

**THE MINUTES
FOR THE April 17, 2012
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT
MEETING AT 6:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Doll, Trustees, Trustee Kehoe, McMullen, Maline and Tobin, Village Clerk Donna Koch, Village Administrator Gene Guido, Village Attorney James Matthews, Chief Bruckenthal

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Doll and the Board presented Mimi Kail with a proclamation for all her dedicated years as Editor of the Northport Village Residents Association and for her years of outstanding volunteerism and community service.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Mayor asked the Village Clerk to read the Notice of Public Hearing to wit:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Northport will hold a public hearing at Village Hall, 224 Main Street, Northport, New York 11768 on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 6:00 PM to consider the application for renewal by Cablevision Systems Huntington Corporation. (Cablevision), 1111 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714, of its cable television franchise with the Village of Northport. At this hearing, the Members of the Board of Trustees will hear interested persons who wish to address the Board with respect to Cablevision's compliance with the requirements of the existing cable television franchise, and the community's cable related needs and interests for a new franchise agreement. All relevant documents, including copies of the renewal application and the proposed franchise renewal agreement may be inspected at the office of the Village Clerk, 224 Main Street, Northport, New York 11768 during regular business hours.

On the motion of Trustee Tobin and seconded by Trustee Maline the Public Hearing was open:

Mr. Matthews explained that the agreement only relates to the cable TV. The Village has had a franchise agreement with Cablevision for the past ten years. The Village also has a ten year agreement with Verizon. The two companies are on a level playing field as required by law. This renewal continues the same payment plan to the Village.

Mr. Jim Gaughran, attorney for Cablevision, highlighted some

Joan Gilroy Director of Government Affairs for Cablevision went over some of the highlights to the new Franchise Agreement. Ms. Gilroy, explained that in the past ten years Cablevision has moved forward now offering customer service 24/7, in house

service now available Saturdays and Sundays. Ten years ago Cablevision offered 70 channels and now offers over 800. Channel 18 is the government access channel and the Village has the right to put anything they deem necessary on this channel through the town of Huntington.

Mr. Gaughran explained that Cablevision will give the Village a grant for \$25,000 to be used for public education. Verizon will also give the Village \$25,000 after the Village receives the check from Cablevision. The money must be used for public education.

Mr. Gaughran explained that Cablevision will give the Village \$5,000 within ninety days of the effective date of agreement. Then they will within ninety days of agreement give the Village \$25,000 that the Village will maintain until the Village contact Verizon and receives \$25,000 from them. In addition to that Cablevision will give the Village an additional \$6,000 franchise grant to assist the Village in administrating this program. Cablevision is also giving the Clerk's office free internet. Trustee Tobin asked if there were parts of the Village that cannot be hook up to Cablevision at this time. The answer was no, everyone wanting to be hook up is. Some discussion was held regarding internet services but this agreement is for cable television only.

On the motion of Trustee McMullen and seconded by Trustee Maline the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Scott Rykert of Northport addressed the Board with this year's plans and ideas for the Soap Box Derby. Last year's event took place on Valley Rd. and was a great success. Since last year, they have incorporated the Soap Box Derby into a registered charitable corporation, they have a website, they have raised \$25,000 in sponsorships. They have a rule book and safety specs. This year will be a lot more intricate. This year they are looking to expand from 12 cars to 45 cars and expect over 1000 people in for the day they would like to use Scudder Ave. The course is 1000 feet long. They expect a lot more fanfare this year; they are working on a band. Hay bales will line the street. They would like to use Cow Harbor Park after the event for a sponsored picnic bar-b-que, with a pie eating contest, cotton candy. They would like to hold the event September 2, 2012. They would like to set up a table at the Tuesday night street closing to bring attention to the event. Mayor Doll stated while they support the idea, the Village would need time to look into the event and determine what is practical.

Ray Boccia and Dave Weber Jr. went over the plans for the Cow Harbor Warriors, event weekend. September 7, they would like to hold a mini parade from Constitution Square up to the Firehouse where they warriors would then be greeted by politicians, then have dinner at the Firehouse. They would like to put up two to three 30 by 60 flags up and down Main Street. Chief Bruckenthal stated that it can be done and with the help of the Huntington area Fire Police costs should be minimal if any.

