

President McCann called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: President McCann and Trustees: Cook, Gale, Harper, Cavendish and Peterson.

Absent Members: Trustee Ager attended via zoom

Staff Present: Clerk- Joni Scott, Community Liaison- Cindy Edmondson,

Amendments/Additions to Agenda:

President McCann moved the closed session meeting with David Beiganowski up on the agenda before public comment.

Clerk Scott asked to have approval of the budget amendments added as an action item.

President McCann asked to have the April meeting date added to the agenda.

Closed Session – David Beiganowski:

President McCann Moved, Supported by Trustee Gale pursuant to section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act (MCL 15.268(1)(h)), to adjourn for the purpose of moving into closed session, for the purpose of limited discussion over the plat amendment with attorney David Beiganowski. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (6) Nays (0) Motion Carried.

The Closed session began at 3:40 pm, and ended at 4:18 pm.

Public Comment:

Karl Wizinsky- commented on the budget, payroll summaries and supported Trustee Harpers position on the need to see employees W2s.

Ongoing Business:

A. Plat Amendment Update:

Trustee Harper **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Cavendish that the village withdraws the re-plat lawsuit and release all the defendants. Discussion: Trustee Harper stated that the suit serves no purpose and has caused harm to the residents. Harper see the continuation of the plat amendment to drain village funds, which he sees necessary for other projects. Trustee Cavendish stated that the amount of money to continue the plat amendment project if worth the cost. **Roll Call Vote** Yeas (3) Trustees Harper, Cavendish, Peterson Nays (3) President McCann and Trustees Gale, Cook. **Motion Failed.**

Discussion Items:

A. Short Term Rental (STR) Task Force:

Planning Commission Chair Nicole Arbury discussed the work that PC has done on STR. The Village of Northport currently has an STR ordinance that requires everyone to register annually with the Clerk and Treasurer. The Council agreed to continue the discussion at the next regular council meeting March 9, 2023.

Action Items:

A. Approve Marina Parking Lot Contract with Molon:

Machin Engineering provided a marina parking lot bid summary, with the recommendation to award the bid to Molon Excavating in the amount of \$846,421.88.

Trustee Cook Moved, Supported by Trustee Harper to award the marina parking lot contract to Molon Excavating. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (6) Nays (0) Motion Carried.

B. Approve 2023-24 Budget:

Trustee Peterson Moved, Supported by Trustee Gale to set the COLA in the budget at 7%. Motion Carried.

Trustee Gale Moved, Supported by Trustee Cook to adopt the Resolution for the 2023-24 fiscal year Budget as amended by prior action with a 7% COLA to assign the additional saving to cover the other expenses for the re-plat. **Roll Call Vote:** Yeas (4) President McCann and Trustees Gale, Peterson, Cook Nays (2) Trustee Harper, Cavendish **Motion Carried.**

C. Approve 2022-23 Budget Amendments:

Trustee Gale **Moved, Supported by** Trustee Cook to approve the budget amendments as presented. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (6) Nays (0) **Motion Carried.**

D. Reschedule April Council meeting date:

The Council agreed by consensus to reschedule the April regular meeting on the 13th at 7 pm.

Public Comment:

Karl Wizinsky- questioned if a 6-year CIP had been created.

Council Comment:

Trustee Harper- would like to see the Council Adopt a Budget Ordinance.

Trustee Peterson-

President McCann- thanked the council for all their hard work.

Adjournment:

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

President McCann adjourned the meeting at 5:17 pm.

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

