

**THE MINUTES
FOR THE JUNE 2nd, 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 June 2, 2020 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor McMullen: I want to open up the meeting by going right into talking about the Farmers Market. We discussed at the last meeting postponing it at the moment. I was given a packet Sunday evening about a proposal. I just want to say that I appreciate the work that you have put into it but I want to be clear you cannot use the main Village Park. I don't want that destroyed. I spoke to Huntington about the Woodbine Marina and they said that would not be made available which puts you back to the original location, Now, also I want to make a comment on the on-line petition. I took the time to do the research. Less than 1% of the 1146 on-line signatures on the petition only 82 were actually Village residents out of 7800 residents that we have. I think this has been a, let me find the proper words. I think this has been a misrepresentation of how many Village residents actually want to have the Farmers Market open. That is why I do not go by or follow social media. I think that proves my point. With that, with what's going on we are starting to re-open. I said we would re-visit this and I think it would be proper at this time to follow the phase in agreement that has been put out. We are into the phases. I believe that the Farmers Market can re-open starting with phase III. We are about to go into phase II, hopefully at the beginning of next week and that would appear to delay the opening by only a couple of weeks. So, I would like for that to happen this way it helps to re-establish the Farmers Market, as the people want. It also allows the businesses within the Village and non-essential business to get up and running, by waiting to the

phase III, that part of the re-opening plan. It still will help with the safety and health of the local residents, which the concern all along has been about crowds. Not that you couldn't come up with a plan to deal with safety and health issues. If you noticed this past weekend the Village was mobbed with people, which has been very hard to deal with and control with our fire, police etc. Hopefully by the time phase III starts things will settle down and re-open around the island. So that's what I'm saying right now, that is when the Farmers Market can re-establish themselves when we go in to phase III. In the meantime, they can prepare for that, when it occurs. I'd like to move on to the issues we are having with recycling that we are having.

TRUSTEE SMITH: Damon I have a few comments on the Farmers Market. I think the proposal that the committee put together addresses the concerns that you had which are the safety, different location options, parking and the support of Village businesses, crowd control and includes best practices from nationally approved Farmers Market's across the nation. Including designated time for at risk individuals and using technology to manage crowds with specific time slots. As of yesterday, the county announced that the infection rate was down into the single digits and percentages and the state released guidance on Farmers Markets last Thursday or Friday that indicated that vendors other than restaurants or food vendors could now participate. The actual proposal, which is almost nine or ten pages, addresses the concerns of inclusion of Village businesses and actually waives the fee structure to the first two weeks (inaudible.) Monica and the team an opportunity, what's in their proposal. Back on May 5th when we had our meeting, we actually walked away and indicated that we were in agreement that there were no objections to having Dorothy move forward with the Market. So, I think that put us in a place (inaudible) that puts us in a place. The 13th versus the 20th. We should hear them out, they put a lot of work into this plan.

MONCIA ZENYUH: May I speak.

VILLAGE CLERK: It is not public participation yet, so I will ask you to wait till them.

MONCIA ZENYUH: OK, thank you.

VILLAGE CLERK: Mayor McMullen your up.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: I want to go over the recycling issues we've been having. We have gotten a lot of phone calls on that we having been dealing with I want the public to know we are addressing it. The problem is our garbage carter, when he takes it to the plant where they off load, they videotape it and see what's coming out of the truck and if they feel it is not proper recycling material that company then charges a higher rate for it to be garbage. They have tightened the restrictions on what they will and will not take and how without. We have put it out on our website. People can go on to our website and look up what can and cannot be put out. We are hoping that, that situation will change and we will be in contact with our carter to make sure the men working the truck are properly taking what they should and not just passing by. So anyway, that's what we are doing with the recycling. With that Donna were there any announcements.

VILLAGE CLERK: I have no announcements today.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: Okay, if you would please move into the warrants.

BOARD APPROVAL OF WARRANT:

MR. MARCHESE: Donna, just an FYI, the bills should read 2020-2021.

VILLAGE CLERK: I will correct that.

On the motion of Trustee Kehoe and seconded by Trustee Milligan 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 2020/2021 General Fund bills in the amount of \$85,035.27

On the motion of Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Maline 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 2020/2021 Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$ 25,559.80

On the motion of Trustee Kehoe and seconded by Trustee Maline 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 2020/2021 Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$900.00

BUSINESS:

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 – 67~ APPROVAL OF THE MAY 19th, 2020 MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED: The minutes of the May 19th, 2020 meeting are hereby accepted.

