

**THE MINUTES
FOR THE JUNE 5, 2018
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT
REGULAR MEETING
6:30 PM.**

PRESENT: Mayor McMullen, Trustee Kehoe, Maline, Milligan and Smith, Deputy Village Clerk Christa Cook, Village Administrator Tim Brojer, Village Attorney Stuart Besen, Village Treasurer Len Marchese, Police Chief Bill Ricca.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor McMullen announcement the passing of past Trustee and Deputy Mayor Otto Hess.

PRESENTATIONS: no presentations.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor McMullen asked the Deputy Clerk to read the notice of Public Hearing to wit: **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** a public hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Northport will be held on June 5th, 2018 at 6:30 in the evening in the Northport Village Hall 224 Main Street to consider proposed local law "D" of 2018.

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW "D" OF 2018
A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 243 SIGNS OF THE CODE OF THE
VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT**

Section 243-5. Construction and design standards

The following restrictions and guidelines shall apply to all permanent signs for nonresidential uses unless otherwise specified.

A. Number of permitted signs. No more than two exterior signs shall be allowed for each business or activity separately owned and conducted on the premises, except for those permitted as additional signage in Section 243-5A (2) below.

B. Stays the same.

C. Stays the same.

D. Sign text.

(1) Sign text permitted may include identification of the business name and function, telephone number, E mail address and hours of operation. This includes both exterior signs and interior windows signs. (Amended L.L. 2018).

On the motion of Trustee Maline ad seconded by Trustee Milligan the public hearing was open;

Mr. Besen explained the law is to allow signs to have phone numbers and also e-mail addresses. Right now, phone numbers and signs are not permissible.

Gary Blake, Chairman of the Board of Architectural and Historic Review Board stated he has been on the Board for over twenty years and they have always held fast in rejecting phone numbers on signs. He stated the Board of Architectural Review is unanimous in the view that drivers are distracted by telephone numbers especially on 25A where traffic is moving at a higher rate of speed. Mr. Blake stated the visual clutter it will create is not something we want in our historic down town area.

Mayor McMullen disagreed that the telephone number on a sign is distracting compared to other distractions on the road.

Mr. Sabia, who owns a business on 25A for over forty years stated the prohibition is an antiquated law. He stated that stores twenty feet away from him have phone numbers and there hasn't been increase in accidents due to the phone numbers. He went on to state that an apartment in Northport Village has had its phone number on their sign for over ten years. "It's a beautiful sign" "why is it permitted"?

Mr. Blake responded "there is no code enforcement.

Ms. Andrea Miller, stated she has been on the Board of the Board of Architectural Review and is really starting to notice signs. Stating that safety and aesthetics are important issues to consider. Phone numbers are hard to read and are very distracting. Trustee Maline stated he was not comfortable with making a decision tonight and asked both sides to reach out to other people to offer their input.

Mr. King former president of the Northport Historical Society said this will detract from the historic nature of the Village and will create more clutter, making the Village look more like Huntington.

Trustee Kehoe stated he thinks most businesses would prefer having their phone numbers and that prohibiting business owners from putting phone numbers on the sign is a deprivation of freedom of Speech.

Mayor McMullen agreed he was not ready to make a determination and asked that the hearing be kept open until the July 17th, 2018, all fellow board members agreed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Josephine Rizzoni commended the Mayor for appointing Mercy Smith to the Board. In the couple of weeks since Trustee Smith has taken over she has gotten so much done. She has met with us and formed committees and the grass has never looked so good down at Scudder Park.

BOARD APPROVAL OF WARRANT:

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

Fiscal Year 2018/2019 General Fund bills in the amount of \$148,589.42

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

Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$ 12,364.74

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

Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$ 6306.10

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Trustee Smith, reported the Village has purchased new software to update the website. Also, there is a resolution on tonight to hire an intern to help with the new website. We are working to upgrade our cyber security and we will be moving into a cloud-based backup system. As far as the 125th anniversary celebration we are finalizing the committee and should have our first meeting in the next couple of weeks. As far as parks go, we've been working on assessing our strengths and weaknesses. We are looking to create a list of issues or safety concerns and scheduling regular maintenance. Scudder Park is our first propriety but will look at all six parks as we go. The two main parks look great and the parks department did a great job with the plantings.

