

**MINUTES**  
**MAY 17, 2022 – 6:00 PM.**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**Meeting was held live at Village Hall, 224 Main Street Northport, NY 11768 and also via Zoom:**

**Present:** Mayor Koch, Deputy Mayor/Trustee Sabia, Trustee Weber, Trustee Pucillo, Trustee Dolan, Chief Hughes, Treasurer Len Marchese, Attorney Ed Gathman, Village Clerk Georgina Cavagnaro

**Absent:** Village Administrator Roland Buzard and Assistant to the Mayor Don Tesoriero

**Zoom registered participants:** Joseph Cavagnaro, Josephine & Michael Rizzoni, Elaine & Ben Meyburg, Christine Ruggeri, Donald Blixt, David Weber, Jason Stillwagon, Jennifer Makaw

**OPEN MEETING:** Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**PRESENTATION:** NYPA LED Street Light Upgrades

Project Manager Palwinder Singh and Business Development Representative Jeffrey Laino gave a presentation on the NYPA LED Street Light Upgrades - an improvement project focused on modernizing the current street lighting infrastructure by housing new, smart and programmable LED fixtures. The New York Power Authority (NYPA) is a state entity funded through the sale of hydroelectricity, not by taxpayers. NYPA generates roughly 25% of the state's electricity needs and has a wide range of experience in providing energy efficiency services to the public sector. Representatives Justin Gibaldi and Kristine Hartmann from Guth DeConzo Consulting Engineers (a firm in contract with NYPA in completing this project) were present as well. Under the previous administration, a contract was executed between the Village of Northport and NYPA in the pricing and design of the lighting project. Prior to the order of material and beginnings of construction, the current administration has asked the representatives from NYPA to conduct this presentation to address any concerns held by the public and the Board of Trustees. Handouts covering the project cost and brief description of the scope of the project were handed out. It was disclosed that Treasurer Len Marchese had brought NYPA to the Village of Northport's attention over a year ago after his interactions with the power authority's work for the Town of Southampton. Following the initial 'Agreement to Proceed' with NYPA, the scope of the project has grown and with that the price of the project as well. Mayor Koch asked about the different cost

estimates brought forward, citing that the previous administration had signed an agreement with NYPA not to exceed \$300,000 yet current figures project the price of upwards of \$852,000 to \$1,030,000; Mayor Koch made it clear that she is not sure that she is ready to spend such a large sum of money on this one project. The larger cost figures presented represent the expanded scope of the project; built into the cost covers the expenses for the new light bulbs, the respective new fixtures, any wiring replacements, potential tree trimming as well as funds set aside for allowances and \$70,000 in contingencies. Trustee Sabia asked about the life expectancy of the new LED bulbs to which Project Manager Palwinder Singh disclosed is 20 years. NYPA is offering a 10-year loan in funding the project with the \$1.3 million figure representing the total cost following the payment schedule of that loan. Trustee Weber assured that information regarding the new scope of the project is and has been available in Village Hall. The new LED light bulbs have a 10-year warranty and are expected to last 100,000 hours which equates to roughly 23 years in actual usage. The interest rate on the NYPA loan is a variable rate adjusted January 1st with the rate for this year being 2.7%. Alternative financing options are available. Treasurer Len Marchese explained that originally, the Village of Northport would use NYPA for short term financing until the project was completed. A cost-benefit analysis would then be conducted to determine the best means of financing. Trustee Sabia and Mayor Koch pressed the Treasurer on the price increase from \$300,000 to over a million dollars to which the Treasurer claimed it was never only \$300,000 rather in the range of \$600,000-\$700,000 prior to expanding the project's scope with the Building Department. Mayor Koch further emphasized that this is now a project expected to cost the Village of Northport over \$1 million. Trustee Weber revealed his talks with the Treasurer and their shared understanding that this is a major capital improvement that should be done correctly and in a manner that addresses all of the Village's lighting issues. Trustee Dolan shared that she had gone with Village Administrator Roland Buzard to assess the street lights in the parks and entertained the idea of moving the non-working light fixtures to the opposing side of the walk-ways. Mayor Koch stated that was not part of this project but a proposal waiting for approval with Holzmacher Engineering. Mayor Koch went on to say that there are alternatives introduced to the NYPA project, that Trustee Weber alluded to, of which four members of the Board of Trustees have not yet seen. Trustee Pucillo asked about the timeline of the project to which Project Manager Palwinder Singh disclosed would be nearly a year to complete. Following a worst-case scenario of financing with NYPA at 5%, the Village of Northport is projected to have an annual - \$38,000 cash flow. The project was originally designed to be 'cash-flow neutral', to use annual savings towards loan repayment. James Izzo raised a question as to what NYPA is providing the Village, stating that the Village of Northport could have sent the project out to bid without NYPA and that the offer of a "10-year amortization with a 23-year payback for a bulb that lasts only 20 years..." Nicole Carey asked about the Village's obligations if it were not to follow through with the already established contract with NYPA. The Village is currently responsible for roughly \$70,000. Kevin O'Neill shared his dealings with the Energy Improvement Corporation (EIC), a state nonprofit that gives developers access to fixed 25-year financing for cleaner energy related projects, and asked if municipalities have access to such a program. Jeffrey Laino replied that municipalities do have access to this kind of alternative financing. Michael

