

**THE MINUTES
FOR THE May 5th, 2020
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT
REGULAR MEETING
6:30 PM**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: The Northport Village Board will hold a regular Board meeting April 7th at 11:00 AM. Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 103 the meeting will be held via telephone conference call only and not at Northport Village Hall.

There will be no public hearings, public participation or commissioner reports. The meeting will be strictly limited to necessary Northport Village business. The public will be able to hear the meeting by dialing the following phone number (267) 930-4000.

Participants will be required to enter the following access code: 405 904 676. Any questions by the public can be asked through our website: <https://northportny.gov>.

PRESENT BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE: Mayor McMullen, Trustees Maline, Smith, Milligan and Kehoe, Village Clerk Donna Koch, Village Attorney Stuart Besen, Village Treasurer Len Marchese, Chief Chris Hughes, Assistant to the Mayor Don Tesoriero, Roland Buzard.

FROM THE AUDIENCE: Joe Sabia, Josephine Rizonni, Dave Weber Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor McMullen: Good morning please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Thank you, under announcements, it's sad to say that the Northport Community band has canceled their summer concerts. They notified Donna yesterday. I am trying to find out if the Fire Department is going to continue with their Fireman's Fair in July. Also, waiting to hear from the Chamber on their concerts in the park, it is a long way off but I assume they will follow. Also, I'm sure you all heard the elections, the Governor has given a date of September 15, 2020. It will be the same ballots as what is in place, nothing will change except the date, so we will be having a March election in September. I also just this morning, for the board members, we only just got it minutes ago, for you to review and discuss later on, about the Northport Yacht Club wanting to do a drive-in movie night in the parking lot. I just received this tentative outline from Rich Boziwick. If you review that we will discuss at a later date. Also, I just got information about the Farmers Market, I've been talking to Dorothy Walsh about this, I believe you should have gotten that information last week, I don't know Wednesday or Thursday to review. I'd like us to go over it right now, because they do have a time line, of about June 6th, I believe for their first one. According to the executive orders, correct me if I am wrong Mercy, but I believe the Governor has allowed to have the Farmers Market, they do have a copy of the intern

guidance for the operations of a farmers market that was issued March 31st, that they do plan on flowing. They would have the entrance on the Main Street side at the foot of Main Street and cordon off the area, the Village will supply them with enough saw horses to block the area off, they will have monitors, letting so many people in at a time. Obviously there will be no samples, they should have hand sanitizer and it is just food products, they cant be selling candles or anything like that. So, does anyone have an opinion on anything about moving forward and allowing the Farmers Market to open on June 13th?

TRUSTEE MALINE: Hi, this is Jerry

TRUSTEE SMITH: correct me if I'm wrong, they are just going to follow the guidance that was issued by the Governor, they are not deviating from that in any capacity.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: as far as I know, that is what they are sticking too.

TRUSTEE MALINE: Hi, this is Jerry.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: yes, Jerry go ahead.

TRUSTEE MALINE: I was looking at the plans that you forwarded to us and I think there needs to be a sperate exit, it looks like they are having the people come in the entrance and exit the same way. Which to me does not promote social distancing. I think they should have a plan for a separate exit on the other side, somehow on the other side of the farmers market.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: like by Cow Harbor Park.

TRUSTEE MALINE: right, or some type of flow, if the entrance and exit are more then six feet apart, if they can figure that out, so they go around to each both and then exit further away from the entrance.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: okay. I am sure we can work with them, figuring that out. That doesn't sound complicated, yeah that makes sense. Would anybody else like to comment?

TRUSTEE KEHOE: Yes Damon, this is Tom, I think it is critical for the community to have something to look forward to as we might be one of the, Long Island might be one of the last areas to get open and I think all of us, all the people of Northport and the surrounding areas value a good farmers market and I think it is an impotent part of who we are and I think it is important for everyone that it does get open Social distancing like Jerry had suggested, but I am in favor of doing it as long as they are willing to comply.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: I believe we should give them the opportunity and realize that the June 13th one may have glitches in it and we'll need to correct the following week, but I would like that to Tom's point of having some sense of normalcy coming back to the area to the Village. So, if nobody has...

TRUSTEE SMITH: Damon, maybe you know just have some additional, whether or not they supply folks who are monitoring the social distancing or if we have additional police presence to insure that, that's happening.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: Dorothy did tell me they would have monitors at the entrance, exit and within the area, to make sure not just social distancing, that people aren't cutting through, that they are actually going through the entrance and exit properly.

TRUSTEE MALINE: I think what Mercy is saying is that we could give them some

resources, Damon, too help that first week go smoothly. And to let them know, okay do it this way and it will be acceptable, so we can give them that first week and we can give them whether it is a police officer or....

