

**MINUTES**  
**JULY 12, 2022 – 6:00 PM.**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**Meeting was held live at American Legion Post 694, 7 Woodside Avenue Northport, NY 11768 and also via Zoom:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Koch, Deputy Mayor Sabia, Trustee Weber, Trustee Pucillo, Trustee Dolan, Assistant to the Mayor Don Tesoriero, Village Administrator Roland Buzard, Attorney Ed Gathman, Chief Hughes, Treasurer Siobhan Costello, Village Clerk Georgina Cavagnaro

**REGISTERED ZOOM PARTICIPANTS:** Cindy Doerler, Paula, Deborah Morris, John Stillwagon, Sue Stillwagon, Joseph Cavagnaro, Phyllis Weber, Jacqueline Weber, Thomas Radman, David Weber, Deborah Frueh, Len Marchese, Cynthia Doerler, Marjorie Beaudet

**OPEN MEETING:** Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Koch informed that the Village of Northport and the '95 Tigers have come to a compromise on the size of the new basketball court. The dimensions for the court are now 50' x 66' instead of the original proposal's 56' x 72'. This still allows for two baskets and the three-point lines to be placed on the court. The new design does not impeach any of the existing trees while also allowing for the incorporation of new surrounding gardens.

**PRESENTATION:** None

**PUBLIC INPUT ON PROPOSED BASKETBALL COURT:**

Susan Mann raised her opposition to a full-size court being constructed, believing the park area is beautiful as it is and the space is better utilized by families now as is than it would be in accommodating a much larger basketball court. Mrs. Mann (citing the tenure of her residency in the Village of Northport) stated that the existing basketball court rarely is used and advocated for a full-size basketball court to be constructed at Steers Park instead.

Robert Mann first expressed his appreciation for all of the work the '95 Tigers have put into the proposed basketball court thus far. Mr. Mann then expressed his concern for the trees in the vicinity of the court. Mayor Koch assured that the trees/picnic area Mr. Mann is concerned about being 'safe' in the compromised proposal; Mr. Mann would

like there to be no changes to the existing beauty and present use of this area. Lastly, in citing the rules posted in the Village Parks, Mr. Mann stated that the park is not an 'athletic facility' and therefore a large basketball court may not be appropriate for the area.

Bruce Adams believes that the proposed basketball court should not be located in Cow Harbor Park. Mr. Adams echoed Mr. Mann's previous statements by saying the park is not an 'athletic stadium' and that he too believes that the proposed basketball court should be built in Steers Park.

Michael Bento praised the Board's ability in reaching a compromise with the '95 Tigers while keeping the group's goals intact. Mr. Bento sees this project as a "slam-dunk" in an effort to give the younger generation a safe, modern space to play and learn.

Pat Trani read prepared remarks and wished to respectfully make the Board aware that deviating from the original agreed upon plans could be like a "turnover" in a basketball game that would be a "losing proposition" for the community. Mrs. Trani wishes for the original plan to be followed for the benefit of the youth in Northport and sees it as a "winning slam-dunk".

Tim Maquade asked about the area for the original proposal and the compromise. Trustee Sabia clarified that the yellow stakes were for the compromised plan and the red were for the original.

Phil Weber spoke in favor of the basketball court and the compromise. Mr. Weber believes that the project should go forward in Cow Harbor Park as it would be an improvement to the existing courts and would bring additional commerce into the Village.

Rachel Curreri wanted to make sure that no trees nor any changes to the existing ecology (specifically the berms/rolling hills) would be affected with the proposed plans. Mayor Koch assured that there are no trees slated to be removed and the rolling hills are safe. Mrs. Curreri does not want to see the natural beauty taken away from the park area.

Larry Curreri believes that the park is not an adequate place for the basketball courts. If possible, Mr. Curreri believes the basketball court would be better placed at Steers Park in which a compromise on the size and scope isn't presently needed.

Susan Suvall celebrated the idea of constructing the basketball court at Steers Park, seeing its construction as a way to kickstart the restoration of that area while preserving the beauty of Cow Harbor Park.