Bento vocalized that in this rising rate economy, it may be cheaper for the Village to issue a municipal bond for the project rather than expose itself to interest rate risk with the variable rate offered by NYPA. Michael Bento then asked whether the Village would be able to refinance once bond measures are available and not be penalized to which the NYPA representatives assured that the Village could and would not be penalized. Michael Bento also asked about eligibility concerning the federal infrastructure money passed by Congress. Project Manager Palwinder Singh explained that the federal infrastructure money is at the discretion of the local government and that NYPA is not a facilitator of that money. Susan Suvall drew further attention to the financing concerns and encouraged the Board to seek out alternatives. The NYPA representatives supported the public's financing suggestions and further emphasized that the Village does not have to finance through them. Trustee Weber went on to emphasize the benefits of the project by mentioning the smart capabilities with the new fixtures. The new lighting would automatically notify the Village of an outage rather than being reliant on a local complaint. Welsbach Electric would be contracted with NYPA in installing these new fixtures. Welsbach Electric is currently the servicing company used by the village, as noted by Mayor Koch, that already replaces outages with LED lights. Mayor Koch thanked the representatives for giving their presentation. Jeffrey Laino asked about the timeline to which Treasurer Len Marchese expressed the need of a month to go over contract concerns and other matters to be discussed in an Executive Session. Treasurer Len Marchese discussed further the benefits of the smart system in reporting usage with LIPA for more accurate rates but assured that the Board will not be forced into a decision. The NYPA representatives made the Board aware of the rising material costs in relation to timeline discussions but assured that NYPA would remain transparent with future proceedings. Mayor Koch asked about NYPA's supply chain to which the response given was three months. Trustee Pucillo asked about the company providing the decorative light fixtures; Cree is providing the light fixtures. The Project Manager from NYPA encouraged the Board to have conversations with municipalities that had worked with NYPA in the past. Trustee Dolan asked how the scope of this project related to others NYPA has undertaken to which the Project Manager from NYPA said they are the same.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Effie Huber gave an update on the Bluff Point Sewer Project Expansion by presenting a petition signed by many of the homeowners concerning the lack of information from the engineering company responsible, Holzmacher Engineering. Questions were raised to the engineers when they came to talk to the homeowners on Bluff Point Road and Duffy Court, questions that were allegedly never answered. This was at least six months ago with most of the questions pertaining to the sewer grinder and the potential for freezing/blockage with subsequent backflow into the homes. The unanswered questions and concerns have led some of the homeowners to choose not to hook up to the new sewer line. Mayor Koch spoke with the Building Department addressing the concerns in Effie Huber's letter and decided it would be best to hold another resident meeting with Holzmacher Engineering. The tentative dates are May 25th or June 8th.

