

**THE MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 – 12:00 NOON
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT
SPECIAL MEETING**

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

Mayor McMullen: While we wait for Stu to join us. I want to remind everyone that September 15 is the Village election that will take place from noon to 9:00. Donna Correct?

Village Clerk: Yes

Mayor McMullen: the following day, Wednesday we will be having our next Village Board meeting, as required we intend on going back to live meetings on that date at 6:00 PM on, September 16, if any details change, we will let you know and put it on the website. Also, we have been doing well with the COVID numbers, Mercy can tell you that. Trustee Smith rather. Last one I 'm glad to see people seem to be doing their best and paying attention to the signs that Roland put up, Please Wear Your Mask. Then just a reminder that the Cow Harbor Race is canceled. They have gone to a virtual race. If people need information on that they can go to the race committee website. We have put an announcement about that on our website, the Village website that the Cow Harbor Day parade has been canceled as well. I believe they have also canceled the Halloween hay ride and the carriage rides.

Village Clerk: yes, and I believe also safe trick or treating has been canceled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The auditing firm of Nawrocki Smith will give a presentation on the findings of the 2019-2020 audit.

Mayor McMullen: so, on that note I would like our Treasurer Len Marchese to please introduce our auditors and have them give us the presentation on Village finances. Len go ahead.

Treasurer Marchese: sure, ok as you know the Village gets an outside audit from independent certified public accountants every year. Nawrocki Smith has been the auditors for the past few years and they were able to perform the audit this year. Although

it was a little different than normal. Normally they spend a lot of time with us face to face, this year we had to come up with alternate procedures. They will talk about that, but ultimately, we got it done and this is their presentation to us. Once the Board accepts it, we then will send it off to the rating agencies and the State Comptroller and whoever else needs a copy of it as well as posting it on our website. So, with that the engagement partner was David Tellier and Sean O'Malley was the supervisor on the engagement. So, they sent around the presentation and we also posted them on our website, the draft as well as their presentations, so anybody can look at them. So, I will let them go through it. They also sent direct copies to the Board members prior to the meeting, so I'll leave it up to David.

David Tellier: alright thank you very much Len, we appreciate that. So, we have a brief presentation we would like to go through, just to give you an update on the financial statements and the conduct of the audit. We will just walk you through that presentation and then obviously you should stop us at any time and we will try to get through it. So, the first thing is our scope of services. We were contacted by the Village to perform and audit of the financial statements for the year ending February 29, 2020. We also assisted the Village in preparation of the financial statements, we also conducted an audit of the Justice Court funds for the same year end on the cash basis of accounting and we also issued our management letter which presents any findings or recommendations on accounting procedures and controls. Moving to the next page of the presentation I'll let my supervisor Sean O'Malley speak a little bit about the conduct of the audit as well as describe how it was a little different this year due to obvious reasons, I'll let Sean go through that with you.

Sean O'Malley: Thanks Dave, as Len said things were a bit different this year. Usually we are onsite at the finance department for about a week. This year we had to move towards a hybrid remote procedure and a mix of we stop by the Village a few times to pick up documents. Laura, Siobhan, Len, the whole team was extremely helpful and accommodating to us with everything that we needed. We were able to wrap up our field work by June 30th. We were able to file the AUD on time. We were able to successfully implant all procedures that we planned to perform and during the course of our audit field work we did not note any material weaknesses or significant deviancies in internal control.

David Tellier: So, like Sean has described this year was obviously very unusual but I think with the management of the Village as well as some of our experience in going through this we were still able to still stick to a realistic time line to get this done. We appreciate the efforts of everyone because it was obviously more cumbersome this year and hopefully, we get back to our normal routine in the future. If not, at least we have a road map to go forward with.