Kevin Kavanaugh expressed his concerns for the trees in the proposed area, stating that any type of construction near the existing trees could damage the root systems.

Maureen McKenna is concerned that the park would lose its beauty and comfort for people looking to simply watch the water; Mrs. McKenna supports the idea of creating a sports complex at Steers Park.

Jim Ruck stated his displeasure with how the Board has operated, citing misinformation that was given regarding meetings with the Town of Huntington. Mr. Ruck is hopeful that the Board learns from this going into future decisions.

Andrew D'Eloia praised the work the '95 Tigers have put into the basketball court project and rejected the Steers Park alternative by stating he doesn't like the "out of sight, out of mind" attitude behind it. Mr. D'Eloia sees the compromise as an improvement and a beautiful thing over what is there presently.

John Kennedy expressed his gratitude for the '95 Tigers and the supporting donors of all capacities in the work they have done for this project. Mr. Kennedy spoke of how important basketball is for minors and the inclusive nature of the sport. Mr. Kennedy praised all involved with this monumental project.

Diane McGuire raised her concern over the satisfaction those initially involved in the project are with the compromise, stating that she hopes the generosity put in is returning the way they intended/hoped for.

Sharon Richmond stressed the importance in giving a place for the younger generation to play safely and in the eyes of the public to promote healthy activity while dissuading unhealthy, unsafe alternatives. Ms. Richmond believes that "the more places given to children to play, the better it is," and that it can be done with compromises that still preserve the natural beauty.

Brian Tannenbaum advocated for keeping the basketball court the same size it currently is or smaller, stating that the small court is more inviting (less intimidating) than a full size one is to a younger, less experienced player. Mr. Tannenbaum welcomes the idea of constructing a larger court at Steers Park.

Dennis Tannenbaum stated that he sees the scope of the proposed project as unacceptable for it will attract an older crowd that will disrupt others in the surrounding area. Mr. Tannenbaum asked whether such a proposal needed to or had been sent in front of a planning board. Mayor Koch and Attorney Ed Gathman stated the plan did not need to be presented to the planning board to which Mr. Tannenbaum took exception to.

Ralph Notaristefano expressed his belief that the '95 Tigers deserve better and that the better compromise is building a full-size basketball court at Steers Park. Doing so would allow for more space for players and spectators while preserving green space in the Village of Northport.

Sara Abbass discussed green space and the proposed ecological additions that initially went along with the plans. Those included rain gardens, planting of new trees, permeable pavers, and native plants being brought back into the area. Ms. Abbass hopes these initiatives are still included with the compromise. Ms. Abbass then spoke on the Steers Park idea to which she can't see her children nor others safely biking/walking to Steers Park alone with the traffic and speeding reported in the area. Mrs. Abbass feels the current location of the basketball court is safer and gives independence to those able to walk there alone.

Lesley Spencer raised her support for constructing the full-size court either at Steers Park or Scudder Park for the compromise would not give enough for those who want it while also taking up too much space from those who don't.

Sherry Pavone asked whether the Board of Trustees had officially voted on the plans presented to them to which Mayor Koch clarified that there was not a resolution voted on in favor/against the plans, the Board members had simply liked the plan. Mrs. Pavone spoke of her interactions with the Village and others in finding a suitable location for a skatepark in the early 2000's and emphasized the importance of compromise. To Mrs. Pavone, the compromise is not enough for the '95 Tigers; Mrs. Pavone believes that the compromise should be to refurbish the current small basketball park as well as construct a full-size court at Steers Park.

Chrissy Ruggeri asked how many people had seen the four-page proposal for the project, citing that many seemed confused over the scope of the project and the stakes placed in the park without markings. Ms. Ruggeri explained that tree removal was not part of the initial plans and that green space would be added to the park. Ms. Ruggeri made the point that the plans should be presented first before having a public hearing so that everyone is on the same page when formulating and expressing their opinions; the '95 Tigers chose to refurbish the basketball court in Cow Harbor Park because of their history in the park. Steers Park is also in need of work of its own.

