

**THE MINUTES  
FOR THE JULY 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT  
REGULAR MEETING  
11:00 AM**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** The Northport Village Board will hold a regular Board meeting July 7, 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, Assistant to the Mayor Don Tesoriero, Roland Buzard, Village Treasurer Len Marchese.

**ABSENT:** Chief Chris Hughes,

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Mayor McMullen:** The first thing so everyone knows the Governor extended to August 5<sup>th</sup> the suspension of the open meetings law. So, we can continue to do it this way, by conference call or Zoom. We will talk about that over the next couple of weeks. Just so everyone is aware of it. Most importantly of all the first thing I want to do is announce the appointment of the new Village Justice. This is something that I have the authority to do and I am appointing Mary Louise Biunno. I hope I'm saying that right. She is a village resident. Just a brief reading, please bear with me. She is an experienced attorney, who has efficiently managed sizeable civil and criminal caseloads tried criminal felony cases, conducted legal research, written legal briefs and memoranda, argued cases before appellate court, prosecuted (inaudible) disciplinary matters, also skilled in supervising complex criminal investigations utilizing search and eavesdropping warrants, determine a diverse array of legal issues presented in the course of civil litigation, drifting decisions and orders for judicial approval, mediating discovery disputes and fostering settlement negotiations through fair and forthright discussion.

A little bit of background her law degree is from Hofstra University, after that she was assistant district attorney for the Nassau county District Attorney's office. Followed by she was Senior Assistant Counsel NYS Commission of Investigation. She was Staff Attorney Departmental Disciplinary Committee Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, Assistant District Attorney, Nassau County District Attorney's Office.

I believe she is highly qualified for this position and I think she will do an excellent job for

the Village of Northport. I will be speaking with her later and we will work on getting her up and running as soon as possible. I think she will do very well. And that's really the big announcement of the day. With that Donna if you would just move us along. I hope all the Trustees have seen her resume and saw she is very quaffed.

Pursuant to Village Law Chapter § 3-312 Mayor McMullen hereby appoints Mary Louise Biunno to the position of Village Justice for a term to expire at the annual organizational meeting of April 2021.

**BOARD APPROVAL OF WARRANT:**

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 2020/2021 General Fund bills in the amount of \$230,419.06**

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 2020/2021 Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$21,620.33**

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 Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$4,900.00**

**BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

On the motion of Trustee Kehoe 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 – 75~ APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 MINUTES**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The minutes of the June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting are hereby accepted.

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 – 76~ COMPENSATION NORTHPORT VILLAGE JUSTICE**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** Mary Louise Biunno, having been appointed to the position of Village Justice for a term to expire at the Annual Organizational meeting 2021 shall be compensated at an annual salary of \$20,000 and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** Ms. Biunno in her position of Village Justice will not be entitled to receive any other fringe benefits.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** no correspondence today.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**Joe Sabia:** 148 Cherry Street: yes, Donna I'd like to talk

**Donna Koch:** Go right ahead.

**Joe Sabia:** Mayor, I know this won't make you happy, I don't know if you know about it but that brand-new road you put on Maple Ave, the Water Authority cut open this morning. I drove past and saw them digging the road up. I thought we had rules.

**Mayor McMullen:** we are already taking care of it.

**Joe Sabia:** Cause we have the three-year law here.

**Mayor McMullen:** it all just happened this morning, Roland took care of it. Is there anything else you would like to add?

**Joe Sabia:** yes, another thing, I noticed the old fire truck is sitting down at the Scudder Beach. Why don't we sell that and get some money for it? Instead of letting it sit and rot away. If we are not going to use it.

**Mayor McMullen:** we are, Roland has put out the specs on that Roland.

**Don Tesoriero:** yes, that is correct.

**Roland Buzard:** yes, it is with a broker right now. We got all the information that they need to put it on the market and there looks like there might be three interested suitors.

**Joe Sabia:** OK, good, another thing I have, I hear or understand, I don't know if its true or not but there was a problem getting paramedics, that's way I'm asking the question, we had a problem getting paramedics for 24/7 and you are in the process of hiring more people or that we lost some. Some couldn't work the hours we needed them?

