

MINUTES

MARCH 16, 2022 – 6:00 PM

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

Northport Village Hall - 224 Main St, Northport NY 11768

PRESENT: Mayor McMullen, Deputy Mayor/ Trustee Milligan, Trustee Kehoe, Trustee Weber, Trustee Pucillo, 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 6:03pm.

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

The following resolution was offered during the meeting.

RESOLUTION: 2022 - 40 ~ AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO CERTIFY THE RESULTS OF THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT

BE IT RESOLVED: Pursuant to Election Law §15-126 Sub Section 44, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Northport hereby certifies the General Election of March 15, 2022 of the Village of Northport and the below named elected office holders.

	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Votes:</u>
Mayor:	Donna M. Koch	1015
Trustees- 4 year term:	Meghan Dolan	1034
	Joseph Sabia	982
Trustee- 2 year term:	Ernest Pucillo	880
Justice:	Mary Louise Biunno	1274

Since Ernest Pucillo was filling in for the vacant trustee term, Village Clerk Grandy issued the Oath of Office and upon being sworn in, Trustee Pucillo took his seat with the rest of the Board.

REQUESTS:

Ecumenical Lay Council of Northport/East Northport: Easter Dawn Service
Sunday, April 17, 2022 – 6:30am – 8:00am

Request for gazebo use & facility fee waiver 2022

- This request was approved by the Board.

Visiting Nurse Service – Candle lighting Memorial Service – road closure request

Sunday, May 1, 2022 – 7pm-8pm

- This request was approved by the Board.

The Great Cow Harbor 10K Run – Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022

- This request was approved by the Board.

Northport Rotary – Duck Race - Sunday, July 17, 2022 – 12 noon

- This request was approved by the Board.

PROCLAMATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

BOARD APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

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

Fiscal Year 2021/2022 General Fund bills in the amount of \$59,837.76

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

Fiscal Year 2022/2023 General Fund bills in the amount of \$421,483.31

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 \$19,140.03

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

Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$85,077.60

A question was raised by Trustee Pucillo regarding the difference in the amount of the debt services year over year to which Treasurer Marchese responded that in the beginning of the year the payments are interest only and at the end of the year, they are principal and interest.

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

Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Fire Department bills in the amount of \$17,422.48

A question was raised by Trustee Kehoe regarding an item marked as “Police” and Mr. Marchese responded that there is a utility bill split between the two agencies.

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

Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Police Uniform reimbursements of \$28,000

Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Payroll Week (3/11/2022) General Fund \$321,248.48

Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Payroll Week (3/11/2022) Sewer Fund \$14,297.78

BUSINESS/COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

Trustee Kehoe reported first. He congratulated the winners of the election, stated that it has been a privilege to serve as a trustee for the past eight years and offered his assistance to the new board as they start their terms.

Trustee Milligan reported on a press conference held at the Yacht club earlier in the day regarding the grant for the first rain garden which he started working on six years ago which will be funded by grants and will be followed by three more. He stated that they should be an efficient way to help with run off and cut down on pollution in the Harbor. He also congratulated the newly elected board and commented that he enjoyed his eight years as a trustee and was grateful to contribute. He also thanked all the village employees and thanked Mayor McMullen for his tireless work and his guidance during the events of his tenure which covered major storms, employee theft, COVID, Trump rallies and other hardships. He stated that Mayor McMullen clarified job roles, procedures, code clarifications and made other strides to make the village more efficient and set up for success.

Trustee Weber also complimented Mayor McMullen on the work he has done to correct wrong inefficiencies in village hall and as acting as a mentor to him during his time as trustee. He also complimented Treasurer Marchese and the management and improvement of village finances during his tenure. He also complimented Village Attorney Stu Besen for his work and advisement as well as the Village Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Building department. He spoke of his frustration with recent reports in the Observer and asked for the village to come together.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer Marchese reported that he has decided after 35 years of government service, he has decided to retire. He stated he has met with the Mayor-elect and will work as long as it takes to find a new treasurer and to keep the village finances solid regarding reserves, taxes, audits, upcoming projects and state aid.

Trustee Kehoe commented that the work Mr. Marchese did in 2006/2008 with negotiating the police contract structures was later adopted throughout the county and he thanked him for all his guidance through the years.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Chief Hughes also congratulated the newly elected officials and thanked the outgoing board for their support over the past few years.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

NOTICES:

Community Blood Drives:

Northport American Legion Post 694 – Saturday March 26 - 10am - 4pm

St. Paul’s Methodist Church – Monday March 28th - 2:30pm-8:00pm

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION: 2022 – 33 ~ APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED: The minutes of the March 1st, 2022 meeting are hereby accepted.

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

RESOLUTION 2022- 34 ~ LOSAP

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Northport has reviewed the list of volunteer members and their earned service credits for 2021 submitted by the Northport Fire Department for application towards their Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) and,

BE IT RESOLVED: the Board of Trustees hereby approves the 2021 Northport Fire Department firefighter service credit record list dated February 8th, 2022 and hereby certifies same.