MAYOR MCMULLEN: Richie or you know...

TRUSTEE MALINE: or someone from highway...

MAYOR MCMULLEN: so, if no one objects, I'll get a hold of Dorothy Walsh and I'll sit down and talk to her, make the arrangements.

Len Marchese and Rich Boziwick entered the meeting.

TRUSTEE SMITH: Can I ask Rich a question before we move on?

MAYOR MCMULLEN: YES

TRUSTEE SMITH: Hi Rich, how are you?

RICH BOZIWICK: I am well, thank you very much.

TRUSTEE SMITH: your thoughts on a date for this social distancing drive-in, I wasn't sure if it was in one of the e-mails. I had just printed out the documents you had forwarded over. I was just curious about if you had a date?

RICH BOZIWICK: they gave us no date. The children's committee, so of course they want to do it as soon as they can but no there is no specific date on it yet.

TRUSTEE SMITH: Okay, thank you.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: yes, Rich, I was about to mention your drive-in for the theater, it has all ben fast forwarded for them to review and go over. Once they have looked at it and I get their thoughts. As you get more information, fine tune this in anyway please let me know so I can pass that information, such as if they do come up with a date or any changes.

RICH BOZIWICK: yes, that is what we will do. We just wanted to get your idea of it first to see if it something we should pursue. Because I don't want to go on with a long study of this thing if you guys didn't think it was a viable future event.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: at this point having to talk to you about it, it seems like it could be viable. We just got this, so we will go over it along with the points you brought up in the document.

RICH BOZIWICK: so, we as a board will go forward with that committee that is doing it and we will fine tune it and work with you, so next time we will submit something that's more. But in fact, if you have any information that you have at anytime just let me know. We will just go through it on a group by group basis.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: Okay, sounds good.

RICH BOZIWICK: Thank you very much, I greatly apricate it.

JOE SABIA: Mayor can I comment on that?

MAYOR MCMULLEN: Yes,

JOE SABIA: I think it 's a great idea, the kids and the people need something to do instead of driving forty miles to pick up dinner just to have something to do, just to kill time. How would you police that, if 700 people show up? If they want to be part of it in the community.

RICH BOZIWICK: well it's a closed item. It is a Northport Yacht club function. It will not

be publicized to anyone. There are two ways to get in and out of the club and they will be policed. If you're not a member and it will be by reservation. If you don't have a reservation you won't be allowed in. It will be tightly controlled with regards to participants.

JOE SABIA: oh, okay, I thought it was open to the public.

RICH BOZIWICK: no, it's just for the Yacht Club members.

TRUSTEE SMITH: Rich, just one more question. How many spots do you have in the lot?

RICH BOZIWICK: I knew you were going to ask me that. I was just over there and I didn't check, we must have at least 100-110 something like that. I'll do a physical check to be sure. That is one of the things I wanted to know is with social distancing there be at least one space between every car. But I'll get the exact number of spots, so then I'll send a message to you guys to let you know how many we have.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: Okay.

TRUSTEE SMITH: Thank you.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: While we are on the topic of events happening, you know like, as I said I'll wait to try and find out from the Fire Department about the 4th of July schedule. Since, Dave you are with us here. I'd really like to ask you; I know you usually do "Rock On the Dock" so do you plan on doing that?

DAVE WEBER JR. So, Rock on the Dock, the fund-raising event that I host here at the boatyard is cancelled as of right now I have not canceled the concert that I had planned to coincide with that at the gazebo. I have not canceled that as of yet. The band has allowed me to keep it on the books to see how this would play out. **MAYOR MCMULLEN:** ok, well if you would let us know and as I've told you the community bad has canceled their series and I'm going to be talking to Dorothy Walsh about the Chambers concert series as well.

DAVE WEBER JR.: So, here's the question for you. Is it okay to keep it on the books for now and as we move forward, obviously that concert, nothing is planned, no public knows about that yet and it hasn't been advertised or anything like that. Would you mind me keeping it on the books for now?

MAYOR MCMULLEN: Yeh, I think that would be fine for now and as we all move along with all these different events. We also have the Tuesday fun nights. I can't imagine that would be happening either. Its just going to be that kind of year. I would leave it on the books for now and see how it plays out.

DAVE WEBER JR.: Thank you.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: ok, all right, can we move on to the warrants, Donna?

VILLAGE CLERK: yeah, sure.