Doug Roberts clarified that the '95 Tigers are not asking to cut down any trees nor remove any hills. Mr. Roberts spoke on the ecological additions to be added and the beauty of watching his kids play basketball on a new court. Mr. Roberts believes renovating Steers Park is its own issue and should not be another compromise. Mr. Roberts thanked the Board's work in reaching a compromise and hopes to continue on with the project.

Claire Moore gave her support for the basketball court being renovated in Cow Harbor Park, not being moved to Steers Park. According to Ms. Moore, downtown is where the court belongs.

Kara Vosper wholeheartedly supports the project and having the basketball court in the Cow Harbor Park is what she wants for her children. Ms. Vosper described seeing the Village turn down good ideas in the past and hopes this doesn't become one of them.

Arlene Handel spoke of talking with people in the park with their weekly routine of bringing their young children to Cow Harbor Park to play basketball and the joy it brought to everyone. Ms. Handel does not know if this same joy will be felt with a larger, regulation size basketball court.

Doug Trani thanked everyone for showing up to the hearing and talked of the impact the basketball court had on the '95 Tigers growing up. The team is excited to get the project built for the children and community of Northport.

Dave Trani addressed some of the misinformation of the project and 'fear' held by those in opposition who may not fully understand the sport. Mr. Trani referred to the proposed alternative locations as a 'slap in the face' for the intent of the donors was to fix the court in Cow Harbor Park. Mr. Tani stated that the court is only going to be slightly bigger and wider to accommodate a three-point line with greater extent of play, and that he does not understand the negatives to the proposal.

Evan Horstman stated that he does not hear people playing basketball even with his house being the closest to the courts. Mr. Horstman talked of the appeal in having the basketball court downtown with the police presence, ease of access, and food availability nearby. Mr. Horstman believes an update to the basketball court is needed and that a larger court could accommodate people of all ages at the same time.

Mayor Koch ended with a discussion of Resolution 2022 - 174 which resulted in disputes over the future of the Laurel Group's work for the project. The mayor disclosed that the Village of Northport does not have final, stamped plans from the group. Trustee Dolan shared that the Laurel Group would be happy to create one more concept plan before being turned over to the Village's engineers. Mayor Koch included the aforementioned resolution to have Holzmacher P.E. take over the project. Holzmacher P.E. will provide the Village complete engineering stamped plans to put the project out to bid. Trustee Pucillo spoke of the need to have the engineers at Holzmacher P.E. to, on behalf of the Village of Northport, to draft and review the plans. Audience members reacted by stating the Laurel Group had already provided plans and that there is no need to use taxpayers' money to do this. Mayor Koch assured that the money allocated to Holzmacher P.E. would come from either the SAM grant from Senator Gaughran or from the donations from the '95 Tigers. Trustee Weber questioned why the Village would pay the \$13,500 for stamped plans and the money for review if the Laurel Group had agreed to supply those plans which are pending an engineering stamp because of the change in plans. Mayor Koch answered that from previous discussions, it appeared that the Laurel Group did "not have the appetite" to continue with the project. Trustee Pucillo emphasized the need to have an engineer that would work with the Village Administrator to run tests and alter plans to cover the Village of Northport's own liability. Mayor Koch asked whether the Board was ready to vote on Resolution 2022 - 174; Trustee Pucillo claimed to be prepared while Trustee Dolan requested the proposal to be put in front of her as well as the rest of the Board members before making a decision. Trustee Weber expressed not being able to vote on the resolution without reading the wording of the proposal. The vote on the resolution was moved to the end

of the meeting so that the proposal could be brought in front of the Board of Trustees (see attached below).

**BOARD APPROVAL OF WARRANT:**

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Pucillo the following warrant was approved, Trustee Weber abstained.

Fiscal Year 2022/2023 General Fund bills in the amount of \$149,495.71

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 \$20,862.99

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

Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$12,002.50

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

General Utility Bills 6/24/22 in the amount of \$15,773.82

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

Sewer Utility Bills 6/24/22 in the amount of \$1,071.20

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

General Utility Bills 6/30/22 in the amount of \$79,303.36

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

Sewer Utility Bills 6/30/22 in the amount of \$1,340.08

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

Special Request 6/28/22 in the amount of \$125.00

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

Fire Department Fiscal Year 2022/2023 in the amount of \$49,996.22

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

Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Payroll week 7/1/22 General Fund \$506,185.11

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

Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Payroll week 7/1/22 Sewer Fund \$16,735.58

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Sherry Pavone asked about the state of the sewer plant. Mayor Koch stated that Holzmacher P.E. is overseeing procedures to ensure that the facility is running up to par.

