

MINUTES
January 5, 2021 – 6:00 PM.
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT
GENERAL SESSION VIA VIRTUAL ZOOM CONFERENCE

OPEN MEETING:

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRESENTATION:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: That a public hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Northport will be held on January 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM via virtual Zoom Conference to consider the 2021-2022 tentative budget.

BOARD APPROVAL OF WARRANT:

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

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 General Fund bills in the amount of \$265,961.42

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

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Sewer Fund Bills in the amount of \$33,126.50

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

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Payroll Week (01/01/21) General Fund in the amount of \$257,352.74

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

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Payroll Week Sewer Fund (01/01/21) in the amount of \$17,098.00

BUSINESS/COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

Trustee Smith- Sarah Vaas and Melisa Baker from Ocean Ave PTA for a successful first series of “Masks on Main” and all the business and residents that participated. They are gearing up for series 2 of “Masks on Main.” Meeting with Cornell Corporative to finalize FLUPSY details for the spring. The permit for next year was submitted last month. Super disappointed that the nye fireworks did not happen. There were issues with obtaining permits and insurance and change of location. Working with Rich Boziwick chairmen of that group to find a way to partner with Northport Village to have a firework show the weekend of Valentines Day. The goal is to partner in a more direct capacity with the partners of the firework show. Mr. Boziwick wrote a letter to Trustee Smith which was then forwarded to the rest of the board and The Mayor. The letter was

requesting permission from the board to partner up and if they would look into the safety and legal aspects of being able to support this firework show. The Mayor interjects saying on social media the message was misconstrued that this event was previously sponsored by Northport Village and not Huntington township. The Mayor brings up some questions that must be answered before any decisions can be made. He is in full support of this event.

Trustee Weber- Letter going out to Duffy ct. residents concerning asphalt repaving that was pushed, it will be done early spring and it will be the first job the village will undertake as soon as the weather allows for asphalt to be done. The highway department accepted the new pay loader and have a core group that have been training with it and they also accepted the new stump grinder and they will be making their rounds to handle all the stumps over the past months.

TREASURER REPORT: No reports

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT: The year end statistics for the department are as follows. For calls in December we had 343 for a total of 5,191 calls for the year. In December we had 14 arrests to make a total of 78 arrests for the year. 129 citations were given in December for a total of 1,518 citations for the year. The department was the recipient of the 2020 AAA Community Traffic Safety Gold Award.

CORRESPONDENCE: Dylan Gourghen is requesting to plant a tree at Scudder Beach, weve had a few planted recently. He is requesting this tree planted be in memory of his mother who was a graduate of Northport High School. Mr. Goughren and his mother would always ride around town and visit Scudder Beach especially. If there is no objection from the board the pine tree planting will move forward. The board has no objections they all thank the family.

REQUESTS:

NOTICE:

RESOLUTIONS:

On the motion of Trustee Milligan and seconded by Trustee Smith the following resolution was unanimously approved:

RESOLUTION: 2021 – 01 ~ APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2020 MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED: The minutes of the December 15, 2020 meeting are hereby accepted.

On the motion of Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Milligan the following resolution was unanimously approved:

RESOLUTION 2021 – 02 ~ POLLING PLACE AND HOURS OF ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Election for the Incorporated Village of Northport will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. The polling place for each election district shall be the Village Hall, 224 Main Street, Northport, NY 11768.

On the motion of Trustee Weber and seconded by Trustee Smith the following resolution was unanimously approved:

RESOLUTION 2021 – 03 ~ ADDITION OF VACATION DAYS

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Administrator and the Assistant to the Mayor shall receive 5 extra days annually in vacation time until such time as they would normally accumulate 20 days annually. The total shall not exceed 20 days annually.

On the motion of Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Milligan the following resolution was unanimously approved:

RESOLUTION 2021 – 04 ~ RAISE FOR THE DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK

BE IT RESOLVED: that Georgina Cavagnaro shall receive \$5,000.00 extra annual compensation retroactive to 12/15/2020. This raise will replace the 2021-2022 annual raise of \$1,435.00.

On the motion of Trustee Milligan and seconded by Trustee Smith the following resolution was unanimously approved:

RESOLUTION 2021 - 05 ~ RESOLUTION FOR AGREEMENT WITH ALTICE

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mayor is authorized to sign a service agreement with Altice Business Nunc pro tunc as of December 31, 2020 to provide the necessary networking systems to facilitate the installation of an updated emergency communications system for the Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$3550.00 per month for 36 months.