Sean O'Malley: so, just going through some of the finical page's highlights. We put together a couple of pages, just walking you through the finical statements, the financial pages are about fifty pages give or take, so, we just wanted to walk you through so you kind of had a flavor of everything that's contained within there. The first two pages is our auditors report. It is a clean unmodified opinion on the financial statements. It means the

audit was conducted with accordance (inaudible) general accounting principles and that the financial statements are presented in the US generally acceptable accounting principles. The next section is called the management discussion and analysis section. This goes from pages three through fourteen. The content here is pretty consistent with the previous year. What I liked about this section is that it gives us a little bit of latitude to put in a lot of description that might not otherwise be there with a traditional financial statement. So, management has some, has a little bit more input, with the message we want to portray to the readers of the financial statements and this is really the only spot within the financial statements that talks about comparative results, how did the Village do compare to last year's results. What is expecting to go on into the future. It's a very good section of the financial statements to read if you have that opportunity. The next section is called the Village wide financial statements. These are on the whole accrual basis of accounting, so on these financial statements you have all of the Villages debt, all of the Villages outstanding long-term obligations as well as fixed or capital assets. So just something here we wanted to mention. The Village at the end of the year had positive working capital of a little bit over five million dollars. At the current ratio 3.4 to 1, so again that is a very strong ratio to portray. Your capital assets net of any depreciation total just over 29 million dollars with a current year increase of just over 4.5 million dollars. Obviously, there are a lot of capital projects going on which increased that balance this year. During the year the Village entered into an installment purchase agreement to purchase a new fire truck for a total amount of 1.3 million dollars of which \$700,000 was already paid down. The reminder will be paid over the next two fiscal years. Your outstanding other post employee benefits liability, which last year had to be full recognized on the full accrual statement total 16.4 million with a current year increase of about 1.1 million dollars. Those figures and the information provided to us by our actuaries, which you hire and is a third party releases all those numbers that we portray there. This leaves you with positive net position of a retained earnings if you will of about 8.9 million dollars on the full accrual side. The next set of financial statements are called the Governmental fund financial statement. These are the more traditional statements that is managed on a day to day basis there at the Village. This is your general fund your capital project fund your sewer fund. These are the funds that are managed on a yearly budget overall and really just look at the current focus which is what are things that are coming due or are going to be received in the upcoming future within the year. So, with these financial statements you have overall positive combined working capital of a little over 6.5 million dollars with a current ratio of 3.8 to 1 so again a very strong portrayal of the balance you share. You have a total combined fund balance of about 6.5 million dollars over the three funds. We wanted to point out with the general fund you have a positive change for the current year of about \$16,000, so you really managed the budget almost to the penny there as far as overseeing the budget on a year basis. Your revenues were over budget by \$400,000 and your expenditures were underbudget by 1.4 million dollars, so a very well managed budget for the general fund there. Your sewer fund had a positive change of about \$18,000 with revenues exceeding budget by about \$15,000

and your expenses were over budget by about \$14,000 so again a very tight budget. It is very well managed there and on an overall basis. After your governmental funds what goes into the notes of the financial statements which really just describe the policies and accounting procedures for various aspects of the Village. The presentation is consistent with the previous year's financial statements. There were no new accounting pronouncements that had to be enacted. Nothing changed from this year to last year so this part of the finances has been very consistent of the previous year. Closing out the financial statements are about seven various schedules that are required by the finance board which is what we have to prescribe to as being a Village. This is the budget verse actual schedules, some information about your LOSAP awards program. Your other post employee program as well as your pension liabilities and contributions applicable to the employee retirement system and the police and fire retirement system through New York State. These schedules again are all consistent with the previous year. There were no changes in which the way they were presented from the previous year. So that's just kind of a quick overview of the financial statements overall. As you know as far as we are concerned it is a very strong financial (inaudible) for the Village to move forward in, however in these times, there are so many uncertainties, at least your position is well going into it. There is obviously going to be a big change going forward, coming in the next year or two with how everyone reacts to the COVID and how long its going to be here. Unforeseen right now, but we do feel the Village is in a strong position to go forward and continue to work with that. Just closing out as far as findings and recommendations. We conducted our field work and as Sean mentioned earlier there were no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in the internal controls as identified as did our procedures and we are happy to say we have no current year recommendations. Again, a very strong picture of how well the accounting function is being handled there at the Village. We had four prior year recommendations, which one prior year recommendation was fully implemented and three are in the process. Again, while there are no current recommendations but some of the previous ones are either wrapped up or in the process of being wrapped up and being implemented. Which we appreciate because it shows that the Village is talking our recommendations seriously and implementing them and it continues to strengthen the accounting procedures and controls there at the Village. We are very happy about that. And that it, it concludes our prepared presentation but Sean and I will be happy to answer any questions you have or give further insight that you think is good to go.

Mayor McMullen: does anyone have any questions for these gentlemen or for Len? Marchese.

Dave Ambro: Mayor are you taking questions from the audience or just from the Board.