Doug Roberts spoke on Chapter 56: Procurement Policy of Village Code. As he understands, anything over \$1,000 in the services category needs to come with three quotes. Mr. Roberts asked whether the Village had gotten three quotes on the architect firm for \$15,000; Mayor Koch stated that since the \$15,000 was for professional services and done by the previous administration through a resolution, there was no need for three quotes. Trustee Sabia and Attorney Ed Gathman stated professional services do not warrant three quotes. Mr. Roberts asked whether the consultant contract with Len Marchese received three quotes to which the mayor replied such dealings qualifies as a professional service. Mr. Roberts then asked about the \$1,000 spent on fixing the village generator to which the Board will have to get back to Mr. Roberts on the three quotes. Mayor Koch disclosed that her nephew was the mechanic from the company sent to fix the generator; Mr. Roberts asked if the mayor abstained from the vote on that resolution to which Mayor Koch replied she had not. Mr. Roberts asked a similar line of questioning for storm water pumps to ensure that the Trustees are reviewing what they are voting on and following proper policy. Trustee Sabia ensured that he and the other Trustees go through every bill brought in front of them before voting.

Effie Huber expressed taking offense to an email response she received from Trustee Weber in which Trustee Weber asked whether she had raised children in Northport. The email correspondence was in relation to Effie Huber's objection to the basketball court proposal to which Mrs. Huber found Trustee Weber's response as being "ignorant". Mrs. Huber spoke of her 30+ years in education and stated she "obviously cares about kids". Mrs. Huber then asked whether the Board had voted on the decision to close the gate leading into the park to stop deliveries being made through there to Seymour's. Mayor Koch replied that the Board had not voted on the matter but the mayor had instructed the Village Attorney to write a letter to Seymour's, instructing the owners to stop allowing deliveries being made through the park. Effie Huber then brought up possible code violations at Seymour's to which Mayor Koch instructed her to speak with Village Administrator Roland Buzard concerning code compliance.

Eileen Gorman asked where residents could find Board regulations concerning resident remarks at meetings, stating some residents (including herself) had not been given the opportunity to speak. Ms. Gorman then asked whether there are any policies regulating what the Board of Trustees can vote on without it appearing on an agenda. Mayor Koch

replied that she as mayor is in charge of running the meetings and that those who appeared to the meeting late were not given a chance to speak simply because they were late for discussions that had already been heard for well over an hour. The mayor then responded to the first question by stating the agenda is usually posted Friday afternoons on the Village website. Attorney Ed Gathman discussed what is known as a "late-starter" - something that has come up recently that the Board wishes to vote upon now rather than waiting until the next meeting. The Board of Trustees do not need to have the underlying proposals in front of them to vote on a resolution so long as they have seen the documents beforehand. Ms. Gorman ended with calls for more transparency and better communication between the Board of Trustees and the public.

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

Assistant to the Mayor Don Tesoriero discussed some of the resolutions being voted on later in the meeting that cover many areas he had been working on including grant applications, rain gardens and catch basin redesigns.

Village Administrator Roland Buzard disclosed continued work on the pump out station. There has been a supply chain issue for a specialized 150ft cable that should arrive within days. Meetings continue with PSEG for road repairs; PSEG is out for bid with their subcontractors. The Village Administrator is working with the engineer for the village dock to finalize the request for proposal and engineering; a meeting is set up with the Army Corps of Engineers and DEC for permits. Continued efforts towards sidewalk and pothole repair alongside tree work.

Trustee Dolan is working to streamline the process for memorial benches. Work is being done in acquiring a new playground at Steers Park. The beaches and parks are functioning well. Village Wellness is happening along with Yoga in the Park including kids' yoga on Wednesdays.

