

**THE MINUTES
FOR THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2012
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT
MEETING AT 6:00 P.M.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Doll announced the passing of Court Clerk Valarie Sabia after a long illness.
Chief Bruckenthal introduced Stephen Kerekes to the public as the newly hired Police Officer.

PRESENTATIONS: no presentations this evening.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: that a Public Hearing of the Village Board of Trustees will be held at the Village Hall, 224 Main Street, Northport, New York at 6:00 o'clock in the evening of the 4th day of September, 2012, to consider the following proposed local law:

**LOCAL LAW No. 3 OF 2012
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CHAPTER 267 TAXATION, ARTICLE III
SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION
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BE IT ENACTED: By the Board of Trustees of the Village of Northport as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

The Board of Trustees finds that amending the code to increase the annual income levels to qualify for the Senior Citizen Tax Exemption in accordance with the authority granted under the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York is for the benefit of deserving residents of the Village with limited income.

Section 2. Statutory Authority and Supercession

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to New York State Constitution, New York State Village

Law, New York State Real Property Tax Law, Municipal Home Rule Law and the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations and expressly supersedes inconsistent provisions of the Village Code.

Section 3. Applicability

The provisions of this Local Law shall apply to all qualified residents who own and live in residential dwellings in the Incorporated Village of Northport.

Section 4. Amendments

Chapter 267 of the code of the Incorporated Village of Northport shall be amended as follows:

Explanation of notations:

Existing text is reproduced in normal type.

Text to be added is indicated in Italics.

Text to be deleted is indicated by ~~strikethroughs~~.

* * * indicates existing text to remain unchanged.

§ 267-21. Amount of exemption.

Any such exemption shall be subject to the limitations and conditions as provided for in § 467 of the Real Property Tax Law; however, as provided for in the aforesaid section, the income of the owner or combined income of the owners of the property, which income, for the purpose of the annual income in the schedule below, shall be offset by all medical and prescription drug expenses actually paid which were not reimbursed or paid for by insurance, for the tax year immediately preceding the date of making application for exemption shall not exceed the sum of ~~\$19,500~~ *\$29,000* or such sum *up to and* in excess of ~~\$19,500~~ *29,000* as is provided in the schedule below, in which case, as indicated therein, the exemption shall be as indicated.

Annual Income	Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt From Taxation
Up to \$29,000 <i>or less</i>	50%
More than \$19,500 <i>29,000</i> but less than \$20,500 <i>30,000</i>	45%
\$30,000 or more More than \$20,500 but less than \$21,500 <i>31,000</i>	40%
\$31,000 or more More than \$21,500 but less than \$22,500 <i>32,000</i>	35%

Annual Income	Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt From Taxation
\$32,000 or more More than \$22,500 but less than \$23,400 <i>32,900</i>	30%
\$32,900 or more More than \$23,400 but less than \$24,300 <i>33,800</i>	25%
\$33,800 or more More than \$24,300 but less than \$25,200 <i>34,700</i>	20%
\$34,700 or more More than \$25,200 but less than \$26,100 <i>35,600</i>	15%
\$35,600 or more More than \$26,100 but less than \$27,000 <i>36,500</i>	10%
<i>More than \$36,500 but less than 37,400</i>	5%

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Section 5. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or other part of this Local Law shall for any reason be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalidated, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Local Law, and it shall be construed to have been the legislative intent to enact this Local Law without such unconstitutional, or invalid parts therein.

Section 6. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

On the motion of Trustee McMullen and seconded by Trustee Tobin the Public hearing was opened.

Mr. Matthews explained that the law allows for a municipality to increase the income levels for Senior Citizens tax exemptions and the Village hasn't done so for a number of years. This will keep it in line with the Town of Huntington.

No one in the audience spoke.