Mayor McMullen: from the audience Dave.

Dave Ambro: this is Davis Ambro, can I ask a quick question?

Mayor McMullen: yes, please

Dave Ambro: is there anyway you can talk about how the audit might have touched on that Brojer matter and how you found no deficiencies when the guy who was in charge of

the Administrator of a government was able to steal from the government. I mean it seems like maybe some changes might have been necessitated there.

Mayor McMullen: I don't know how to answer that. Len do you have any policy change?

Len Marchese: well, to the fact, Mayor yes, the fact is the system did work. The internal controls were sufficient to catch the fraud. Unfortunately, when somebody perpetuates something and is stealing small amounts of money, sometimes those items go under the radar. We changed the procedures as a result of some of the smaller items so that the internal controls will catch that going forward. As far as the overall fraud, I remind you that it was us that identified the fraud in the beginning and obviously brought it to the attention of the authorities. If the accounting procedures were not in place that fraud would have continued that you would not have had Mr. Brojer being arrested and charged.

Dave Ambro: so, you don't think there's something that might be able to change, so we can stop that from happening. Before the guy has a sliding glass door already installed in the back of his house.

Len Marchese: well, we have included that now. Now the procedure requires that the sign off of both the user department and the Treasurers department prior to them issuing a purchase order. Prior it only required the user department. The Administrator should not to purchase stuff. So now we have a dual authorization. It would require collusion amongst several people. That is how internal controls are usually set up to make sure they can pre-identify and fraudulent actives.

Dave Ambro: ok, thank you.

Dave Weber: I have a question. I was just wondering if the current board has a time frame for implementing some these changes. The stasis of the prior audit recommendations from your auditors noted that only one out of four procedures were implemented. Now one of them which is very important would be accounts payable was implemented, those recommendations. But what wasn't implemented was our audit process or better control over the credit card and payroll deductions. Which again are in the hands of employees in the Village. Something that the board has oversight on. Has the Board implemented any time frame for them to implement these audits polices, that were recommended last year? Last year, so these are probable a year and a half old now. Do you have any answer for that?

Mayor McMullen: Well we plan on putting them in place as soon as possible Len what is the schedule?

Dave Weber: the Board might be able to hire a company to do so we get these things in place before more fraud is found or happens. It should be something that's on the priority for oversight.

Treasurer Marchese: Well the couple of items that are on there, are, for instance, year end closing procedures. Those procedures, excuse me

Dave Weber: that the least of the recommended (inaudible).

Treasurer Marchese: so, what you are talking about is item number two and item number three. One is the credit card. The credit cards are now, when we get the statement and we are reconciling to our charges and we are bringing that back to the actual invoices we

have. That's being done currently as we speak.

Dave Weber: Len, Len, if you wouldn't mind me interrupting for just one second. You have an answer for the (inaudible) and you guys are following different procedures. The auditor came in and found that the recommendations were not implemented. How long it going to take before you are actually implementing and correcting these areas of deficiencies.

Treasurer Marchese: Like I said, we are currently doing it. When this audit was under way we were in a little bit of a transition. Especially when COVID hit we weren't able to show up and even do work, so it was a little bit challenging to implement some of these changes. But now we get the credit cards on a monthly basis and we are reconciling them with the actual bills. That's the number two thing on this item. The number three item. We use a trust and agency account as a clearing account to process our payroll through. And the fact that that doesn't get reconciled and brought back to the appropriate charge, general fund, sewer fund is something that we do need to work on on a more timely basis but bear in mind that we have a department that only has two and a half FTE's so to the extend that we can get to things on a timely manner is limited by the amount of budgetary staff we have working on it. So it's not an excuse but it would take us more in staff time to get to the things a little more timely .The item of reconciling the payroll deductions, which is something that is still in a holding account is not necessarily something that if you didn't do it right away that you would loose money. It's just a matter of reconciling it on a timely basis. We feel we are getting to it as we can. You know can we do it quicker? Yeah sure. Can I use another half time person to help with reconciling this yeah sure? It becomes a monetary decision as well. As to the benefit the Village derives by getting something done quickly verses costs to get that reconciliation done quickly. In my opinion, obviously the Board can act how ever they want I don't think it's worth spending the extra money to hire an additional person or part time staff member to help reconcile these things a little bit quicker at this point. We are getting to them now as quick as we can and hopefully by next years audit these two recommendations will be closed out.