BOARD APPROVAL OF WARRANT:

On the motion of Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Kehoe the following payment of bills was put to a roll call vote a roll call vote:

Trustee Maline ~ YES

Trustee Milligan ~ YES

Trustee Smith ~ YES

Mayor McMullen ~ YES

Trustee Kehoe ~ YES

Fiscal Year 2021/2022 General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 213,736.79

On the motion of Trustee Kehoe and seconded by Trustee Smith the following payment of bills was put to a roll call vote a roll call vote:

Trustee Maline ~ YES

Trustee Milligan ~ YES

Trustee Smith ~ YES

Mayor McMullen ~ YES

Trustee Kehoe ~ YES

Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$ 9,895.13

RESOLUTIONS:

On the motion of Trustee Maline and seconded by Trustee Smith the following resolution was put to a roll call vote:

Trustee Maline ~ YES

Trustee Milligan ~ YES

Trustee Smith ~ YES

Mayor McMullen ~ YES

Trustee Kehoe ~ YES

RESOLUTION 2020 – 57~ APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 21, 2020 MINUTES BE IT

RESOLVED: The minutes of the April 21, 2020 meeting are hereby accepted.

On the motion of Trustee Kehoe and seconded by Trustee Milligan the following resolution was put to a roll call vote:

Trustee Maline ~ YES

Trustee Milligan ~ YES

Trustee Smith ~ YES

Mayor McMullen ~ YES

Trustee Kehoe ~ YES

RESOLUTION 2019 – 58 ~ SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Village Board of Trustees has determined that the action is a type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR part 617.5 (c) 26 and not subject to any further action under SEQRA;

Highway/Parks:

Mark Romanczyk \$15.00/hr.

Christian Costello \$15.00/hr.

Ean Costello \$15.00/hr.

Dock Master:

Sarah Pitfick \$13.00/hr.

Henry Trodden \$13.00/hr.

Dock Master/Pump-out-Boat

Jake Blanton	\$13.00/dock \$14.00/hr. POB
Nicholas Blanton	\$13.00/dock \$14.00/hr. POB
Ethan Satsky	\$13.00/dock \$14.00/hr. POB

PUMP-OUTBOAT

Richie Clinton	\$14.00/hr.
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Beach Manger:

Julieann Hayes	\$16.00/hr.
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Lifeguards:

Avery Ersboll	\$14.00/hr.
Laura Mae Cocchi	\$14.00/hr.
<u>Kristen Leonard</u>	\$14.00/hr.
Trent Milligan	\$14.00/hr.
<u>Summer Nolan</u>	\$14.00/hr.
<u>Paige Leonard</u>	\$14.00/hr.
Brian Truehart	\$14.00/hr.
<u>Andrew Burget</u>	\$14.00/hr.
Archer Sevey	\$14.00/hr.
<u>Maggie Kiernan</u>	\$14.00/hr.
<u>James McKechnie</u>	\$14.00/hr.

Gate Attendants:

Scott O'Brien-Curcie	\$13.00/hr.
Allison Teepe	\$13.00/hr.
Ella Stahl	\$13.00/hr.
<u>Kathleen West</u>	\$13.00/hr.
Lindsey Theofiled	\$13.00/hr.
<u>Kurt Wagner</u>	\$13.00/hr.
<u>Tate Atherton</u>	\$13.00/hr.
<u>Jonathon Kiernan</u>	\$13.00/hr.
Karl Leonard	\$13.00/hr.
Eldon Smith	\$13.00/hr.

Building Dept.

Joe Cavagnaro	\$15.00/hr.
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On the motion of Trustee Milligan and seconded by Trustee Smith the following resolution

was put to a roll call vote:

Trustee Maline ~ YES

Trustee Milligan ~ YES

Trustee Smith ~ YES

Mayor McMullen ~ YES

Trustee Kehoe ~ YES

RESOLUTION 2020-59 ~ WAIVING OF OUTDOOR DINING FEE

WHEREAS: Outdoor dining applicants are still required to obtain an outdoor dining permit from the Village for the 2020 outdoor dining season, and

WHEREAS: The Village recognizes due to the recent COVID-19, pandemic, hardship on said restaurants, so

BE IT RESOLVED: the \$100.00 fee for outdoor dining applications is hereby waived for the 2020 outdoor dining season.

On the motion of Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Maline the following resolution was put to a roll call vote:

Trustee Maline ~ YES

Trustee Milligan ~ YES

Trustee Smith ~ YES

Mayor McMullen ~ YES

Trustee Kehoe ~ YES

RESOLUTION 2020 - 60 ~ APPOINTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED: The following appointment proposed by the Mayor are hereby approved pursuant to the Village Law:

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC REVIEW

1. Phil Ingerman (Term to expire 2023)

2. Eugene Spivek (to fill the unexpired term of Steve King term to expire 2021).

On the motion of Trustee Maline and seconded by Trustee Smith the following resolution was put to a roll call vote:

Trustee Maline ~ YES

Trustee Milligan ~ YES

Trustee Smith ~ YES

Mayor McMullen ~ YES

Trustee Kehoe ~ YES

RESOLUTION 2020 - 61 ~ CHANGE ORDER #1

BE IT RESOLVED: The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign: Change Order #1 to Sanitary Sewer Pipe Replacement - Project No: NortV 20-01-04. Remove and replace approx. 70 LF of cast iron universal joint sewer pipe and replace with DR18 (supplied by Village of Northport). And Reconnect house connection with Merirck Utilities, in an amount not to exceed \$18,200 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Treasurer is hereby authorized to appropriate from the fund balance an amount not to exceed \$18,200.

