

**MINUTES  
JANUARY 18, 2022 – 6:00 PM.**

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT  
REGULAR MEETING**

This meeting was held via Zoom video conferencing.

**PRESENT:** Mayor McMullen, Trustee Milligan, Trustee Kehoe, Trustee Weber, Village Attorney Stuart Besen, Treasurer Len Marchese, Police Chief Chris Hughes, Village Administrator Roland Buzard, Assistant to the Mayor Don Tesoriero, Village Clerk Amy Grandy.

**OPEN MEETING:** Meeting called to order at 6:08pm by Mayor McMullen

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PROCLAMATIONS:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**PRESENTATIONS:** None

**REQUESTS:**

A request was read from Visiting Nurse Services VNS of Northport to hold their 22nd annual “Run for the Health of It” to benefit Hospice House on Saturday, May 7th, 2022 from 8:00am till 10:30am. The Board approved this request.

A request was made by the Northport Arts Coalition for “Happenings on Main Street” for the Friday evening concert series from July 1<sup>st</sup> for 10 consecutive Fridays until Sept. 2nd, 2022. They plan to have a shortened season again this year and as well use the area in front of the gazebo. The Board approved this request.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**BOARD APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:**

On the motion of Trustee Kehoe and seconded by Trustee Weber, the following warrant was unanimously approved.

Fiscal Year 2021/2022 General Fund bills in the amount of \$183,433.29

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**     AYES – McMullen, Milligan, Kehoe. Weber  
                              NOES – none

Resident Donna Koch asked a question regarding a Highway expense payment made to Holzmacher for \$6118 and asked why it wasn't shown as an engineering expense. Ms. Koch referred back to resolution 2021-203 which stated that the traffic study expenses weren't to

exceed \$6000. Treasurer Marchese responded that it was for multiple items including the traffic study and drainage work. Ms. Koch commented that the bills were normally broken down and Mr. Marchese responded that the reports were being run differently to make them more streamlined and easier to read. She also asked about a payment made to Gregg Suriano to which Siobhan Costello identified as reimbursement to the new fire marshal for fingerprints.

On the motion of Trustee Kehoe and seconded by Trustee Milligan, the following warrant was unanimously approved.

Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$18,831.72

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES – McMullen, Milligan, Kehoe, Weber  
NOES - none

On the motion of Trustee Weber and seconded by Trustee Kehoe, the following warrant was unanimously approved.

Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Fire Department bills in the amount of \$198,986.45

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES – McMullen, Milligan, Kehoe,  
NOES - none  
ABSTAINED - Weber

Ms. Koch questioned a payment of \$378 to Seymour's boatyard identified as boat expenses to which Trustee Weber replied it was fuel expenses. Trustee Weber verified this expense.

On the motion of Trustee Kehoe and seconded by Trustee Milligan, the following warrant was unanimously approved.

Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Payroll Week 1/14/2022 - General Payroll - \$254,601.77

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES – McMullen, Milligan, Kehoe. Weber  
NOES - none

On the motion of Trustee Kehoe and seconded by Trustee Milligan, the following warrant was unanimously approved.

Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Payroll Week 1/14/2022 - Sewer Payroll - \$15,311.23

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES – McMullen, Milligan, Kehoe. Weber  
NOES - none

### **BUSINESS/COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:**

Trustee Kehoe announced that he and Trustee Weber attended the grand opening of the new Dunkin Donuts location out of the village but across from Pumpnickels and complimented them on the facility and mentioned that they have already doubled their weekly volume from the previous location – primarily thanks to the drive thru. Trustee Kehoe also thanked Don Tesoriero and Roland Buzard for issuing permits for Whales Tales which enabling them to re-open quickly for the season.

