

**MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2021 – 6:00 PM.**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**OPEN MEETING:**

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG:**

On the motion of Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Kehoe and unanimously approved; the Board of Trustees entered into executive session at 6:04 pm for personnel matters

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**PRESENTATION:**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**BOARD APPROVAL OF WARRANT:**

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

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 General Fund bills in the amount of \$26,270.96

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

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$7,583.98

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

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Fire Dept. bills in the amount of \$23,487.17

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

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Payroll Week (02/12//21) General Fund \$247,083.41

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

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Payroll Week (02/12/21) Sewer Fund \$16,112.08

## **BUSINESS/COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:**

**Trustee Kehoe:** Thank you all for the consideration for the signs for the chamber. Ron Ianacone and Julia Bingham took over as president of the Chamber as Jim Izzo served his two years and has now stepped down. A letter will be sent on behalf of the board and Mayor thanking Mr. Izzo. The Chamber is planning “Restaurant Take-Out Week” it’ll be three separate weeks one in Feb, March, April.

**Trustee Milligan:** Police Review Committee has been working tirelessly, there is a draft of the report that goes to the governor. It is going through final review. The draft will be done next week and then it will go to the Northport Village Board for review as well as the website for public review. The draft will be discussed March 2 at the Board Meeting and the public is encouraged to make suggestions. The plan will be adopted at the March 16 meeting which will complete the Governors executive order for the Police Review Committee.

**Trustee Smith:** Correspondence was sent regarding Thomas Sera, an Eagle Scouts, request to build an Adirondack chair. Mayor was spoken to about location of where it should be placed and it was agreed on to be placed in Scudder Park by the pavilion. The Board supported this. Thank you to highway and parks for all their snow removal help. 2021 agriculture permit came in and we have sent out to materials request to start building the flupsy and some other park benches. Thank you to Siobhan for her work to revamp the website and launching the Village Facebook page and Don who is leading our scanning archives project.

**Trustee Weber:** Thank you to highway and parks for snow removal. Over the past few weeks many residents have emailed regarding sidewalks and snow removal. It creates an unsafe situation for walkers. When the sidewalks aren’t shoveled the walkers must walk on the street which is unsafe. The code needs to be revamped to include residential areas to clean the sidewalks. Is asking residents work together to clear sidewalks. Also wanted to address the sidewalks in the parks and maybe it could be cleared better.

## **TREASURER REPORT:**

### **CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Emails from residents regarding snow removal on sidewalks that suggest changing the code to require snow removal on sidewalks in front of homes.

Northport Chamber of Commerce wanting to put up signs at the various entrances like the farmers market. Mayor asked for renderings and placement of signs to help decide if this is something the Village would allow. The board asked Northport Village Attorney Stuart Besen if the sign was up to Northport Code as the sign includes a line “Sponsored by.” Attorney Besen will be adding a resolution to get this project approved.

**REQUESTS:** Requests have been received to use Village parks for various events. The Ecumenical Lay Council of Northport-East Northport has asked for use of cow harbor park on April 4<sup>th</sup> for Easter Dawn Service. The Ecumenical Lay Council will have to demonstrate they can follow COVID regulations.

The Huntington Jewish Center would like to hold a Shabbat By the Sound on Friday June 25<sup>th</sup>. They will have to demonstrate they can follow COVID regulations.

The Farmers Market would also like to return to Northport and they will also have to follow COVID regulations.

The Northport Village Board has no problems with these events as long as there is a definitive plan in place in how they will be following COVID regulations.

**NOTICE:**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

**RESOLUTION: 2021 – 34 ~ APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2021 MINUTES**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The minutes of the February 2, 2021 meeting are hereby accepted.