On the motion of Trustee Kehoe and seconded by Trustee Smith the following resolution was put to a roll call vote:

Trustee Maline ~ YES

Trustee Milligan ~ YES

Trustee Smith ~ YES

Mayor McMullen ~ YES

Trustee Kehoe ~ YES

RESOLUTION 2020 – 62 ~ BUDGET TRANSFER

BE IT RESOLVED: The Village Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget transfers: \$37,500 from Police Equipment A.3120.0200 to Highway Equipment A.5110.0200

REQUESTS: No requests.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

MAYOR MCMULLEN: we are now up to public participation, would anyone like to say anything?

JOE SABIA: Yes, Mayor, I would. How is the sewer project going down in the pit?

MAYOR MCMULLEN: Right now, everything has kind of been put on hold. With everything that has been going on. The pump station is complete the one by the town-houses. All that work has been done and is signed off on. Len, have we made the final payment to them yet, I just can't remember.

TRUSTEE MILLIGAN: I believe the engineers are reviewing it. We did the final walk though and everything.

JOE SABIA: Also, what about the hotel. I realized construction is stopped but have you heard anything from the owner that is going to be a major disaster as far as finances go. Obviously, things are happening in the stock market and whatever.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: I haven't heard anything about that. All I know is Kevin O'Neill and several people who work for him have converted over from making customs, I'll say to making COVID-19 masks, which Mercy has been picking up and handing out to various businesses and people in the community. AS far as what is going on with the hotel, Kevin has not said anything. I just assumed his whole project and finances were put on hold. Until they can get back to work. When the Governor actually allows that.

JOE SABIA: Just one more thing, just want to wish all the women who are mothers a happy Mother's Day and I hope they enjoy their day even though it's a little crazy.

DAVE WEBER JR.: If I could speak up for just one second. I was wondering if the Board would entertain the notion of mailing absentee ballot applications to all Village residents for the election in September. I know it is a long way off but maybe you should start thinking about doing the same thing like what the governor has proposed. A postage paid ballot application.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: I will turn that over to Donna, she has been following that call

mostly with the governor's orders about the elections. Donna would you like to...

VILLAGE CLERK: yes, number one the cost to do the absentee ballots applications along with the return ballot stamp is astronomical. There are many people in our voter registration that don't live in the Village anymore. Right now, we have about 5700 registered voters. But on this list I know even from my own family members don't live in the Village anymore. I think it's a huge undertaking and very costly. Again, anybody requesting an absentee ballot is entitled to one and fear of COVID -19 is a legitimate reason to receive an absentee ballot. I have also talked to the Mayor to change the times of the election from 6 AM to 9:00PM to 12 noon to 9:00 PM. Just because I feel so many people are going to request absentee ballots. I don't even have the supplies to undertake that mailing.

DAVE WEBER JR.: So, if you don't want or don't feel its physical feasible to mail all registered voters could the postage paid absentee applications be sent to only the people who request one. So, you can verify before hand that they are a registered voter.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: well that's what you do, right Donna?

VILLAGE CLERK: anybody who requests an absentee ballot application is entitled to one. The law states this year I send them the ballot with the return stamp on it to the people who request it.

DAVE WEBER JR.: ok, I wasn't aware of that. That's great.

VILLAGE CLERK: So then on election day we would have to go through all the received ballots to make sure they are a legitimate voter and didn't come in to vote. The results of election night are going to be late. I have not.....

STU BESEN: so also, in response to your question it is really going to be dictated by the state and the governor. I don't know if you know school board elections are required to do what your asking. The governor has not made that demand to Village elections held in September. I think he's going to wait and see but that may very well be an order from the governor but we might not know that till August. Its going to be dictated by the circumstances.

DAVE WEBER JR.: Thank you very much for addressing it.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: Josephine, anything you'd like to comment.

JOSEPHINE ROZONNI: No thank you. I' am saving up for you guys for when I see you in person.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be a regular meeting May 19th, 2020 at 6:30 P.M

ADJOURNED: 11:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Koch
Village Clerk