Trustee Kehoe, reported that all the members of the Board attended the Kiwanis's dinner honoring George Doll. Last week the Mayor and himself attended the Huntington Boat Council (which Trustee Milligan is president) Meet the Commodores Night. The Mayor and himself went to Patchogue and met with Mayor Pontieri and went over similar problems and how that are tackling them. One issue is how the Villages are dealing with the BODs which are discharged from breweries into the sewer system. We have invited Mayor Pontieri to come speak at our business development committee. Superintendent of Schools Richard Banzer had a meeting on the LIPA situation trying to rally the community to support legislation by Senator Flanagan and Assemblymen Raia to help set aside funds to help communities like ours that have power plants that are going off line. The town board met to discuss bringing in a law firm to help look into emanate domain with the power plant property.

Trustee Milligan reported the sewer plant project (which Mayor McMullen over saw since it's inception) is almost complete, the wall in up and they will back fill this week. The new pump-out boat is up and running. The old boat will be surplus. The Blessing of the Fleet is scheduled for June 16th, along with the running of the Nautical Mile. These are great ways to get the season started.

Mayor McMullen reported the Highway Department has been busy painting lines. Cutting grass and doing tree work. They've been picking up branches after the last wind storm. Also getting the parks and beaches ready for summer. The sweeper has also been out.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

In May of 2018 the Northport Police Department responded to 535 calls for service, issued 246 summonses and made 9 arrests.

As a result of information developed by the Northport Police Department, a Mastic, NY man was arrested for selling Heroin and other drugs throughout Suffolk County, including in Northport Village.

The following items were recovered and/or seized:

Heroin, Crack Cocaine, Oxycodone and other assorted pills, Marijuana, Several scales

Narcotic packing materials, \$5,245 in cash, 2010 Nissan Maxima.

He was charged with:

Two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree

Two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 4th Degree

Three counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree

Two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia 2nd Degree

Unlawful Possession of Marijuana

The Department's new electronic finger printing system is now operational. The system cost over \$34,000 however, all but \$2,000 was paid for by a grant.

A press conference was held on May 31, 2018 with Metlife Auto & Home Insurance Company and the National Insurance Crime Bureau to announce their donation to the Northport Police Department of a late model, low mileage car in excellent condition to be used in undercover investigations.

The Department is now fully connected to, and has full access to, all of the Suffolk County Police Department's Record Management Systems. Additionally, soon we will be able to share our data, with the County System which will further enhance intelligence.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Mr. Brojer reported the Village is ready to move forward with the LED lights in Village Hall. Also, the Village has received the grant money for the new pump-out Boat.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Marchese reported the Auditors will come to the July 17th, meeting to go over their findings.

NEW BUSINESS: no new business was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS: no old business was discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE: no correspondence this evening.

REQUESTS: no requests.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION 2018 -97 ~ APPROVAL OF THE MAY 11, 2018 MINUTES

WHEREAS: Copies of the minutes of the May 11, 2018, 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 Kehoe and seconded by Trustee Milligan the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2018 -98 ~ APPROVAL OF THE MAY 15, 2018 MINUTES

WHEREAS: Copies of the minutes of the May 15, 2018, 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 put on hold until the meeting of July 17th, 2018.

RESOLUTION 2018-99 ~ LOCAL LAW # 5 OF 2018

WHEREAS: a public hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Northport was held on June 5th, 2018 at 6:30 in the evening in the Northport Village Hall 224 Main Street to consider local law No. 5 of 2018.

**LOCAL LAW No. 5 OF 2018
A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 243 SIGNS OF THE CODE OF THE
VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT**

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

RESOLUTION 2018 – 100 ~ SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT

BE IT RESOLVED: that the seasonal applicants recommended by the Village Clerk and Parks Department Commissioner is hereby approved.

Highway/Parks
Christian Costello

\$12.00/hr.