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

**RESOLUTION 2021 – 35 ~ PARAMEDIC**

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

**WHEREAS:** Paramedic Christina Denker 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 Smith and seconded by Trustee Kehoe the following resolution was unanimously approved:

**RESOLUTION 2021 – 36 ~ BENCOR**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** Detective Howard, Police Officer's Golub and Ramonetti are hereby authorized to deposit unused accrual time into the Bencor Retirement Fund, and

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** The Treasurer is authorized to make all other necessary budget adjustments.

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

**RESOLUTION 2021 – 37 ~ STOP DWI CONTRACT WITH SUFFOLK COUNTY**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a contract with the County of Suffolk to receive funds from the County for Stop-DWI Enforcement Crackdowns for a period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$9,375.00.

**WHEREAS,** this is a Type II action pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. §617.5(c) 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 – 38 ~ MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** Chief Hughes is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with the Suffolk County Police Department for Computer-Aided Dispatch Interface System.

**WHEREAS**, this is a Type II action pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. §617.5(c) and, therefore, no further SEQRA review is required.

**RESOLUTION PULLED AND ADJOURNED TO 3/2/21 MEETING  
RESOLUTION 2021 - 39 ~ APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE CLERK**

**WHEREAS:** Pursuant to sections 3-301 and 4-400 of the Village Law, Mayor McMullen has proposed the appointment of Amy Grandy as Village Clerk.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** that Ms. Grandy is hereby appointed to the full-time position as Village Clerk, subject to a background check by the Northport Village Police Department. Commencing on March 1, 2021 or as soon thereafter as Ms. Grandy is able to start, and ending at the annual organizational meeting in April of 2022, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That Ms. Grandy shall be compensated at the annual salary of \$85,000. (35/hrs. weekly, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), and shall be eligible for all applicable benefits.

**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 Milligan and seconded by Trustee Smith the following resolution was approved with Trustee Weber abstaining from the vote:

**RESOLUTION 2021- 40 ~ AUTHORIZING MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO  
PROCURE A LIFE INSURANCE POLICY FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE  
NORTHPORT VOLUNTER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS  
AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PREMIMUM OF THE LIFE INSURANCE  
POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, The Northport Village Board of Trustees recognizes the commitment and dedication of the members of the Northport Volunteer Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northport Village Board of Trustees understands the importance of recruiting new members for the Northport Volunteer Fire Department and retaining its existing members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northport Village Board of Trustees support the recruitment and retention efforts of the Northport Volunteer Fire Department and therefore authorizes the Mayor or his designee to procure a group life insurance plan for the members of the Northport Volunteer Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northport Village Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the procurement of the Life Insurance Policy and authorizes the Treasurer to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$30,000.00 from the Northport Volunteer Fire Department general appropriation line and authorizes the treasurer to make any and all budget adjustments to affect same.

**WHEREAS**, the procurement of Life Insurance for the Northport Fire Department is a Type II action in accordance with SEQRA, 6 NYCRR Part Section 617.5 (c) (20) (27) and therefore no further SEQRA review is necessary.

**BE IT RESOLVED** the Northport Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee. To procure a group Life Insurance Policy for the Members of the Northport Fire Department and to execute all documents necessary and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$30,000.00 from the Northport Volunteer Fire Department general appropriation line and authorize the Treasurer to make any and all budget adjustments to affect same.

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

**RESOLUTION 2021 – 41 ~ NORTHPORT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SIGNS**

“The Northport Board of Trustees in order to support and promote the businesses of the Village of Northport hereby authorizes the Northport Chamber of Commerce to place signs on Northport Village property that encourage the public to shop and dine locally in the Village of Northport. The resolution is subject to approval of the placement of the signs by the Northport Village Administrator and the approval of the Mayor for substance of the signs with the advise and counsel from the Northport Village attorney.”