FURTHER RESOLVED: this is Type II Action pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.5, and, therefore, no further SEQRA review is required.

On the motion of Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Kehoe the following resolution was unanimously approved:

RESOLUTION 2021 - 06 ~ AGREEMENT WITH COMTECH COMMUNICATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED: To authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Comtech 2 Way Communications Nunc pro tunc as of December 31, 2020 to develop a detailed set of bid specifications for the purchase and installation of emergency communication equipment for at various sites in the Village in an amount not to exceed \$3000.00.

FURTHER RESOLVED: this is Type II Action pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.5, and, therefore, no further SEQRA review is required.

On the motion of Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Milligan the following resolution was unanimously approved:

RESOLUTION 2021 - 07 ~ UPDATED AGREEMENT WITH NORTHPORT UFSD

BE IT RESOLVED: To authorize the Mayor to enter in an updated agreement with the Northport Union Free School District to allow continued access of emergency communications equipment at the Ocean Avenue Elementary School.

On the motion of Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Milligan the following resolution was unanimously approved:

RESOLUTION 2021 - 08 ~ PARAMEDIC

BE IT RESOLVED: Raymond Smith is hereby hired for the position of Paramedic for the Incorporated Village of Northport, and as with all applicants, Raymond Smith will be subject to a background check and confirmation of all certifications necessary to hold the position of

Paramedic.

WHEREAS: Paramedic Raymond Smith will work no more than 17.5 hours a week at a rate of pay of \$26.00 per hour.

On the motion of Trustee Milligan and seconded by Trustee Kehoe the following resolution was unanimously approved:

RESOLUTION 2021 – 09 ~ VACATION ROLL-OVER EXTENSION

BE IT RESOLVED: In response of the circumstances caused by COVID19 and several severe storms which occurred during the year of 2020, the Incorporated Village of Northport will allow any employee who was requested to come in for a shift/hour and which was previously scheduled for the individuals use of vacation time within the month of December be allowed to "Roll-Over" those additional days/hours into 2021. These days would be in addition to the existing agreement which allows for a maximum of a 5 day "Roll-Over".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the 2020 Vacation Roll-Over Extension allowed may not exceed 5 Days, and these additional "Roll-Over" days must be used by February 28th, 2021.

RESOLUTION PULLED

RESOLUTION 2021 – 10 ~ WELLNESS PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED: As a part of the continued Wellness Program, the Mayor is authorized to sign an agreement with Jen Tzimas for Winter Yoga III at the Presbyterian Church for 10, one-hour sessions, at the rate of \$1400 for the ten sessions and,

FURTHER RESOLVED: The Mayor is also authorized to sign an agreement with the Presbyterian Church to secure use of the Hartt room, for ten, one-hour sessions.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Blaire Beaudet- Happy to hear the village is at 100% paramedic. Is asking if The Village is planning to put out a press release in the Observer or Newsday. Mayor McMullen says we will speak to Dave Ambrose. Mr. Beaudet asked if Village Treasure Len Marchase has any movement on workmen's compensation prices he was said to have been shopping around for. Len says he has been in touch with another carrier but our policy runs through April 1st so in order to get a better quote we must wait until closer to the renewal date. Last Question by Mr. Beaudet is directed toward The Mayor regarding bathroom code and if it has gone any further. Mayor McMullen responds it is not on tonight's agenda because there is no need to duplicate a code that is written in other policies on the state and county level. In regards to the Fish Market, Village Administrator Roland Buzard has been keeping careful watch on them.

Christine Ruggeri: Asks for a brief explanation of what paramedic at 100% means so she can record it for her notes and post an update on Facebook about this meeting. Trustee Kehoe explains that the evenings were not covered for a long period time and now there is 24/7 coverage because the Village has 100% paramedic shifts staffed. Trustee Milligan notes that this has taken a while but we built this program incrementally over time. At the beginning the paramedic volunteers would only work after their day jobs until it showed great success to which it has expanded and we are now at 100% staffing. Mayor McMullen notes how highly trained these paramedics are and that these jobs were hard to fill because many municipalities want paramedics with the training that Northport Paramedics have.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be January 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM. *Please note: the meeting will be held via virtual zoom conference.*

On the motion of Trustee Milligan and seconded by Trustee Smith the following resolution was unanimously approved: No action will be taken.

RESOLUTION FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION: if necessary, for personnel and/or litigation matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgina Cavagnaro
Deputy Village Clerk