Homeowners will be notified and are encouraged to attend. The sewer line will be constructed and homeowners will have to connect to it within the year after completion. Trustee Sabia empathizes with Effie Huber and her neighbors' concerns/frustrations. Trustee Weber talked about the grant money being used for the project; if the village is unhappy with the engineering proposal such grant money would just be returned to the state. Trustee Weber went on to say that the intent of the project is to protect the harbor and that there are many examples of these pumps being utilized today. Effie Huber refuted that there are many documented issues with these kinds of pumps and that this really isn't going to make a difference with the state of the harbor considering Centerport hasn't made any changes to their septic systems. Trustee Weber acknowledged the expressed sentiments but feels that the Village of Northport has an obligation to resolve this particular problem.

Josephine Rizzoni asked a question directed at Trustee Weber with regard to a statement he made about the examples of the pumps being utilized today. Josephine Rizzoni asked for specific examples to which Trustee Weber stated he would have to get back to her at the next meeting.

Perilinda Pucillo asked the effect being forced to put in the new sewer line would have on a homeowner's property value. The Board stated that it would increase the property value.

Gina Paveglio asked about the Britannia pump-out waste lines on Woodbine Avenue. Mayor Koch explained that the Village has asked Britannia to stop using the waste line that ties into a home along Woodbine Avenue. Britannia is now going to use their holding station. An odor control was placed inside the manhole as well as a bladder to keep everything running smoothly.

Nicole Tamaro asked for an update on talks with the Town of Huntington and the basketball court. Mayor Koch stated that there is no update but confirmed that the Town of Huntington has received the packets submitted by the Building Department. The Village's next step is to wait to hear back.

Gina Paveglio asked whether it was possible to solicit bids for the basketball court now with a contingency clause. Mayor Koch stated that the Village needs to wait to hear back from the Town of Huntington.

**BOARD APPROVAL OF WARRANT:**

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

Fiscal Year 2022/2023 General Fund bills in the amount of \$526,073.17

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

Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$96,189.09

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Pucillo the following warrant was unanimously approved.

Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$2,223.75

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Dolan the following warrant was unanimously approved.

May 6, 2022 General Utility bills in the amount of \$1,419.36

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Pucillo the following warrant was unanimously approved.

May 6, 2022 Sewer Utility bills in the amount of \$317.83

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Dolan the following warrant was unanimously approved.

Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Fire bills in the amount of \$928.00

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

Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Fire bills in the amount of \$27,951.09

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Pucillo the following warrant was unanimously approved.

Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Payroll Week 5/8/22 General Fund \$311,133.94

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Dolan the following warrant was unanimously approved.

Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Payroll Week 5/8/22 Sewer Fund \$14,543.10

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

Trustee Dolan gave updates on the parks starting with Steers (walking paths, gardening, etc.). Plantings were done in the main park. Girl Scout Troop 1574 did plantings with the Northport Native Gardens Initiative. Some residents are donating trees and benches. Basketball plans are submitted to Huntington. Susan Suvall asked how a resident goes about donating a tree/bench. Trustee Dolan answered that inquiries can be made through her, the Parks Department, or Village Administrator Roland Buzard.

Trustee Pucillo is meeting with Chief Hughes every Friday. Talks are in the works for remodeling Village Hall and needs of the Police Department. Training initiatives are going forward, and Trustee Pucillo is talking with the Treasury over budgeting issues related to that. Security plans and talks of issues going on around other communities are had with the Chief.

Trustee Weber circulated a letter from the Chamber of Commerce requesting a change in time for the Family Fun Nights this July to accommodate merchants on Main Street. The time change is 6:30 to 9:30 instead of 6:00-9:00. Trustee Weber asked the Board's

approval of the full closure of Bayview, Highland, Scudder, Woodbine, Union and the first entrance to the park. This would allow restaurants, merchants, and pedestrian's more usable outdoor space. Work is being done on obtaining additional grants for the Sewer Project.