On the motion of Trustee Kehoe and seconded by Trustee Tobin the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Doll stated he assumed the large group of people here

tonight was here to discuss the recent report of the Northport Post Office closing. The Mayor explained that the Board is concerned and has been trying to contact someone to explain exactly what is going on. So far what we know is that they plan sell this building and to relocate the counter service to somewhere else, we think here in the Village. Trustee Tobin stated he has tried to contact Congressman Israel's office as well as Senators Gillibrand and Schumer. It has been very difficult to find out any information. We know the Post Office staff was told on Friday that a plan has been approved to sell the building and move the workers to the East Northport branch. Trustee Tobin stated the Post Office is a fundamentally part of our community life and one of the many hearts of our Village. The Village is scheduling an informational meeting Wednesday September 12, 2012 at the Northport American Legion Hall at 6:00 PM.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Malik, addressed the Board with what they felt was poor judgment and lack of training on behalf of Village Officials who stopped a company that was repaving their driveway. The Village required that the Maliks' put in a concrete curb at the foot of their driveway and they felt it was unnecessary. The Maliks' put it the concrete as instructed and therefore no further action could be taken.

A representative from the Soap Box Derby committee addressed the Board regarding the date change for the derby. They would like to hold it Columbus Day weekend on Scudder Ave. They would like to block the street for roughly four hours. It was the consensus of the Board for the derby to be held on Valley Ave so not to block any residents from their homes. Since more information is needed the representative said he would return at the next meeting.

BOARD APPROVAL OF WARRANT:

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

Fiscal Year 2012/2013 General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 54,458.45

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

Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$ 5,004.92

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

Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$ 22,037.00

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

Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Trust Fund bills in the amount of \$ 1,200.00

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS: Trustee Maline reported he has executive sessions items regarding personnel.

Trustee McMullen reported that the parks department moved a picnic table from the

children's play ground in Village Park over to Cow Harbor Park and put in chess tables. Trustee McMullen wanted to publicly thank Muriel Gottesman again for her generous donation to the Village Park. Trustee McMullen reported he had sent another letter to Newsday regarding the throwing of flyers on to the Village right of way. When the flyers are not picked up they end up clogging our drains and eventually end up in the harbor. Trustee Tobin updated the Board and public on the sewer plant upgrade project and the funding through the EFC.

Trustee Kehoe, reported that Senator Israel's father has passed away and urged residents to send a card. Trustee Kehoe also reported that this weekend is the Wounded Warrior Weekend and again urged the public to attend and show your support. All proceeds go directly to the Wounded Warrior Project. Restaurant week is scheduled for November 4th through the 10th. Last year's event was very successful and they hope it goes well again this year. Trustee Kehoe also reported on a project known as a Sister City International. It's a program that doesn't cost the Village any money but would give us cross cultural ties. Our sister city would be Soshi Russia, (where the winter Olympics will be held) a tiny municipality on the Black Sea.

Mayor Doll reported the Highway Department has been busy getting ready for Cow Harbor Weekend, painting lines and crosswalks, doing tree work. The jet-vac has also been put clearing lines.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Mr. Guido reported the Amoco station has been boarded up and the property cleaned up. Owners of the Delta station will be going in front of the Planning Board later this month for a review in regards to a convenience store going in that location. .

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT: Chief Bruckenthal reported August was busy with the Tuesday night street closures but was happy to report there were no problems during those events. The department is now busy getting ready for Cow Harbor Weekend.

NEW BUSINESS: no new business.

OLD BUSINESS: no old business.

CORRESPONDENCE: no correspondence.

REQUESTS: no requests.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION 2012- 103 ~ APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 14, 2012 MINUTES

WHEREAS: Copies of the minutes of the August 14, 2012, meeting were sent to the Board for approval, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED that said minutes are approved without reading, at this time.

The following resolution was out on hold until the next meeting.