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

Trustee Maline ~ YES
Trustee Smith ~ YES
Trustee Kehoe ~ YES

Trustee Milligan ~ YES
Mayor McMullen ~ YES

RESOLUTION 2020- 68 ~ STREET PAVING

BE IT RESOLVED: on the recommendation of Northport Village Administrator Roland Buzard the following roads are approved for paving by Posillico Civil Farmingdale, NY 11735 under NY SOGS Contract, Title: Group #31502:

Thomas Ave. & Ward Ave.	\$19,225.00
School Street: 5 th Ave to Scudder Ave.	\$46,375.00
Maple Ave: Oak St. to Doris Ave.	\$56,800.00
Cherry St: Gilbert St to 25A	\$35,500.00
Sea Cove Rd: Ocean Ave. to Dolphin La.	\$72,000.00
Fire Department Lot:	\$54,350.00
Village Hall Lot	\$10,650.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Fire Department lot will be paid (\$54,350.00) out of the Fire Department Equipment Fund.

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 Smith ~ YES
Trustee Kehoe ~ YES

Trustee Milligan ~ YES
Mayor McMullen ~ YES

RESOLUTION 2020- 69 ~BUILDING PERMIT FEE WAIVER

WHEREAS, the COVID -19 crisis continues to have a significant financial impact to our Northport Village businesses.

WHEREAS, phase I of the re-opening of businesses in New York State commenced on May 27, 2020 and it is anticipated the other phases to re-open businesses will continue.

WHEREAS, it has been established and recommended by New York State that in order for certain businesses to open and conduct business certain changes must be made to their respective premises.

WHEREAS, the Village of Northport finds it is in the best interest of both its residents and businesses to waive certain fees that would ordinarily be required by the Northport Village Code to be collected in order to assist the Northport Village businesses to enact the changes necessary to prevent the spread of COVID -19 while permitting the Northport Village businesses to continue to operate.

WHEREAS the waiver of building permit fees is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c) 26 and no further SEQRA review is required at this time

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Northport Village Board of Trustees authorizes the Northport Village Building Department to waive the application fee, building fee and

certificate of occupancy/completion fee for a period of three months from the date of this resolution for all construction on businesses in Northport Village that require a building permit for construction directly related to the safety of their customers, employees and/or occupants of the premises. This resolution specifically excludes significant changes in the outside appearance and all construction not directly related to the effects of the COVID-10 virus.

- CORRESPONDENCE:**
1. Letter from Chamber President Jim Izzo.
 2. Letter from Bill McKenna FV Commander Northport American Legion, Post 694.
 3. Yacht Club

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

MAYOR MCMULEN: Okay we are up to public participation, Donna how do you want to handle that.

VILLAGE CLERK: I ask that one person speak at a time. I need your name and address. All comments will be limited to three minutes.

JIM IZZO; Hello this is Jim Izzo, I would like to just comment, we met yesterday, some of the Trustees and myself, my goal is to do something instead of nothing we met regarding the initial proposal I had regarding the closing of Main Street. We made some adjustments and we are currently looking to close off some parking spaces. We are trying to look forward to when restaurants can do outdoor seating, so we made some recommendations and we are going back and forth measuring the feasibility and the costs. So, while, I still would still love to close Main Street it's not going to happen. So, we'll compromise a little bit, that's fine but we have to do something to help for the survival of not only our restaurants but by the time things roll out, more retail, (inaudible). So just one comment to continue to beat the dead horse. On the farmers Market, Mayor you mentioned that there were over 1200 signatures of which only 82 were Village residents. Well that just validates what I said initially, that this are out of town dollars coming onto our Northport Village, so again the safety plan and from what I understand, should function well and is a lot safer then Stop and Shop.

MONICA ZENYUH: I would like to speak

VILLAGE CLERK: and your address Monica?

MONICA ZENYUH: 63 June Ave in Northport. I'm speaking on behalf of the Farmers Market committee that we had formed; this is made up of Dorothy Walsh, Fleming Hansen, Rocky and Barbara Nygro and Trustee Smith. In order to present the proposal that we presented to all of you we followed CDC guidelines, we visited other Farmers Markets that are running on Long Island, twenty-three are approved and running as of today. We went on websites for Farmers Markets in New York State to gain valuable