Trustee Sabia said the Highway Department is doing a good job working at Whispering Fields doing tree work. The final apron on the northside of Norwood Avenue is done. New Summer-Help has started.

Mayor Koch has asked Code Enforcement to crack-down on sandwich board signs along Main Street. There is code in the Village for such signs that need to be adhered to. The Highway Department is starting to paint the roads. 36 Douglas Morganstern property is overgrown. The Village is waiting to hear back from Morganstern's attorney. Rodent control started this week and the Highway Department is going to clean up the property again this week. Trustee Sabia made sure that this work will be charged to Morganstern's tax bill. Mayor Koch raised a resolution to acquire a new lawnmower at the request of the Parks Department.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Treasurer Len Marchese stated there was nothing to report.

Trustee Sabia asked about the federal infrastructure money given to the state, asking if it could go towards street lighting and dock repairs. The Treasurer assured that it could. Trustee Sabia asked how much the infrastructure money is and if it is guaranteed to the Village. The money will be in the village account July 5th in the amount of \$365,000. Trustee Sabia asked about a \$10 million figure in infrastructure money that is possible to acquire with proper application. The Treasurer acknowledged the figure but is not sure if the village qualifies with the specifics for the money. Mayor Koch and Treasurer Len Marchese have a meeting scheduled with Senator Gaughran to discuss state budget money. The Treasurer assured that the Treasury Department is actively pursuing grant and funding opportunities while going into some specifics on matching requirements with some grant issues.

**CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:** None

**REQUESTS:** None

**RESOLUTIONS:**

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Dolan the following resolution was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION: 2022 – 111 ~ APPROVAL OF THE MAY 3, 2022 MINUTES**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The minutes of the May 3, 2022 meeting are hereby accepted.

On the motion of Trustee Dolan and seconded by Trustee Sabia the following resolution was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 112 ~ TEMPORARY NO PARKING**

**WHEREAS:** The Northport Running Club has been authorized by the Village to hold the Downhill Mile Race on June 4, 2022 from 8:00am - 10:00am and,

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The Village Board of Trustees is hereby authorized to establish temporary No Parking restrictions as outlined in a memo from Chief Hughes dated May 11, 2022 and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** The Board authorizes the Village of Northport Police Department to remove any vehicle found to be in violation of the restrictions at the expense of the vehicle's owner.

On the motion of Trustee Dolan and seconded by Trustee Sabia the following resolution was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 113 ~ SURPLUS & EQUIPMENT**

**WHEREAS:** The Fire Department is in possession of eight (8) *LifePak 500* biphasic automated external defibrillators manufactured by Medtronic Physio Control and,

**WHEREAS:** these devices are obsolete to this department and have been replaced by *Zoll AEDPro* automated external defibrillators and now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The Board of Trustees deems the (8) *LifePak 500* as surplus and authorizes the disposal of the defibrillators.

Trustee Weber questioned how it is determined if the defibrillators are auctioned or donated. Mayor Koch replied it would be up to the head houseman to make that determination. Trustee Pucillo assumed that they would be auctioned unless there was a need for a donation. Chief Hughes stated that these units are old and obsolete; the village might not want to be responsible for passing off these units. Resolution was amended to authorize the disposal of defibrillators.

On the motion of Trustee Dolan and seconded by Trustee Sabia the following resolution was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 114 ~ APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE PROSECUTOR**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That Robert Schalk is hereby retained as Village Prosecutor, for a term to begin on May 18, 2022 and end on April 4, 2023, at the rate of \$750.00 per court appearance excluding Trials which can be billed at the rate of \$225.00 per hour and is hereby authorized to prosecute violations of the Village Code and local laws in Village Justice Court.

**WHEREAS:** The retaining of an attorney is a type II Action pursuant to N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.5(c)26, and, therefore, no further SEQRA review is required.