Dave Tellier: just to follow up what Len is saying, these three areas are something we don't see as problematic area. Basically, we just have them as more of a suggestion. They are called recommendations but they are more like suggestions then anything. The payroll deductions we would like to see them done on a quarterly basis. They were doing a little bit more then that. They are getting closer to that I mean these accounts are not subject or could be subject to any fraudulent activities that we have ever seen. They are being done at the end of the audit we just feel they could be done through out the course of the year. The credit cards are much better on. The credit card, the month that we reviewed there were no issues with. Again, it's just a tiny thing that we would like to see done a little bit quicker. However, its not like its not being done. It is being done just not being done as quick as we would like to see it. In the review that we had saw there were no issues. There were no undocumented charges or inappropriate charges on it. I just wanted to make that clear to everybody.

Dave Weber: Thank you

Mayor McMullen: Does anyone else have any questions for the auditors or Len Marchese. Gentleman thank you very much I appreciate everything. Len, thank you to you and Laura and Siobhan for all your work. I appreciate it. We will be voting later on under resolutions to except this. For now we are going to move ahead to public hearings. Donna do you want to.

Village Clerk: Yes,

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: that a Public Hearing of the Village Board of Trustees will be held at the Village Hall, 224 Main Street, Northport, New York at 12:00 o'clock in the afternoon of the 1st day of September, 2020 to consider the following proposed local law:

**Proposed Local Law "B" of the year 2020
Village of Northport, County of Suffolk
A local law to amend chapter 306-39 (4) (e) & 306-39 (G)
of the Code of the Village of Northport.**

REMOVE:

306-39 (4) (e) Aesthetic requirements. All applications shall be referred to the Board of Architectural and Historic Review for their recommendations, which shall be provided to the Zoning Board of Appeals within 30 days. All such uses shall comply with the following requirements, unless otherwise required by the FAA, FCC or other applicable authority:

REMOVE:

306-39 (G) Referral to Planning Board and Architectural Review and Historic Board. If the applicant applies to the Board of Zoning Appeals prior to filing for site plan and/or architectural review, complete copies of such application shall be simultaneously provided by the applicant to the Planning Board and the Architectural and Historic Review Board, both of which shall submit written comments prior to or at the Board of Zoning Appeals public hearing. In their review of special permit uses, the Planning Board and the Architectural and Historic Review Board shall refer to the use-specific requirements of this subsection, § **306-39B(2)**.

REMOVE:

306-4 (e) J. Upon obtaining a special use permit and, if applicable, a license agreement with the Village for facilities to be located on Village property, applicants are required to submit to site plan review before the Planning

Board, which has the authority to waive such review in appropriate cases.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State

Mayor McMullen: Stu would you just us a brief description of the code change and why we are doing it.

Attorney Besen: Yes, while we were doing the section involving applications for Verizon and some of the other communications, Ed Gathman and I, Ed Gathman being the Zoning Board Attorney and we realizes that these applications had to go through the ARCHIE Board and we both agree that was illegal because aesthetics go against federal law don't come into play and the potential that Northport Village could be sued on that situation. All these sections really do is make the ARCHIE Board. None of these applications have to go through the ARCHIE Board. They still have to go through the Zoning Board.

Mayor McMullen: I need a motion to open the public hearing. Does anyone have anyone have any comments or questions.

On the motion of Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Milligan the public hearing was opened; roll call vote:

Trustee Smith ~ YES
Trustee Kehoe ~ YES

Mayor McMullen ~ YES
Trustee Milligan ~ YES

Trustee Smith: I understand the aesthetics. I understand the current language is contradictory and leaves us open to risks for lawsuits. Generally speaking, any type of telecommunications would be on a pole verses a structure. If there was any chance that if there would be any type of chance of installation on a house that would be over 100 years old, would then require some type of review or structure that was that old, would force the ARCHIEs to take a look because of that or is that taken care of in another section.

Attorney Besen: it would be taken care of under the Zoning Board. A private residence or a private business, again the ARCHIE Board would not have jurisdiction. It is superseded by federal law. The ARCHIE Board simply does not have jurisdiction under federal law.

Trustee Smith: Okay.

