

**THE MINUTES
FOR THE DECEMBER 18, 2018
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT
REGULAR MEETING
6:30 PM.**

PRESENT: Mayor McMullen, Trustees Kehoe, Maline, Milligan and Smith, Village Clerk Donna Koch, Village Attorney Stuart Besen, Village Administrator Tim Brojer, Treasurer Len Marchese Police Chief Bill Ricca.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: no announcements.

PRESENTATIONS: no presentations.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Continuation of 165 Fort Salonga Rd. On the motion of Trustee Maline and seconded Trustee Smith the Public Hearing was continued. Mr. Brojer reported that all the utilities are off except for National Grid who will be there this week to reestablish the neighbor's hook-up. (both lines were connected). Once that is complete demolition will begin.
2. Continuation of 20 James St. Michael Bode, attorney for the new owners was at the meeting to go over the conditions of the retaining walls and property in general. Mayor McMullen stated the property is creating a nuisance with door being left open and needs to be properly secured. Mr. Brojer explained that a chain link fence needs to be installed around the house and the windows and doors are to be boarded up. Trustee Milligan explained the balconies are in eminent of falling. Mr. O'Reilly the property owner to the south asked about a time frame for the owners to remedy the retaining walls. Mayor McMullen asked Mr. Bode to come back to the January 2, 2019 meeting, with an engineer to give an update on the walls. Mr. Besen created a resolution on the property which was voted on tonight.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Joe Sabia, stated that over the past 12 years the Villages tax rate has gone up over 110 percent. You have broken the tax cap for many years costing homeowners their rebate checks from the state. Then the auditors come in and say we have 5.8 million dollars in surplus. You explained we had to buy a fire truck and the police Department's contract

re-negotiation. Then you came up with the \$25,000 bonus payments for the police officers. We went from a full time Code Compliance to part time. The fire Marshal is a part time job, Which Tim is now handling. Now you are going to a part time Building Inspector. Trustee Kehoe stated there just isn't enough work for a full time Building Inspector. Also Mr. Sabia stated he has talked to every Village resident since the Board stated they were going to increase their salaries and no one is in favor of it. We have an election coming up after the first of the year. Mr. Sabia felt maybe it should be put up for a referendum at the next election. Mayor McMullen stated the Village looked at many local Villages and this increase is on the low side of the average.

Mr. Beaudet, stated he agrees with Mr. Sabia and feels the raises should be slowing increased over the next couple of years.

Mayor McMullen, explained this conversation is better for the public hearing on the budget scheduled for January 2, 2019.

Effie Huber read a prepared statement: the annual stipend paid to each trustee and mayor is in effect a "thank you" "for their service and commitment to the Village of Northport. It doesn't come anywhere close anywhere close to compensating them for their time spent on village business. The amount of these payments has not been increased for some time, yet the complexity of recent village projects has increased greatly. Just a few examples are: the sewer plant upgrade, the sewer line maintenance, upgrade and expansion, as well as negotiating fair and reasonable police contracts, more efficient garbage pick-up and recycling, as well as upgrades to our village docks and new a more profitable approach to our dock usage pricing. To research, plan and execute these projects is very demanding in terms of both time and expertise. Fortunately our village elected leadership team has been up to the task, not only during emergencies like hurricane Sandy but also in terms of tier vision as evidence in the hiring of key staff such as Tim Brojer, who is not only a very competent manager but has enabled the village to acquire grants to fund some very expensive projects, and Len Marchese who has instilled great confidence in our budget as well as our total handling of financial matters. I think all in the village should be proud of the performance of our elected officials and should reward them with an overdue increase in their stipend".

Kevin Madden, questioned the thirteen-year contract. Why didn't the Village wait and see what was going to happen with LIPA. Everything must be thought out based upon what happens with LIPA. Mayor McMullen explained the new contract will save the Village over 4 million dollars over the life of the contract. Mr. Madden asked what percentage of the budget goes to the Police. The Mayor explained he would have those numbers at the January 2, 2019 budget hearing.

Sherry Pavone, addressed the Board on an incident during the recent snow storm when her extremely handicapped daughter and the daughters aid were traveling home. The car got stuck on Main Street by Pumpnickels Restaurant. Officer Devon Humphreys responded to the scene and was very effective, professional, compassionate. She secured the area for the safety of my daughter and her aid. She never abandoned her duties to my daughter and I felt she should be commended. Also 2019 is the 100th

anniversary of the cement streets here in the Village.

Ms. Pavone, stated she understands why the Building Inspectors position is going part time but wanted to add that in her experience with Loary Gunn, she has always been professional, well qualified and it is a shame to lose her as an employee. Perhaps there is another position she could fill. She is in my opinion very qualified.

Ms. Pavone, stated though she does support all of you, she does feel that the Board should listen to what's being said here tonight. Everything is perception not reality. The Board might want to consider the same amounts but fazed in over the life of the tenure of your position.