Trustee Sabia expressed his faith in the new prosecutor.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Dolan the following resolution was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 115 ~ STEERS PARK**

**WHEREAS:** there is a need to improve the overall conditions of the Steers Park Fields and surrounding parking lots, and;

**WHEREAS:** the Village has been awarded funds via the ARPA program and has not allocated this year funds to a specific project, and

**WHEREAS:** this funding will become available within the next 6 weeks;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** the Village board authorizes the treasurer to create a capital account for the purpose of funding Steers Park upgrades in the amount of \$50,000 and further authorized any and all budgetary and accounting entries necessary to accomplish the same.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 116 ~ MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS:** the Village of Northport is desirous to enter into a professional service contract to operate a shellfish enhancement, restoration and management program. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County, which is a quasi-government organization as defined by County Law 224, will provide high school interns, supervision, shellfish seed, equipment and technical support to the Northport Village oyster FLUPSY and aquaculture program;

**WHEREAS:** Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County possess the qualifications and specialized skills training and expertise that are required to perform this professional service agreement; and

**WHEREAS:** the execution of a professional service agreement for the Village of Northport shellfish enhancement program is a Type II action pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.5(c) (18) and (21), and therefore no further SEQRA review is required.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign Memorandum of Agreement between The Incorporated Village of Northport and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County to implement a shellfish enhancement, restoration and educational outreach program for the Village of Northport approved to form and content by Village attorney.

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

**RESOLUTION: 2022 – 117 ~ AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON FOR USE OF THE “A” DOCK AT WOODBINE MARINA**

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Huntington owns, maintains and operates the Woodbine Marina, located at 161-163 Woodbine Avenue, Northport, NY 11768; and

**WHEREAS:** Northport has requested permission to utilize slips at the “A” dock at Woodbine Marina to dock their pump out boat, fire boat, police boat, and sewer treatment boat during the period of May 1, 2022 through October 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS:** permission to utilize the slips at “A” dock at Woodbine Marina is contingent upon the execution of a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement.

**WHEREAS:** authorizing the execution of an agreement is a type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) 26 (c) 32 and is not subject to any further action under SEQRA;

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The Northport Village Board hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute said agreement with the Town of Huntington subject to attorney review for form and content.

Resolution already recorded at the Board of Trustees meeting held May 3, 2022. (See Resolution 2022 – 109)

**RESOLUTION: 2022 – 118 ~ AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF SUFFOLK COUNTY FOR THE VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT SHELLFISH ENHANCEMENT AND AQUACULTURE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS:** the Village of Northport is desirous to enter into a professional service contract to operate a shellfish enhancement, restoration and management program. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County, which is a quasi-government organization as defined by County Law 224, will provide high school interns, supervision, shellfish seed, equipment and technical support to the Northport Village oyster FLUPSY and aquaculture program;

**WHEREAS:** Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County possess the qualifications and specialized skills training and expertise that are required to perform this professional service agreement; and

**WHEREAS;** the execution of a professional service agreement for the Village of Northport shellfish enhancement program is a Type II action pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.5(c) (18) and (21), and therefore no further SEQRA review is required.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The Northport Village Board hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute a professional services Agreement for one year with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.00 and for the costs of equipment for the construction of the FLUPSY dock not to exceed \$10,000.00 and authorizes the treasurer to make all appropriations for the purpose of funding the Shellfish Enhancement and Aquaculture program and the agreement is subject to attorney review for form and content.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Dolan the following resolution was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 119 ~ PART-TIME SEASONAL POLICE OFFICER**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes an offer of part time seasonal Police Officer to Patrick Rogan who is currently a full time Police Officer with the Village of Asharoken, at the rate of \$35.00 per hour.