On the motion of Trustee Milligan and seconded by Trustee Smith the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2018-101 ~ PRE-PROM PARTY PARKING RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS: Police Chief William Ricca has requested the enactment of certain temporary parking restrictions on June 21, 2018 in order to facilitate the Pre-Prom Party in the Park to be held during that period,
and

WHEREAS: Chief Ricca has outlined the required restrictions in a memorandum to the Board of Trustees dated May 29th, 2018, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the temporary parking restrictions on the dates and times noted in the memorandum, which is annexed to this agenda and incorporated herein, are hereby approved and the Police Department is hereby authorized to take actions necessary to enforce said restrictions.

On the motion of Trustee Milligan and seconded by Trustee Smith the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2018 - 102 ~FIRE DEPARTMENT FAIR PARKING RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS: Police Chief William Ricca has requested the enactment of certain temporary parking restrictions from July 9, 2018 through July 14, 2018 in order to facilitate the Northport Volunteer Fire Department's Fair to be held during that period,
and

WHEREAS: Chief Ricca has outlined the required restrictions in a memorandum to the Board of Trustees dated May 29th, 2018, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the temporary parking restrictions on the dates and times noted in the memorandum, which is annexed to this agenda and incorporated herein, are hereby approved and the Police Department is hereby authorized to take actions necessary to enforce said restrictions.

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

RESOLUTION 2018-103 ~ FAMILY FUN NIGHT PARKING RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS: Police Chief William Ricca has requested the enactment of certain temporary parking restrictions from Tuesday August 7, 2018 and Tuesday August 14, 2018, in order to facilitate the Northport Family Fun Night to be held during that period,
and

WHEREAS: Chief Ricca has outlined the required restrictions in a memorandum to the Board of Trustees dated May 29th, 2018, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the temporary parking restrictions on the dates and times noted in the memorandum, which is annexed to this agenda and incorporated herein, are hereby approved and the Police Department is hereby authorized to take actions necessary to enforce said restrictions.

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

RESOLUTION 2018-104 LED LIGHT UPGRADE TO VILLAGE HALL

BE IT RESOLVED: The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a work order agreement for material, labor and expenses, approved by the Village Attorney, with ECO LED, Farmingdale, NY 11735 for the LED Light upgrade to Northport Village Hall in an amount not to exceed \$11,171.00

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

RESOLUTION 2018-105 ~ INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED: The Village hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village of Asharoken to provide gas and diesel fuel to all vehicles owned and authorized by the Asharoken Village at a cost to be determined by said intermunicipal agreement. Subject to approval of form and content by the Village Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Village of Asharoken will reimburse the Village of Northport for gallons used on a monthly invoice generated by the Village of Northport.

On the motion of Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Milligan the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2018-106 ~ HIRING OF INTERN

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of the Village of Northport hereby hires Sarah Pitfick to assist with implementing and maintaining the new Village website at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, 10 hours per week for approximately 8 weeks.

On the motion of Trustee Milligan and seconded by Trustee Smith the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2018-107 ~ VERIZON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED: The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the settlement agreement with Verizon for disputes with regard to UUT (utility users tax) for period ending March 31, 2018. Computel Consultants, acting as the representative of the Village of Northport, has negotiated this agreement.

On the motion of Trustee Milligan and seconded by Trustee Smith the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2018-108 ~ PET PORT CHARITY EVENT PARKING

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of the Village of Northport hereby authorize "Helping Paw" to park its RV in front of Pet Port in a loading zone on July 29, 2018 between the hours of 2-6 PM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: During the charity event all parking, loading, and standing restrictions are hereby suspended for said period of time.

RESOLUTION 2018-109 ~ TRACTOR PURCHASE

BE IT RESOLVED: the Village is hereby authorized to purchase from the Town of Huntington a 1991 Case Tractor with mower deck from a sum not to exceed \$500.00

On the motion of Trustee Milligan and seconded by Trustee Smith the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2018-110 ~ RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RYANS LAW

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Northport Village Board of Trustees supports adopting both County and State law that would require use of propeller guards on all instructional vessels, also known as Ryan's Law, and

FURTHER RESOLVED: that it is the sense of the Northport Village Board that both the County of Suffolk and State of New York adopt said law.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on June 19, 2018 at 6:30 P.M

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Koch, Village Clerk