info on how we run them on-line and how we get people to sign up prior to, and reduce volume, we are so glad that you have approved our first plan. We had three different proposals and the first one was to continue at the former site. We feel this is the best option because this is familiar with all of our vendors and past patrons and so we feel we can make this all about safety and protocol, will be easiest at that site. What I would like to ask is that you reconsider the start date. Like I said there are twenty-three currently running on Long Island that are open prior to phase I even starting. I will say that I visited some that don't even have anything close to what we have proposed. You can just enter at will and the people who they have patronized these, they wear their masks, they distance. It's a different cliental then people just wondering around the Village without their masks. It will be the utmost with safety. We have taken everything into consideration. I do want you to think about one thing; we are going to lose a number of vendors without knowing a definite start date. We have eighteen vendors waiting on us right now but as you may know the Town of Huntington started one that is going to run on Saturdays also. We have already lost some vendors to them. I have a feeling we are going to lose more because this is valuable money to them every week. So, I would appreciate you opening with the next phase. I really think we are going to lose a lot of what the Farmers Market is and some of our biggest vendors who cannot wait. So, I would like the Board to reconsider this and I just want to thank you again for considering all this. I do appreciate it.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: Thank you.

VILLAGE CLERK: is there someone else who would like to speak?

ROCKY NYGRO: 72 School Street, I would just like to add everything Monica said is very true. The farmers can't wait and neither can the Village. Phase III and the people who come to the Village to our market and bring business to our Village would be going to Huntington. If Union Square Market in Manhattan, which has over fifty vendors and many entrances can operate under these conditions now, I think the Village of Northport can operate under phase I. Thank you

DOROTHY WALSH: May I say something if I may. First of all thank you Mayor McMullen and the Trustees especially Mercy Smith who has been our guiding light in this. We look forward to opening Saturday June 13th. The other thing is we wondered about the signs we put up as we have in the past. Whether or not, we had gotten the initial okay to put them up would that be okay? Because we have to have them printed and advertising. Food merchants from the Village. If you have other people who are not food merchants you might end up using almost the whole parking lot, which is counter, productive to what we would like to do. Thank you for letting us use Cow Harbor parking lot and now we will have the cooperation of the Highway and Parks department. We have a wonderful cliental. In all our thirteen years we have never had to call the police on anyone for any infraction. So anticipating a nice normal quiet Farmers Market. So if we can get started. Our farmer especially are waiting and we need to know right away because if we can go on Saturday the 13th, which is just shea of two weeks, would that

be okay? Thank you.

BLAIR BEAUDETT: Can I speak?

VILLAGE CLERK: I just need your address Blair.

BLAIR BEAUDETT: Crestfield Place Northport, I just wanted to ask about the mask issuance. Are we going to enforce people wearing masks at the Farmers Market? I know the Village is very crowded and I recall what happen last time and are we going to provide the masks if they don't wear them?

MAYOR MCMULLEN: that needs to be answered by the Farmers Market crew. We do our best to hand out. We have handed out hundreds in the park and the dock. Dorothy Walsh herself handed out several hundred. That's one of the issues that we have if you've noticed, how crowded it is on the weekends. People need to social distance and wear a mask, when they come within six feet of each other.

BLAIR BEAUDETT: I agree.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: that is one of the issues, Blair.

BLAIR BEAUDETT: Okay, I wanted to know also, I had written into the Observer, are there masks for us to buy. For you know Village residents or that we are paying.

MONICA ZENYUH: would you like me to answer, this is Monica Zenyuh.

TRUSTEE SMITH: the proposal requires that masks, everyone at the Farmers Market including vendors, So, that's the proposal in place at this point. It is far stricter. I did secure 1000 masks at this time from the county on Friday, that we will be disturbing to residents within the Village who do not have a mask and will continue to source and support your requests.

BLAIR BEAUDETT: How do we get hold of a mask, I'm, a Village resident I mean.

TRUSTEE SMITH: We can set up a mechanism for people who request them and do not have them via the website or I can drop them off to you later today.

BLAIR BEAUDETT: Okay I would appreciate that. You have my address I assume.

TRUSTEE SMITH: Yes, you live around the corner from me.

BLAIR BEAUDETT: Oh, Ok. (inaudible)

TRUSTEE SMITH: you are quite welcome.

DOROTHY WALSH: Mayor can you hear me?

MAYOR MCMULLEN: Yes

DOROTHY WALSH: In our proposal, we have mentioned that we would buy with the New York State Agricultural Market guidelines. I have been to some markets and they are already and the vendors are well aware of it and they do comply. So, I don't think we are going to have a problem at all. People are serious about coming to a Farmers Market and I think that's what they are going to consider. If you have masks that you want distributed, I can be at the booth on Sunday if that's any help Mercy.

TRUSTEE SMITH: Thanks Dorothy.

JOSEPHINE RIZZONI: Hi, this is Josephine Rizzoni, 14 Beach Ave. I'm just curious, I know you're going to deliver masks to Blair but what about the other residents? How can we obtain them?

