Trustee's Report to the Village Planning Commission
September 2024

The regular meeting of the Village Council was held on September 12, 2024.

Dawn Lund, VP of Utility Financial Solutions, LLC, delivered a special presentation of the Water Cost of Service Study conducted for the Village. She shared highlights from the written report and answered questions from the Trustees.

Clerk Scott submitted the monthly bill sheets and cash reconciliation statements and noted that water and sewer bond payments were made this month. She and Treasurer Simons are preparing for the upcoming audit.

Treasurer Simons provided a written report. The next blood drive will be held on September 27.

DPW Superintendent Holton provided a written report. Highlights include:

- Weekly yard waste pickup will begin in October.
- Pavement striping equipment owned by Northport Public Schools is being tested at the Youth Sailing School parking lot. If the trial is successful, some future striping projects could be managed in house.
- DPW and Parshall Tree Service will begin a cutting, trimming and stump grinding project that involves trees along Northport Creek and waterfront parks, Bay, Main, East and West 3rd, and East 4th.

The Harbormaster provided a written report. Boat traffic has slowed considerably and the Marina is operating with a very small crew. All slips are booked for UnCaged weekend, however.

Please see the report from Village Manager/Zoning Administrator Dyer.

A public hearing was conducted to hear a variance request for the property at 320 Shabwasung. A comprehensive report was prepared by staff and the contractor was present to answer questions. There were no public comments. The Village Council, sitting as the Zoning Board of Appeals approved the variance, allowing a 14-foot front setback.

The following items were discussed by the Trustees:

- The Water Rate Study was discussed fully and Trustees reached a consensus that the rate increase recommendation should be accepted, but deferred action until the October meeting to allow the public an opportunity to review the report and have questions answered.

The following actions were taken:

- The Village Nuisance Ordinance was approved as presented. A proposed amendment to define “quiet hours” as “midnight to 8:00 AM” was defeated The Village Manager was asked to monitor complaints over the next several months. He will prepare a recommendation on adjusting the ordinance if warranted.
- After lengthy discussion regarding the boundaries of the social district and the definition of “public spaces”, the Council adopted a resolution to approve all social district applications as submitted and authorize the Village Manager and Village Clerk to sign all documents necessary for submission of the application to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.
- Adopted a resolution to approve the Planning Commission request for technical assistance for the Master Plan revision, not to exceed $7,500, approve all necessary budget amendments, and authorize the Village Manager to sign all contracts necessary to implement the resolution.
- Adopted a resolution to approve the Civic Plus proposal to codify and maintain Village Ordinances, approve any necessary budget amendment, and authorize the Village Manager to sign all documents necessary to implement the resolution.
- Adopted the revised Zoning Ordinance as previously amended and restated in full. Trustee noted some minor issues that she will forward to the Zoning Administrator for inclusion in possible future amendments.

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