Trustee Milligan reported that last summer Roland Buzard had an engineering firm do a professional assessment of the village dock which is now 57 years old and as expected, despite the recent light maintenance done, the substructure is in need of attention and with the help of this report, we can create RFPs and schedule a maintenance program over several years to get repairs on the right track. Resident Joe Sabia asked if we have an idea on the cost of this project and Trustee Milligan replied that we aren't at that point yet. The study will help us prioritize the work and determine the scope. Mr. Sabia asked if there

were any major problems and Trustee Milligan replied there are some pilings that will be priorities but the goal is to create a maintenance plan for the future.

Trustee Weber reported that while visiting Village Hall earlier today, he fielded a phone call from a resident calling to compliment the Highway department on the lighting on the dock and in the park over the holidays.

Mayor McMullen commented that although he is happy to see Dunkin Donuts being successful, he has asked the Village Administrator to contact NYS Dept of Transportation to readdress the traffic situation on that corner.

**TREASURER REPORT:** none

**CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:** none

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**NOTICES:** none

**RESOLUTIONS:**

On the motion of Trustee Weber and seconded by Trustee Kehoe, the following resolution was approved.

**RESOLUTION: 2022 – 9 ~ APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The minutes of the January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting are hereby accepted.

ROLL CALL VOTE:       AYES – McMullen, Milligan, Weber  
                                  NOES - Kehoe

On the motion of Trustee Milligan and seconded by Trustee Kehoe, the following resolution was approved.

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 10 ~ BENCOR CONTRIBUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** Police Officer Ramonetti is 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.

Trustee Kehoe asked why the number of days was not included and Treasurer Marchese responded that that was not required for the resolution.

ROLL CALL VOTE:       AYES – McMullen, Milligan, Weber  
                                  NOES - Kehoe

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

- The first resident to speak was Effie Huber who brought up her concern for a large cap (possibly sewer) on the lawn of 81 Scudder Ave that seems dangerous with eroded soil coverage. The Mayor asked Roland Buzard to check it out.
- Next to speak was Joe Sabia who reported his concern with a gas generator that was being run at the Fish Market with extension cords. The mayor replied that this would be referred to one of the Fire Marshals.

- The next resident to speak was Gina Paveglio who asked if the dock engineering plans will contain alternates and if they would be available for the public to review. Trustee Milligan replied that everything is available to share but we still need to create a scope, put it out to bid and see what the numbers are before evaluating alternatives. Ms. Paveglio suggested to include alternates in the bids and Trustee Milligan replied that ranges are done with bids. Ms. Paveglio also asked for a response to her letter of to Attorney Besen about an internal inquiry on the construction on 14 Lindberg Court and Attorney Besen replied that the letter is complete and he will visit Village Hall to sign it by Thursday. Ms. Paveglio also thanked The Police department for visiting her property on 1/17 and documenting her concerns about the effect of a significant rain fall on her property. She also stated that she would be willing to sign something to certify that she has no claim against the village and asked if there is anything other claims pending. Attorney Besen replied that there were no claims other than hers which was subject to the municipal law 58 hearing and then her notice of claim was withdrawn. Ms. Paveglio responded that she is following the advice of the insurance company's attorney to work towards an amicable solution to her slope issue.
- Donna Koch was next and she asked for follow up on some issues she had raised at meeting previously which she listed such as how many paramedics are on the village payroll, whether the village should continue asking for speaker's names and address and an itemized list of the how the village spent the Corona virus recovery funds. Treasurer Marchese thought his answer that night had satisfied her but state he would provide her with an itemized breakdown. Attorney Besen stated there is no legal requirement to verbally state their name and address although it has been the village's practice to have people state their name and we could ask them to write their address down.
- Josephine Rizzoni asked when Holzmacher would be available to give a presentation on the stop sign at Woodbine and the Mayor replied that they would be available at the public hearing which was continued to the first meeting in February.

On the motion of Trustee Milligan and seconded by Trustee Weber and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE:       AYES – McMullen, Milligan, Weber  
                                   NOES - Kehoe

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Amy Grandy  
 Village Clerk