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

RESOLUTION 2022- 35 ~ ACCEPTANCE OF PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR NORTHPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT PHYSICAL EXAMS

WHEREAS, the Northport Fire Department Board of Fire Commissioners is required to provide physicals for the Northport Fire Department volunteer members to qualify them as fit for duty to serve,

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners have determined that the proposal offered by Northport Comprehensive Care, 325 Main Street, Northport, NY 11768 as the most comprehensive, cost effective and best option to satisfies the standards set by the Department of Labor and the National Fire Protection Association,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of the Trustees of the Village of Northport hereby accepts the recommendation of the Northport Fire Department Board of Fire Commissioners and hereby agrees to and accepts the payment schedule set forth by Northport Comprehensive Care dated January 18th, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION 2022 – 36 ~ PURCHASE OF A NEW 2022 AMBULANCE

WHEREAS: it has been determined that it is necessary to replace one of the Village’s ambulances, as it has reached the end of its service life, and

WHEREAS: the Northport Fire Department and the Board of Fire Commissioners have selected a vehicle, and

WHEREAS: the vehicle selected may be purchased through the HGAC Cooperative Purchasing Program, eliminating the need to put forth a special bid.

WHERE AS authorizing the purchase of equipment is a type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) 31 and is not subject to any further action under SEQRA and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Mayor is authorized to enter into an agreement with Life Line Emergency Vehicles for the purchase of one new ambulance for the Fire Department, as per estimate #10087-0010, as per the HGACBuy Contract #AM10-20, in the amount of \$307,893.00, and

FURTHER RESOLVED: The Village Board hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to make the necessary transfers to fund the purchase of this equipment.

On the motion of Trustee Milligan and seconded by Trustee Kehoe, the following resolution was unanimously approved without a complete reading.

RESOLUTION: 2022 – 37 ~ PURCHASE OF A NEW BOBCAT TRACK LOADER

BE IT RESOLVED: The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Clark Equipment Company DBA Bobcat Company, for the purchase of a new T66 T4 Bobcat Compact Track Loader, quotation #AMS-05609, as per NYS Contract #PC69396, in the amount of \$66,691.35, and

FURTHER RESOLVED: The Village Board hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to make the necessary transfers to fund the purchase of this equipment, and

FURTHER RESOLVED: authorizing the purchase of equipment is a type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) 31 and is not subject to any further action under SEQRA.

On the motion of Trustee Kehoe and seconded by Trustee Milligan, the following resolution was unanimously approved without a complete reading.

RESOLUTION: 2022 - 38 ~ AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF HUNTINGTON BAY

WHEREAS: the Police Department of Northport desires to continue the service

that they shall, upon the request of the Police Department of Huntington Bay, answer the Police Department telephone maintained by the Huntington Bay Police Department during such periods of time as the Huntington Bay Police Department is unoccupied

WHEREAS, the execution of an intermunicipal agreement is a Type II action pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.5(c) (18)(21), and therefore no further SEQRA review is required.

BE IT RESOLVED: The Northport Village Board hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute an intermunicipal agreement with the Incorporated Village of Huntington Bay commencing Jan. 1, 2022 non pro tunc and expiring December 31, 2026; subject to attorney review to form and content.

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

RESOLUTION: 2022 – 39 ~ ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION

WHEREAS: 1656 Foundation Inc has offered a donation of funds for the renovation of Cow Harbor Park Basket Ball Court.

WHEREAS: It is understood that said basketball courts will be available for public use, and

WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees has considered this contribution, and has determined that that the acceptance of such gift is in the best interest of the village, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Village of Northport gratefully accepts the generous donation by 1656 Foundation Inc. of Sixty Five Thousand Six Hundred dollars (\$65,600.00), and hereby directs the Village Treasurer to establish a holding account for these funds until such time as those funds as disbursed.

Trustee Weber commented that since the 1995 Northport HS basketball team, who championed the fundraising for the new court, is not a formal non-profit organization, they partnered with 1656 Foundation which is another local benevolent group to collect the funds which will be held in a specific use account for the new basketball court construction and landscaping with the final design to be approved by the new board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- The first resident to speak was Cathie Josephson who voiced her concern that handicap parking spots are being abused and asked for more handicap accessible curb cut-outs and park improvements. Mayor McMullen responded that the village is in the process of re-engineering many of the sidewalks and he asked Chief Hughes to speak to his officers regarding enforcement. Trustee Milligan commented that all new projects are required to be ADA compliant but the village also wants them to be and all new infrastructure projects are reviewed by consultants as well.

- Next to speak was Joe Schramm who expressed his admiration and congratulations for everyone who ran in the recent election and thanks the outgoing board for their service and the respect they brought to the job.
- Next to speak was Gina Paveglio who also thanked the outgoing board for their service and also asked to make a clarification on the outcome of the Dept. of State investigation and stated that she would like to review the code, building record and come to an understanding of the construction on the property above hers.
- Next to speak was Joe Sabia who spoke of his appreciation of all the work the Mayor McMullen, voiced a criticism of Trustee Weber and then complimented Treasurer Marchese as well.
- Next to speak was Blair Beaudet who asked if the forensic audit report. Mayor McMullen responded that it is still considered a personal issue and hopefully could be released after the board finalizes their investigation tonight during executive session.

On the motion of Trustee Milligan and seconded by Trustee Kehoe and approved by all, a motion was made for an executive session with no action for personnel, contractual and litigation matters.

On the motion of Trustee Kehoe and seconded by Trustee Milligan and approved by all the meeting was closed at 7pm.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be the Village Organizational Meeting which will be held on April 5th, 2022 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Grandy
Village Clerk