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

**RESOLUTION 2021 – 42 ~ BUDGET TRANSFERS**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The Village Treasurer is hereby authorized to make budget transfers, see Schedule A.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**Joe Sabia:** Sent an email to the board regarding the situation at the Northport Fish Market. Neighbors of his business and home have called the police because of the Fish Market because he has dumped garbage on neighboring property. Mr. Sabia says this has become a very hostile environment. He has never seen anything like this before, he acknowledges Roland and Scott being there. But the Market is still a disaster, Mr. Sabia says why is any work being done if the proper paperwork isn't submitted. Roland gave the Fish Market 10 days to provide a proper site plan and Mr. Sabia has asked all the boards if they received any documentation to which he says they haven't. Mr. Sabia says he has heard that the Fish Market will submit all paperwork when the work is done. Mr. Sabia and his neighbors are fed up. Mayor McMullen says the Village has not let anything go on, they are doing everything we can within law to help this along safely and quickly. Village Administrator Roland Buzard reached out to Agriculture and Markets and he filed a complaint with them and an agent arrived there last week and what occurred was that Agriculture and Market didn't add violations and said they were making progress so they allowed it. Roland than said to Northport Fish Market to get the bathroom and some other work done by Tuesday. Roland then went this morning and he met with the plumber and the water heater and gas lines are properly completed. The gas lines passed the pressure test and the plumbing was done perfectly. The bathroom was done as well and is fully operational. Heating system is done and up to code. There is no longer a smell and the surrounding areas were cleaned up well. The Northport Fish Market is making progress and The Village will continue to stay on top of it and pressure them to move along safely and legally. Mr. Sabia says she spoke to the agriculture and market agent and she has no power to shut down businesses she just guides businesses in how to overcome their violations. Mr. Sabia said the agriculture and market agent said the blame for the Fish Market shall be placed on the Mayor and the Village. The Mayor and Roland have been discussing bringing in the Assemblyman and Senator to help get the department of Agriculture to provide more regulation and consequences for lack of progress. The Mayor sympathizes with Mr. Sabia and all neighbors and expresses how much work and effort everyone has been doing to get this job done safely and legally.

**Joe Shramm:** Wanted to make a comment about Trustee Weber request to shovel sidewalks in front of resident's homes. When considering adjusting the codes to shovel snow in front of sidewalks that plows sometimes replace shoveled snow on sidewalks so that would be need to be considered when making that code adjustment

**Shery Pavone:** As a longtime resident she is making a comment on the signs. However, she expressed concern about putting sponsorships on the signs. It is important to support business's but not sponsorships on signs.

**Josephine Rizzoni:** In regards to the Northport Fish Market. She is asking if the Fish Market was ever issued proper permits prior to work? Why did other residents who didn't have permits were given stop orders while the Fish Market wasn't? She thinks this is a disgrace and it's a concern because she believes they are getting away with a lot while other residents in similar situations weren't allowed any leeway.

**Blair Beaudet:** Sent an email last week pertaining to the paramedics. Glad to see that the paramedics are staffed and shifts are covered. Mr. Beaudet is asking why a press release isn't put out. He believes it would help make people aware that jobs are available and also that everyone should know what a great job was done getting all these paramedics hired. Village Treasurer Len Marchese commented saying he had a conversation with commissioner Weber of the Fire Department and the problem is we started salary at 25 and kept raising it to compete with other districts and all these paramedics are freelancers so they are going where the extra money is so Mr. Marchese is asking for a proposal to be put together addressing the turnover with paramedics. Mayor McMullen also notes the supply and demand issue with paramedics in regards to other districts and hospitals. Conversations are being had about how to stay fully staffed. Mr. Beaudet asks will it be beneficial to have some full-time paramedics. Mayor McMullen says those conversations are being had there is just some logistics to figure it out. Trustee Weber comments how well trained our first responders are here and says we can put fears aside about house calls because of the highly trained staff as well as the best equipment.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday March 2, 2021 at 6:00 PM. *Please note: the meeting will be held via virtual Zoom conference and not at Village Hall.*

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

Respectfully submitted,

Georgina Cavagnaro  
Deputy Village Clerk