TRUSTEE SMITH: Josephine, the Police Department as well as folks monitoring the meters have rearranged their stuff. Richie has been distributing them. But now that we have a larger quantity, we are in the process of setting up a mechanism to be able for folks to pick them up.

JOSEPHINE RIZZONI: Okay so we'll see it on the website or something?

TRUSTEE SMITH: yeah, we will work on getting something out.

JOSEPHINE RIZZONI: okay thank you.

TRUSTEE SMITH: you're welcome.

Mayor McMullen: Would anybody else like to say anything under public patriation.

JOSEPHINE RIZZONI: oh, I'm sorry can I just say one more thing.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: sure, sure.

JOSEPHINE RIZZONI: we are on Beach Ave. and there are a lot of boats that come down here and there is one particle person, he is a transporter. He goes up this street like sixty miles per hour with the boats. I understand that they have to put the boats in when its high tide and he rushes back and forth to bring different boats in the afternoon, whatever, but it is very dangerous the way he goes up the street.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: Josephine, I know who you're talking about and I will speak to him and tell him to drive safer.

JOSEPHINE RIZZONI: because you know because of the COVID we have more children people going down to the park then normal. People on bikes and he is racing up here like a bat out of hell and its crazy.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: you're right Josephine, I will call him.

JOSEPHINE RIZZONI: Thank you.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: anyone else.

BARBARA NYGRO: This is Barbara Nygro, I would just like to talk about the June 13th opening and we really need to give the people supporting the market and our farmers an answer. They really need to know how to move the food, where to move the food, where is it going. Are we going to the Huntington market or are they going someplace else? We just really need answer. We can't keep them holding, so if we can discuss that and give us an answer today. We cannot wait until the end of June or July. It's an impossible task to ask people to hold.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: I stated earlier that the Farmers Market can reopen with phase III.

BARBARA NYGRO: Can you give me an exact date on what you're talking about?

MAYOR MCMULLEN: No. you know I can't give you an exact date, you know there's not an answer to that.

BARBARA NYGRO: I don't know that you don't know. I thought you might have an idea.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: the best that I can tell is that we should be into phase III by before the end of June. That's only if everything keeps going the way it's been going. Phase 1, we move into phase II next week if everything goes accordingly. If we keep going the way it has, then before the end of June we should be going into phase III. The exact date, I don't think anyone can give you that answer.

BARBARA NYGRO: so, we really cant go back to them with a definitive answer then, the farmers. Thank you.

MONICA ZENYUH: this is Monica Zenyuh.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: go ahead Monica.

MONICA ZENYUH: Thank you Mayor, I just wanted to echo Barbara's comments. I don't want to be beating a dead horse. For those who are calling in and don't realize that we be limiting the number of people and we will be monitoring. They will be six feet apart. It is going to be spread out. It will be safe. If we don't adhere to the June 13 guidelines, we are going to lose at least half of our patrons to the Huntington. We will lose a lot of business in Northport because people who used to go to ours will now go to Huntington and elsewhere and the vendors will go elsewhere.

DAVE WEBER: I just wanted to voice my opinion. Everyone knows I am a supported of the Farmers Market and I believed that they have, the committee that has been put together has already established all the safety guidelines and they have followed protocol, they have a plan in place and they have contacted the proper people to put this plan in place. I believe that it's an operation that can open right now. I understand that you're talking about waiting till phase III. I think that's a little silly. What's is going to end up happening is that you are going to lose these people to other places other markets. They will establish themselves at other markets. I think it should be done now, It should be done safely. It should be put forth and thank you for my time.

JOE SABIA: I think from what's going on and the account of the virus is really tanking. I think there's no reason we can't start opening up more of these things in our Village. As long as you take safe protocol. I just came back from Florida and everything is open. There are Villages around Long Island are opening up their Farmers Markets up with safety protocols in place. I can't see why we don't break the ice and start things moving again. My feeling is to put some of this behind us and with precautions move forward. Thank you.

ROCKY NYGRO: Mr. Mayor, Rocky Nygro again and I just wanted to say Dave Weber understands completely how we have set up this market. Every possible thing has been covered. People who don't have a mask can get a mask. There will be signage. There is not a reason in the world that this market should not be open. Thank you.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: is there anyone else who wants to talk under public participation. Alright is there any other business Donna or we are going to adjourn.

VILLAGE CLERK: I believe you had to discuss the proposal from the Northport Yacht Club.

MAYOR MCMULLEN: we are waiting on a little more information from Rich. I will be talking to him later.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be a regular meeting June 16, 2020 at 11:00 AM by conference call.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Koch
Village Clerk