reports for the marina. Scott said that she would work out the reconciliation of the marina revenues and provide a report at the August meeting.

Scott also reported that she had approved a new mobile food vendor in the Village called GR Corndogs. Scott explained that it was owned by a local boy from Leland and that he was willing to work with Antojitos.

- C. **Treasurer** – Treasurer Kallie Craker provided a financial report for the month of June in agreement with the Clerk. Craker noted that all the tax bills had been sent out.
- D. **DPW**- DPW Superintendent Chris Holton provided a written report of the DPW activities for the month of June.
 - 1. **Employee Relations** – Chairman Steve Wetherbee provided a draft employee semi- annual performance report and a draft semi-annual peer review for the Councils review.
 - 2. **Finance**- Finance Chair Jane Gale reported that their next meeting would be held on July 12, 2022 at 10 am.
 - 3. **Infrastructure**- No report, update in August.
 - 4. **Waterfront**- Waterfront Chair Tom Gremel provided minutes from the June 21, 2022 committee meeting. Harbor Master, Bill Rosemurgy reported that summer had started, but business was slow. Rosemurgy also suggested reviewing the agreement with Waterways and the Camis software to see if we can circumvent their services, due to failures on their part to provide adequate monthly accounting.
 - 5. **Planning Commission:** Trustee Gale reported that the meeting minutes were delayed but would be available the following week. Gale noted that the Commission approved the Form Base Code quote with Wade Trimm Consultants and will begin the necessary steps. The Planning Commission is also in the process of reviewing the Master Plan which will need to be updated by 2023, and has scheduled a Tree Planting with Releaf Michigan for October 1, 2022.
 - 6. **Zoning Administrator:** Scott provided a report of her activities for the month of June.
 - 7. **Parks and Trails:** Trustee McCann provided minutes from the June 20, 2022 meeting. McCann reported that the driving range netting was up and he was looking into getting more.

Discussion Items:

Possible Parking regulation signage at road ends:

The Council discussed the request for “No Parking” signage at the 4th Street road end. President Wetherbee asked the Infrastructure Committee to visit the street and discuss the request at their next meeting on July 20, 2022. Trustee Cook agreed to have the committee meet at 1 pm on 4th Street.

Action Items:

Water Ordinance 94 adoption:

Clerk Scott reviewed the Municipal Water Ordinance and rate increases with the Council.

Trustee Cook Moved, Supported by Trustee Gremel to adopt Ordinance 94, a Municipal Water Ordinance. **Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (7) Nays (0) **Motion Approved.**

Payment of Bills:

Trustee Ager **Moved, Supported by** Trustee McCann to approve payment of the bills for the month of June when funds become available in the amount of \$103,943.16

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

Public Comments:

Mike Stoffel- Commented that a certain trustee didn't have the right to attack people and that he needed to grow up and show some respect.

Greg Nobles- asked the village President to follow procedures and control the meeting as to not allowing public comment to mention members of the community by name.

Council Comments:

Comments were heard from Trustees Cook, Ager, Harper and Gremel.

Adjournment:

The President adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm

Several Citizens attended via zoom.

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