Trustee Pucillo spoke of moving forward with enhancing security measures in coordination with Chief Hughes.

Trustee Weber hopes to see the stationary pump out station to be operable within the week. The pump out boat is available via VHF channel nine, seven days a week. Trustee Weber discussed a timeline of events for the Bluff Point Sewer Project (see attached below). Trustee Weber is hopeful that the timeline can be accurately followed; Mayor Koch is unsure whether the Village could keep up with this "highly aggressive" schedule.

Trustee Sabia shared that the Highway Department is hard at work striping the streets which takes time since it is done early in the mornings, weather permitting. The Highway Department gas pumps and fueling system is scheduled to be repaired. Trustee Sabia plans on replacing an old, portable generator at the Highway Department as a public safety measure. More sidewalk and tree work are being done at Whispering Fields; Lisa Drive is next and Trustee Sabia plans on having the public hearing with those residents regarding the best course of action.



Mayor Koch met with the Main Street Committee to identify ten compromised trees between Village Hall and Skipper's, four of which need to be taken down in the near future. The mayor and committee consulted with Kevin Kavanaugh, a renowned arborist, in the identification process. Mr. Kavanaugh stated that he would be more than happy to donate his time in ensuring that the planting of the new trees is done correctly following National Grid's scheduled work beginning January 2nd. National Grid is not removing any of the trees, their work gives the Village an opportunity to address tree related issues.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Treasurer Siobhan Costello informed the Board that the AUD (Annual Update Document) has been filed on time and will be presented alongside the Village's finished audit at the September 6th meeting.

**CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:**

Chief Hughes disclosed that the Northport Police Department had responded to 564 calls for service, issued 213 summonses, and made 6 arrests in the month of June. The Chief continues to meet with Trustee Pucillo to work on security protocols. The DEC was onsite Friday and was successful in the trapping and relocation of a juvenile hawk. The DEC plans on being back on July 13th.

Trustee Sabia asked whether the Chief of Police had a chance to look at the parked vehicles near the Highway Barn that had not moved. Chief Hughes stated he has the vehicles' information and will address the situation.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**REQUESTS:** None

**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 162 ~ APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 21, 2022 MINUTES**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The minutes of the June 21, 2022 meeting are hereby accepted.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 163 ~ NORTHPORT TIGERS BASEBALL CAMP**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** Mayor Koch is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with Northport Tigers Baseball for their use of Steers Park for a baseball camp two weeks in July, 2022, approved to form and content with the Village Attorney

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** 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.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 164 ~ DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS:** The Village Administrator has identified a total of 8 windows: 36” x 50” windows with a quantity of 7; and a 32” x 36” window with a quantity of 1, as being surplus to the needs 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 following items are declared to be surplus to the Village of Northport: 8 total windows: 36” x 50” windows with a quantity of 7; and a 32” x 36” window with a quantity of 1, and the Village Administrator is hereby directed to place the items out to bid.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022 -165 ~ REVISED - TO PROVIDE MEDICAL BENEFITS TO DOMESTIC PARTNERS**

**WHEREAS:** the Village of Northport currently provides health insurance to its employees and their families through NYSHIP, and

**WHEREAS:** the Village of Northport treats all employees equitably; and

**WHEREAS:** the Village of Northport desires to recognize Domestic Partners of unmarried employees for purposes of providing health insurance; and

**WHEREAS:** administering benefits to registered domestic partners is legal in New York State; and

**WHEREAS:** determining eligibility for an employee shall be done as per the criteria established by New York State Employee Benefits Division and by sworn affidavit filed with the State of New York declaring that both partners:

- Are 18 years or older;
- Are unmarried and not related in a way that would bar marriage in the State of New York;
- Have a close or committed personal relationship;
- Are living together and have been living together on a continuous basis;
- Are registered with the State of New York as domestic partners;
- Have not terminated the domestic partnership;
- Have been in a partnership for at least six (6) months and are able to provide proof of residency and financial independence.