**WHEREAS:** the offer of employment to the Northport Village Police Department is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.5(c)(26) and, therefore no further SEQRA review is required.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Pucillo the following resolution was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 120 ~ DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS:** The Village Administrator has identified the 2006 Ford Expedition with VIN #1FMPU16576LA72442 as being surplus equipment of the Village of Northport, and has determined it to be in the public interest to offer them for sale.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The and the Village Administrator is hereby directed to place the 2006 Ford Expedition with VIN #1FMPU16576LA72442 out to bid.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 121 ~ SEASONAL HIRING**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** Stephen Francas and Ben Schnell are hereby hired for a seasonal position with the Highway Department.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** Stephen Francas and Ben Schnell will work no more than 40 hours a week at a rate of pay of \$17.00 per hour and

**WHEREAS:** Hiring of employees is a Type II action pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.5(c)(26), and, therefore no further SEQRA review is required.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022 - 122 ~ ENGINEERING SERVICES NORTHPORT VILLAGE PARK**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The Village hereby authorizes an expenditure not to exceed \$18,300.00 to Holzmacher P.E. for Engineering services, design work at Northport Village Park as outlined in a proposal dated April 28, 2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** This is a type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) and is not subject to any further action under SEQRA;

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Dolan the following resolution was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 123 ~ UNPAID INTERNSHIP**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** Jacquelyn Murphy is hereby authorized to perform an unpaid internship with the Incorporated Village of Northport Police Department.

**WHEREAS:** this is an unlisted Action pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.5(c)(26), and, therefore, no further SEQRA review is required.

Trustee Dolan asked whether the internship was for school credit. Chief Hughes replied that it is not, it is just to broaden her experience.

On the motion of Trustee Dolan and seconded by Trustee Sabia the following resolution was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 124 ~ ELECTRIC CARS**

**WHEREAS:** The Village seeks to improve its environmental awareness by going ecofriendly with the purchase of its next two vehicles, and

**WHEREAS:** these vehicles will be used primarily by either code enforcement or parking enforcement, making their use perfect for our needs;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Village treasurer is authorized to increase federal aid to account for prior FEMA claims made of which those funds are now becoming available and have not been budgeted, and create a budget line to include Vehicle and charger purchase as well as building alterations to accommodate such units in an amount of \$100,000.

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the village administrator is authorized to issue all of the appropriate purchase orders and the treasurer is authorized to make any necessary accounting and budgetary entries to facilitate such directive,

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** This is a 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 Sabia and seconded by Trustee Dolan the following resolution was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 125 ~ PART-TIME CALL-IN FIREHOUSE EMPLOYEES**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The Village hereby authorizes part-time call-in employment at an hourly rate of \$28.70 to the following applicants;

Larry Wine, Daniel Bowles, Alexander Jensen, and Scott Basantes

**WHEREAS:** all existing call-in part-time employees' rate of pay shall be increased to \$28.70 per hour.

**WHEREAS:** Hiring of employees is a Type II action pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.5(c)(26), and, therefore no further SEQRA review is required.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Dolan the following resolution was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 126 ~ ARBORIST**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The Village hereby retains the services of Dom's Tree Service as outlined in a proposal dated August 2, 2021 and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Village hereby allocates \$5000.00 from budget line "a" 8560-402 for tree pruning services at Village and Cow Harbor Parks.

**WHEREAS:** This is a type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) and is not subject to any further action under SEQRA.

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

**RESOLUTION 2021 – 127 ~ WELLNESS PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS:** The wellness program is a continuing program offered by the Village of Northport for the betterment of its residents.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** Jennifer Tzimas and Kim Bienia are hereby authorized to use the Northport Village Gazebo Saturday mornings at 8:30am from June 4 – July 13, 2022 for adult yoga and Wednesday afternoons at 4:00pm from June 22 - August 24, 2022 for family yoga for ten (10) consecutive weeks, as part of the Village of Northport's Wellness Program.

**WHEREAS:** each participant will be charged a fee of \$10.00 per class of which half of the fee will be paid to the Village of Northport.

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

**RESOLUTION: 2022 - 128 ~ AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NELSON POPE VOORHIS**

**WHEREAS:** The Village of Northport is desirous to identify and prioritize water quality improvement projects and secure grant funding to offset engineering and construction expenses of said projects.