**Mayor McMullen:** we did hire more paramedics and we still have more. Roland, we are covered now, we are just trying to get additional ones on top of what we already have, correct?

**Roland Buzard:** yeah, we brought three on board, I did talk to JP about scheduling,

we'd like full utilization of everybody. It is still in the works that we are still hiring paramedics, so that we can fill the schedule.

**Joe Sabia:** ok, the last thing is what is the situation with Kehoe and Kehoe's house and the law suit against the Village?

**Mayor McMullen:** I believe it is on the schedule for the August meeting.

**Stuart Besen:** are you respectfully talking about the lawsuit that Mr. Kehoe commenced?

**Joe Sabia:** Yes.

**Mr. Besen,** that has been fully submitted and that's with the judge.

**Joe Sabia:** ok, and he's on for what meeting in August?

**Mr. Besen:** I do not know.

**Don Tesoriero:** Trustee Kehoe has supplied amended plans for viewing and he is going in front of the ZBA at that time

**Joe Sabia:** OK, and also thank you Mr. Mayor for paving the road in front of my house. It looks great.

**Mayor McMullen:** I told you we were going to get to it. It just took a little longer than we thought.

**Joe Sabia:** well I think you and I will make sure the water authority doesn't cut it open.

**Mayor McMullen:** I'd appreciate that. How is next Donna?

**Donna Koch:** is there anyone else who would like to speak?

**Dave Weber:** 40 Burt Ave. I just wanted to thank the Board and the Mayor for saving the concert roads. I've heard from residents that it is defiantly noted that the crews are out in full force and it seems to brightened up the air a little bit getting this work done. It seems over the winter that not that much happens and the residents don't see the public work department out working and now that it is summer time they can defiantly see that they are out doing a great job.

**Dave Weber:** I also wanted to bring up the closing Main Street subject. Has anyone, anyone on the Board has been discussing or entertaining?

**Mayor McMullen:** Sorry, I watched what had happened out in South Hampton Village, I believe it was. It got out of control and that's what I don't want happening here in Northport. Hey attempted to do what you are suggesting and it was a nightmare for them. So, I don't think it is a viable alternative for us.

**Dave Weber:** OK, well noted. The farmers Market has done a great job at curtailing that, I understand that closing Main Street would be a lot different.

**Trustee Smith:** Can I just add one thing to that, please. Multiple retail businesses, actually prefer not to have the road close, because they would like to have parking spots available to them in front of their establishments. So there has been a contour agreement to closure even of a small area. With them wanting to have turn over and patrons have access to their retail store. There is defiantly both sides to the argument there too.

**Mayor McMullen:** oh, I'm sorry, were you done Dave.

**Dave Weber:** Yes, thank you very much.

**Mayor McMullen:** is there someone else who would like to speak, please?

**Trustee Kehoe:** Damon, this is Tom, I'd like to say something about what we just did today. We a prior board under Mayor Doll, that I was on. Made sure that with the Judge that just left, Judge Senzer, he got benefits but legislatively we changed the code so that any future Justices would just get a salary. So that's what that's all about. Secondly, I just wanted to thank the police department in Northport for doing a great job that the continue to do. Elections have consequences and it's important that our, we support our police and we have a great department. One last thing and I know I had mentioned this to you and I think at some later date. I just wanted to go on the record today to commend my colleague Trustee Mercy Smith for the tireless work she has done during this COVID -19 and you put her in charge and the amount of effort and staggering amount of information that she was able to handle and keep it all moving. I don't know how she did it. Again Mercy, my hats off to you and thank you from the whole Village. And Mayor you did do but she, I don't know how she did it.

**Trustee Smith:** Thank you Tom, its appreciated.

**Trustee Kehoe:** We all appreciate what you did. It was magnificent it really was.

**Trustee Smith:** it was an honor and I'm glad that I was able to serve in that capacity, so thank you.

**Mayor McMullen:** is there anyone else who would like to speak?

**Donna Koch:** The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be a regular meeting held by conference call July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 11:00 AM Northport Village Hall. just as a heads up the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will also be by conference call.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donna M. Koch  
Village Clerk