On the motion of Trustee Milligan and seconded by Trustee Kehoe the public hearing was closed; roll call vote:

Trustee Smith ~ YES
Trustee Kehoe ~ YES

Mayor McMullen ~ YES
Trustee Milligan ~ YES

BOARD APPROVAL OF WARRANT:

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

Trustee Smith ~ YES
Trustee Kehoe ~ YES
Mayor McMullen ~ YES
Trustee Milligan ~ YES

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 General Fund bills in the amount of \$206,065.37

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

Trustee Smith ~ YES
Trustee Kehoe ~ YES
Mayor McMullen ~ YES
Trustee Milligan ~ YES

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 General Fund bills #2 in the amount of \$2,366.98

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

Trustee Smith ~ YES
Trustee Kehoe ~ YES
Mayor McMullen ~ YES
Trustee Milligan ~ YES

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$ 5095.66

BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS:

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

Trustee Smith ~ YES
Trustee Kehoe ~ YES
Trustee Milligan ~ YES
Mayor McMullen ~ YES

RESOLUTION: 2020 – 105 ~ APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 18, 2020 MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED: The minutes of the August 18, 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 Smith ~ YES
Trustee Kehoe ~ YES
Trustee Milligan ~ YES
Mayor McMullen ~ YES

RESOLUTION: 2020 – 106 ~ APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 25, 2020 MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED: The minutes of the August 25, 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 Smith ~ YES
Trustee Kehoe ~ YES
Trustee Milligan ~ YES
Mayor McMullen ~ YES

RESOLUTION 2020-107 ~ AUDIT FINDINGS

BE IT RESOLVED: The Northport Board of Trustees hereby accepts the findings of the

2019-2020 audit of the Village of Northport's General Fund and the Northport Village Justice Fund performed by Nawrocki Smith, LLC.

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

Trustee Smith ~ YES
Trustee Kehoe ~ YES
Trustee Milligan ~ YES
Mayor McMullen ~ YES

RESOLUTION 2020-18~ TRAILER PURCHASE

BE IT RESOLVED: The Village Board hereby approves the purchase of an International Utility Trailer VI# IJK0DT2011A001319 from KCD Enterprises Inc. 503 Ninth Ave. East Northport, NY 11731, In an amount not to exceed \$2500.00

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

Trustee Smith ~ YES
Trustee Kehoe ~ YES
Trustee Milligan ~ YES
Mayor McMullen ~ YES

RESOLUTION 2020-109~ BUDGET TRANSFER

BE IT RESOLVED: The Treasurer is hereby authorized the transfer of \$105,3000 from the General Fund Balance A.0000.0917 into the General Fund Contingency Account # 1990.0400 to allow for the payment of the invoice of Merrick Utility Associates for the emergency repair of the sewer pipe on Bayview Avenue, authorized by Resolution 2020-50 adopted on April 21. 2020.

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

Trustee Smith ~ YES
Trustee Kehoe ~ YES
Trustee Milligan ~ YES
Mayor McMullen ~ YES

RESOLUTION 2020-110~ BUCKLE- UP NEW YORK

BE IT RESOLVED: The Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement and related documents (contract No. T006583) with the New York State Governor's Traffic and Safety Committee to receive grant funds in the amount of \$11,520.00. Funds to be used for Buckle Up New York (BUNY).

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

Trustee Smith ~ YES
Trustee Kehoe ~ YES
Trustee Milligan ~ YES
Mayor McMullen ~ YES

RESOLUTION 2020-111~ LOCAL LAW No. 2 of 2020

WHEREAS: a Public Hearing of the Village Board of Trustees was held at the Village Hall, 224 Main Street, Northport, New York at 12:00 o'clock in the afternoon of the 1st day of September, 2020 to consider the following local law:

**Local Law No. 2 of the year 2020
Village of Northport, County of Suffolk
A local law to amend chapter 306-39 (4) (e) & 306-39 (G)
of the Code of the Village of Northport.**

RESOLUTION 2020-112~ COMPUTERS FOR POLICE CARS

BE IT RESOLVED: the Village Board hereby approves from Island tech Services the purchase of three (3) police vehicle computers in an amount not to exceed \$17,883.20, said purchase to be paid out of E911 grant money.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from the American Legion to hold 9-11 memorial services.

Mayor McMullen: is the Chief still on?

Village Clerk: Chief Hughes are you still on?

Chief Hughes: Yes

Mayor McMullen: can you please explain this.