Arlene Handel stated she had read an article regarding the expansion of the Woodbine Marina and strongly felt the expansion is not necessary at this time and would exasperate the parking problems we have in the Village during our busiest time of year. Ms. Handel also felt the procedures of obtaining a berth (slip) are very undemocratic. All

tax payers are paying for this expansion. The expenditure of this money at this time is a "let them eat cake" kind of expenditure. It will diminish the enjoyment of Cow Harbor Park and exasperate our parking for an undemocratically chosen few. Ms. Handel understands the town owns the property but feels so many Villagers don't know this. Ms. Handel hopes this board will do everything it can to acquire our parkland. Mayor Doll explained that the Board has had some discussion on the plan. They had first started out wanting to expand a little bit to the north. Then the expansion called for 88 feet to the north. We brought our concerns, parking being one of them. Mayor Doll expressed his dislike of the marina from its beginning. With the new plan the wave baffle will be removed. With the wave baffle gone this plan is a vast improvement over what is there. The plan also expands the marina 30 feet to the west. Dave Weber of Seymour's Marina stated that Huntington is not charging the going rate for the slips making it harder for the area businessman to compete. Mr. Weber felt this expansion will have a negative impact on his business. Mr. Weber feels the Village isn't doing enough to preserve our open space. Neither the Village nor the town's residents would want to lose 30 feet of parkland. Mayor Doll stated he would contact them to express our concerns over the pricing.

Effe Huber questioned the Board on Roberts Rule of Order. Trustee Tobin explained the Board does not follow Roberts Rule. The rules that this Board operates by has always been at the discretion of the Mayor. Roberts Rule is for large legislative bodies. Ms. Huber questioned why in 2009, the year the previous Treasurer was let go, the Village spent \$10,000 on auditing. The following year the Village spent \$54,924. Trustee Tobin explained that the disruption that occurred with the former treasurer, we first had to make sure that everything that we believe the treasurer had done had been discovered and that the accounts were straightened out. Mr. Matthews explained that no bank accounts had been reconciled and that needed to be done. Trustee Tobin continued that the auditing firm at that time could not audit the books for that fiscal year. All procedures and policies had to be reviewed. The Village contracted with auditors and auditing consultants, to help the Village prepare for an audit and to help review and establish policies and procedures. We upgraded our accounting software and hired a new Deputy Treasurer, Treasurer and payroll clerk. All of this took time. Trustee Kehoe stated that at that time we could have closed the books and moved on, what the Village chose to do was to go back and recreate the books. While it was expensive it is important to the Village for credit and bond ratings. Trustee Tobin added that it is important that we do it properly. We feel very confident that we will recover what this woman took from us.

BOARD APPROVAL OF WARRANT:

On the motion of Trustee Maline and seconded by Trustee Tobin the following bills were approved for payment.

Fiscal Year 2011/2012 General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 2,540.85

On the motion of Trustee McMullen and seconded by Trustee Tobin the following bills were approved for payment.

Fiscal Year 2012/2013 General Fund bills in the amount of \$113,011.69

On the motion of Trustee Tobin and seconded by Trustee Tobin the following bills were approved for payment.

Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$20,581.86

On the motion of Trustee Maline and seconded by Trustee Tobin the following bills were approved for payment.

Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Trust and Agency bills in the amount of 1,641.94

On the motion of Trustee Maline and seconded by Trustee Tobin the following bills were approved for payment.

Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$ 12,715.33

On the motion of Trustee Tobin and seconded by Trustee Maline the following bills were approved for payment.

Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Fire Department bills in the amount of \$ 3,915.00

On the motion of Trustee Maline and seconded by Trustee McMullen the following bills were approved for payment.

Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Fire Department bills in the amount of \$ 9,579.95

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT: Chief Bruckenthal had nothing to report this evening. The Department is running as business as usual.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence this evening.

REQUESTS: No requests this evening.

RESOLUTIONS:

On the motion of Trustee Maline and seconded by Trustee McMullen with Trustee Kehoe abstaining the following resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION 2012- 64 ~ APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 21, 2012 MINUTES

WHEREAS: Copies of the minutes of the March 21, 2012, meeting were sent to the Board for approval, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED that said minutes are approved without reading, at this time.

On the motion of Mayor Doll and seconded by Trustee Maline with Trustee Kehoe abstaining the following resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION 2012- 65 ~ APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 3, 2012 MINUTES

WHEREAS: Copies of the minutes of the April 3, 2012, meeting were sent to the Board for approval, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED that said minutes are approved without reading, at this time.

On the motion of Trustee Maline and seconded by Trustee Tobin the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2012 – 66 ~ BUDGET TRANSFER

BE IT RESOLVED: The Village Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget transfer

From: A.9785.0600	\$44,312.32
To: A.5110.0200	\$28,627.32
A.7180.0200	\$15,685.00

On the motion of Trustee Tobin and seconded by Trustee Kehoe the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2012 - 67 ~ Authorizing the Mayor to execute the renewal franchise agreement for cable television service in the territorial limits of the Incorporated Village of Northport with Cablevision Systems Huntington Corp., for a term of ten (10) years, the terms of which shall conform to such terms that are authorized by the Board of Trustees in a form approved by the Village Attorney.

REQUESTS:

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on May 1, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

A RESOLUTION FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION: if necessary, for personnel and/or litigation matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Koch
Village Clerk