BOARD APPROVAL OF WARRANT:

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

Fiscal Year 2018/2019 General Fund bills in the amount of \$92,226.29

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

Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$20,943.27

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

Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Fire Department bills in the amount of \$43,425.59

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

Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Trust Fund bills in the amount of \$6,225.00

COMMISSIONER REPORTS: Trustee Maline reported he had one personnel item for executive session.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT: all good nothing to report this evening.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: no report.

NEW BUSINESS: The Clerk presented the 2019-2020 budget to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS: no old business was discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from the Chamber regarding the tree lighting.
Letter from Pat Naples, regarding snow storm.

REQUESTS: Request from Denise Zunno to place a POD in the street for two weeks in January. The Board approved this request, asking she adhere to the two-week limit.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION 2018 -185 ~ DECEMBER 4, 2018 MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED: The minutes of the December 4, 2018, meeting are hereby accepted.

The following resolution was postponed until the January 2, 2019 meeting.

RESOLUTION 2018 -186 ~ DECEMBER 7, 2018 MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED: The minutes of the December 7, 2018, meeting are hereby accepted.

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

RESOLUTION 2018 – 187 ~ SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR TENTATIVE BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED: That a public hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Northport will be held on January 2, 2019 at 6:30 PM in the Northport Village Hall 224 Main Street to consider the 2019-2020 tentative budget.

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

RESOLUTION 2018- 188 ~ DISBURSEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED: The Board approves Village Clerk Donna Koch to cash out 15 days (105 hours) of unused sick time.

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

RESOLUTION 2018 –189~ BUDGET TRANSFER

BE IT RESOLVED: The Village Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget transfers see schedule A.

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

RESOLUTION 2018 -190 ~ SELF DEFENSE TRAINING

BE IT RESOLVED; The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a contract (approved to form and content by the Village Attorney) with Joseph Droual - NY Marshal Arts for eight (8) sessions of Self Defense Training held at the Presbyterian Church, Main street Northport on the following dates Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 20, 27, Mar 6, 13

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Joseph Droual will be compensated a fee of

\$1200.00 for the eight (8) sessions.

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

RESOLUTION 2018 -191 ~ PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FACILITY USE FEES

BE IT RESOLVED: The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign an agreement (approved to form and content by the Village Attorney) with the Presbyterian Church for facility use fees for yoga (9 sessions @\$30= \$270) and self-defense (8 sessions @\$50=\$400) in an amount not to exceed \$670.

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

RESOLUTION 2018 – 192 ~ 20 JAMES STREET

WHEREAS: After the testimony of Michael Bode Esq. of 70 Preston Street Huntington, who represents Stanwick Mortgage and Williams Mortgage FSB, who are now the owners of 20 James St. have agreed that by Friday, December 21, 2018 the current owners will board up the house doors and windows to the satisfaction of the Village Administrator Tim Brojer and by December 28, 2018 owner will install a permanent fence around said property, again pursuant to the satisfaction of the Village Administrator, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the hearing will be continued January 2, 2019 in which Mr. Bode will give a report and produce an engineer with what the game plan will be with the retaining wall and decks.

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

2018 – 193 ~ SEWER ADJUSTMENT FOR 34 MAIN STREET

WHEREAS: Pursuant to chapter 239-32 of the sewer law of the code of the Village of Northport, Mr. Paul Gallowitch on behalf of Skippers Pub 34 Main Street came before the Village Board and

WHEREAS: after presenting his evidence the village Board hereby agrees that the new balance for the year 2016-2017 sewer fee will be the sum of \$3352.83.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on January 2nd, 2019 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

Schedule A
INC VILLAGE OF
NORTHPORT
Budget Transfers

2018-2019

12/18/2018

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION LINE FROM	APPROPRIATION LINE TO	AMOUNT
\$12,000.00	A.1110.0111 JUSTICE P/T	A.1110.0100 JUSTICE FULL TIME	\$12,000.00
\$10,000.00	A.1420.0100.0003 VILLAGE ATTORNEY LITIGATION	A.1420.0401 ASST. VILLAGE ATTORNEY	\$10,000.00
\$2,500.00	A.1640.0403 GAS, DIESEL	A.1640.0409 GARAGE MISC	\$2,500.00
\$8,000.00	A.1910.0400	A.1650.0400	\$8,000.00

	INSURANCE	TELEPHONES	
\$30,000.00	A.1990.0400 CONTINGENCY	A.3120.0101 POLICE OT	\$30,000.00
\$4,500.00	A.3410.0409 FD MISC	A.3410.0101 FD HOUSEMEN O/T	\$4,500.00
\$3,900.00	A.3410.0431 FD PREVENTION	A.3410.0426 FD BOAT EXPENSES	\$3,900.00
\$291.00	A.5182.0200 STREET LIGHTING	A.6410.0400 HOLIDAY DECORATIONS	\$291.00
\$500.00	G.8130.0404 SEWER CHEMICALS	G.8130.0400 SEWER PLANT REPAIR	\$500.00
\$1,185.00	G.8130.0420 SEWER AUTO INS	G.8130.0409 SEWER PLANT MISC	\$1,185.00