RESOLUTION 2012- 104 ~ APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 21, 2012 MINUTES

WHEREAS: Copies of the minutes of the August 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 Trustee Tobin and seconded by Trustee McMullen the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2012 -105 LOCAL LAW NO. 3

WHEREAS: a Public Hearing of the Village Board of Trustees was be at the Village Hall, 224 Main Street, Northport, New York at 6:00 o'clock in the evening of the 4th day of September, 2012, to consider the following proposed local law:

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RESOLUTION 2012-106 ~ OPERATION SHIELD

BE IT RESOLVED: The Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement and related documents with the County of Suffolk to receive federal pass-through grant funds in the amount of \$4,601.76 from the New York state office of homeland security for the village's participation in operation shield exercises coordinated by the County of Suffolk.

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

RESOLUTION 2012- 107 ~ COW HARBOR 10K RACE PARKING RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS: Police Chief Eric Bruckenthal has requested the enactment of temporary parking restrictions in connection with the conduct of the Cow Harbor 10K race to be held on Saturday, September 15, 2012, and

WHEREAS: Chief Bruckenthal has outlined the required temporary parking restrictions in a memorandum to the Board of Trustees dated August 21, 2012 and

BE IT RESOLVED: that the temporary parking restrictions on September 15, 2012 for the times and locations listed in the memorandum from Police Chief Eric

Bruckenthal dated August 21, 2012 be, and hereby are, approved, and the Police Department is hereby authorized to take actions necessary to enforce said restrictions, be, and hereby are, adopted.

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

RESOLUTION 2012- 108 ~ COW HARBOR DAY PARKING RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS: Police Chief Eric Bruckenthal has requested the enactment of temporary parking restrictions and Sidewalk Sales Rules and Regulations in connection with the conduct of the Great Cow Harbor Day Festival to be held on Sunday, September 16, 2012 from 4:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and,

WHEREAS: Chief Bruckenthal has outlined the required temporary parking restrictions and Sidewalk Sales Rules and Regulations in a memorandum to the Board of Trustees dated August 21, 2012 and

WHEREAS: Chief Bruckenthal has recommended that the Board of Trustees empower, the Great Cow Harbor Day Committee - 2012 with the authority to issue permits for sidewalk and park sales on Cow Harbor Day, and

WHEREAS: Chief Bruckenthal has recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt Rules and Regulations governing sidewalk and park sales as recommended by the Great Cow Harbor Day Committee - 2012, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: that the temporary parking restrictions on the dates and for the times listed in the memorandum from Police Chief Eric Bruckenthal dated August 21, 2012 be, and hereby are, approved, and the Police Department is hereby authorized to take actions necessary to enforce said restrictions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Great Cow Harbor Day Committee -2012 be, and hereby is, authorized to issue permits for sidewalk and park sales on Cow Harbor Day, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the rules and regulations governing sidewalk and park sales, as recommended by the Great Cow Harbor Day Committee - 2012, be, and hereby are, adopted.

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

RESOLUTION 2012 -109 ~ HIRING OF CLERK OF THE VILLAGE COURT

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of the Village of Northport hereby appoints Karen Andreas to the position of Clerk of the Village Court at an annual salary of \$36,225.00. (35/hrs weekly), to be effective September 17, 2012, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Ms. Andreas will receive health benefits effective 9/17/12. (All new hires after 1/1/99 make a 10% contribution to their health benefits)and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That hours spent at Monday night court will be counted towards Ms. Andreas' 35 hr work week.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-110 ~ PART TIME PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH I

BE IT RESOLVED: That Paul J. Vassallo an eligible candidate as certified by the Suffolk County Department of Civil Service is hereby hired as a Part time Public Safety Dispatch at an hourly rate of \$15.00/per hour effective September 4, 2012.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on September 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

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

On the motion of Trustee Maline and seconded by Trustee Tobin the Board moved into executive session to discuss a litigation matter: 7:10 PM .

On the motion of Trustee Kehoe and seconded by Trustee Maline the Board moved out of executive session: 7:40 PM.

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Koch
Village Clerk