**WHEREAS:** Proposed projects were identified in the 2017 Village of Northport Sub watershed Assessment by Nelson Pope Voorhis. Nelson Pope Voorhis will be

engaged to support the Village of Northport prepare technical documents for the Northport Park/Bayview Ave. Infrastructure Project for grant submission.

**WHEREAS:** the execution of a professional service agreement for the Village is a Type II action pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.5 (c) (24), and therefore no further SEQRA review is required.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The Northport Village Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement with Nelson Pope Voorhis for services to prepare grant application technical documents and said agreement is subject to attorney review for form and content.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** The cost of said services is not to exceed \$4,000.00, and the Board authorizes the treasurer to make all appropriations for the purpose of funding the work contained in the agreement.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Pucillo the following resolution was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 129 ~ FEES**

**BE IT RESOLVED: THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT HEREBY AMENDS VILLAGE LAW ARTICLE SECTION 147-1 CHAPTER 256 AS FOLLOWS:**

§ 147-1 Listing of fees from code sections.

Location in code subject

Chapter 256, Streets and sidewalks, Article ii, Excavation and Construction

256-14-E Application fee \$25.00

Street opening permit for utility installations:

Bell Hole excavation up to 50 square feet: \$200.00

Bell Hole excavation greater than 50 square feet \$225.00

Driveway apron permit residential: \$150.00

Driveway apron permit commercial: \$250.00

Trench excavations: 18" to 5' in depth

(1'-100 linear feet) Base fee: \$250.00

Trench excavations 18"-5' in depth

(Over 100 linear feet) Base fee: \$250.00 plus \$5.00 per lineal foot over 100 feet

Trench excavation greater than 5' in depth base fee \$300.00 plus \$7.50 per lineal foot

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Lineal frontage improvements curbs or sidewalks:

Curbs or sidewalks (1-100 lineal foot base fee: \$175.00

Curb or sidewalk (over 100 lineal feet base fee

plus \$2.50 per lineal foot \$175.00 plus 2.50 per LF

Drainage structures: culverts, underdrains,

catch basins, swales: \$100.00 per structure

**WHEREAS:** amending the Village code for the purpose of establishing and modifying building permit fees is a Type ii action pursuant to SEQRA section 6 N.Y.C.R.R. 617.5(c) 26 and no further SEQRA review is required at this time.

Trustee Weber made sure that studies were done concerning the fees listed and other municipalities. Trustee Weber also expressed that the Village is way out of line in comparison. Mayor Koch acknowledged and stated that this should bring the Village in line with others.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 130 ~ BUDGET TRANSFERS**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The Village Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget transfers; see attached Schedule “A”.

On the motion of Trustee Weber and seconded by Trustee Dolan the following resolution was approved with Trustee Sabia and Trustee Pucillo opposed.

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 131 ~ PURCHASE OF NEW LAWMOWER FOR PARKS DEPT.**

**WHEREAS:** The Village Administrator received bids for the purchase of a new Walker model #T27i lawnmower with a 48” deck, and

**WHEREAS:** The lowest qualified bidder was Power Equipment Plus, with a bid of \$19,509.95, and

**WHEREAS:** 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

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign any necessary contracts with Power Equipment Plus for the purchase of a new Walker model #T27i lawnmower with a 48” deck in amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

Trustee Pucillo stated that this was discussed at the last meeting and thought that the Parks Department had enough equipment. Mayor Koch stated that the lawn mower is the number one priority of the head of the Parks Department. The lawn mower is a budgeted item. Trustee Dolan talked about the state of the old equipment. Trustee Sabia objects to the new mower considering the other needs he finds more pressing including a new dump trailer and small pickup truck. Trustee Weber expressed the desire to give the Parks Department what they ask for since they are the ones using the equipment each week. The new mower will make operations more efficient. The Parks Department plans on using all of the mowers.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday June 7, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

Effie Huber stated that on Saturday, Angels of Warriors will be putting up flags.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Dolan 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 Sabia and seconded by Trustee Weber the Board exited executive session at 9:15 PM.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Pucillo the meeting closed at 9:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Georgina Cavagnaro  
Village Clerk