Chief Hughes: yes, so the American Legion has requested permission for a small march on Main Street to remember the fallen. The idea is to walk down main Street stop at the John Engemann Theatre and move on to the other monuments in the Village. It will not be advertised and all social distancing will be adhered to. They are looking for representation from the Police and Fire Departments. I support this and would like them to be given permission.

Mayor McMullen: this is going to be like what they did for Memorial Day, where they stay six feet apart.

Bill McKenna: thank you. The World Trade Center Organization is donating a flag to the Village. I don't know if I should except it on the Villages behalf or should I give it to someone in the park.

Mayor McMullen: well Bill, I think as Commander of the Northport American Legion I would like to see you accept it on behalf of the Village. I think that would be very appropriate.

Bill McKenna: Thank you very much.

Mayor McMullen: Does anyone have any questions. I am fine with it.

Trustee Milligan: I'm fine with it.

Trustee Smith: I support it 200%

Trustee Kehoe: I'm fine with it. I think it's great.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Joe Sabia: first I'd like to thank the highway department for the phenomenal job they did with the clean-up. I know it cost us a lot of money in overtime. You have the

numbers I don't. but I think they did a goo job. I was out at night and I saw them working till dark and they were really beat. They did a phenomenal job so I'd really like to thank them for that. The other thing is the hotel, is there any word on the hotel being built or canceled do you have any word on that?

Mayor McMullen: I far as I know Joe our building department Don and Roland have been in contact with them and keeping up with any information on permitting and inspections. Should they eventually start up with construction there will be no delay on our part. I know that Don, once a week sends an e-mail asking if there's anything we can do to help them along. On and off they have said they would be starting in a couple of weeks or three weeks. That's the responses we've been getting. At this point I really don't have any definite date as to when they are going to start back up with construction. Don, I believe that's all the information we have correct?

Don Tesoriero: yes, we have been in contact with the Northport Hotel and as of today we've requested a definitive start date for the project. We have yet to hear back from the Northport Hotel.

Joe Sabia: Also, I wanted to ask about the lawsuits with Tom Kehoe and the hotel. are they still on and what's it costing us?

Mayor McMullen: yes, they are both still on. Stu do you have any comment you'd like to make about that.

Attorney Besen: yes, they are still pending both of them. The hotel one is obviously at the very beginning. The other lawsuit briefs have been submitted and both have been picked up by our insurance company and the legal fees are being paid by the insurance company except for our deductible.

Joe Sabia: the final thing I want to ask the building department. What is the stasis at Robkes with the concrete wall they put up and the sheds around the property? Is it a fire hazard? What are thy doing with it? I never heard another word on it.

Don Tesoriero: I can speak to the building that's been in process. The interior has been completed and CO'd. The barrier wall from the traffic has been approved as well by planning and I believe ZBA and as far as the exterior work that has been proposed we are waiting for additional detail on garage doors that they are proposing to install as well as an awning they are proposing to install. We are waiting for additional information on that.

Joe Sabia: what about all the sheds on the property along the building and the walk-in box in the back. Is that a fire hazard? It just looks like more and more keeps being added. I seem more and more being built there and being put on the property there. You go down and look at it, it looks like hell in my estimation.

Roland Buzard: The Fire Marshal has reviewed everything on the inside and anything that was questionable has been addressed. AS far as the exterior of the building we'll delve into that this week.

Joe Sabia: could you get back to us on it.

Don Tesoriero: it has been communicated to us that the adjacent building is owned by the principals of Robkes and not going to be rented out. Robkes will use the additional

parking for the restaurant.

Joe Sabia: Okay, I appreciate it.

Mayor McMullen: okay does anyone else speak?

Blair Beaudet: Same old question about the paramedics. Is it true that we did hire more paramedics and are they on staff? So, all the back ground checks have passed through, I guess.

Mayor McMullen: Yes, Roland aren't we in the process of hiring more paramedics?

Blair Beaudet: Does that bring us up to a full contingent?

Roland Buzard: we are about 95-96% full on our scheduling.

Blair Beaudet: Us retired people thank you guys. I just wanted to ask would that pay to put it in the Observer? Or even the lady from Newsday that puts things in about the Village. Just to show that we are up to snuff here.

Mayor McMullen: well hopefully Mr. Ambro, will do that for us this upcoming week.

Blair Beaudet: it's something we have been looking forward to for quite a while and it would be nice for everybody to know about it.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be a September 16th, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Koch
Village Clerk