**WHEREAS:** providing medical benefits to domestic partners is a Type II action pursuant to SEQRA 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c) 26.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** the Village of Northport will extend all medical benefits available to spouses of Village employees and to domestic partners of unmarried Village employees as described above.

**RESOLVED:** that providing needed benefits to domestic partners shall be effective August 16, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 166 ~ SEWER RENT ADJUSTMENTS**

**WHEREAS:** The following resident has submitted an appeal to the Village Clerk’s office for review and makes the following recommendation to the Board:  
97 Laurel Avenue – Adjustment due to break in Meter – 2020/21 billed \$395.13, adjusted to \$132.53.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** the Village Board of Trustees grants this adjustment and hereby directs the Village Treasurer’s office to issue a refund of \$262.60.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 167 ~ BIDS**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The Mayor hereby authorizes the Village Administrator to issue bids for repair work necessary to the Village Dock.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 168 ~ SEQRA DETERMINATION - GRANT APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED EAST MAIN STREET ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

**WHEREAS:** the Village of Northport (hereinafter the “Village”) is proposing to replace existing and install new curb ramps and make related accessibility improvements to the intersection of East Main Street, Church Street and Ocean Avenue; (hereinafter the “proposed action”); and

**WHEREAS:** the Village has reviewed the proposed action, the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617, and to determine the proper classification of the proposed action; and

**WHEREAS:** the proposed action specifically includes improvements to existing pavement/curbing at all four corners of the intersection mentioned above, for the purposes of improving accessibility in alignment with the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

**WHEREAS:** pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1) and (6) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, “maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility” and “street openings and right-of-way openings for the purpose of repair or maintenance of existing utility facilities;” and are Type II actions;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Village, as lead agency, after review of the action proposed at the location within the village mentioned above, 6 NYCRR §617.5, hereby determines that the proposed action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1) and (6) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no adverse impacts on the environment.

Trustee Weber asked whether the Village had a budget for the grants the Village has applied for, citing the need to have certain sums of money to receive the grant. Mayor Koch assured that the Village has the money and can also use other grants to supplement certain requirements.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 169 ~ AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS:** the New York Department of State (NYSDOS) Environmental Protection Fund Local Smart Growth Program is currently available to support preparation and adoption of updated comprehensive plans that support smart growth principles for the community, and

**WHEREAS:** the aforementioned grant program requires a fund match in the amount of 10 percent of the total project budget; and

**WHEREAS:** if the grant application is approved, local funding will be required to meet the fund match; and

**WHEREAS:** the maximum grant award amount is \$100,000; and

**WHEREAS:** the Village of Northport's existing Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1965, and after thorough consideration of the various aspects of Village's goals and mission, has hereby determined that a project to prepare an updated Comprehensive Plan is desirable, and is in the public interest, now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** that the Village Board adopts this resolution in support of the proposed application for the New York State Department of State's 2022-2023 Environmental Protection Fund Smart Growth Program grant to implement, prepare and adopt an updated comprehensive plan or the Village; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor or her designee is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the New York Department of State for 2022-2023 Environmental Protection Fund Smart Growth Program funding for an amount not to exceed \$100,000; and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to this Village of Northport for the aforementioned project, and submit project documentation and otherwise act for the Village Board in all matters related to the project and the grant program; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that the Village will support the required 10 percent matching share as required by the Environmental Protection Fund Smart Growth Program.

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** if awarded the treasurer is directed to appropriate fund balance equal to our local match up to \$10,000.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022 - 170 ~ AGREEMENT WITH COMTECH COMMUNICATIONS**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** To authorize the Mayor and Fire Commissioner to modify an agreement with Comtech 2 Way Communications for the purchase and installation of communication equipment at the VA Hospital in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 and to be paid from Fire Department Equipment Fund.

**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.

Trustee Sabia asked whether the Village would have to pay the VA anything to accommodate the new equipment to which Mayor Koch assured that there would not be any additional costs, the VA was “very accommodating”. Trustee Sabia informed the public of the benefits of the new system, stating that the new equipment would eliminate dead spots between fire trucks.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 171 ~ SEWER MONITOR**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** To authorize the Village Administrator to purchase and install a sewer monitor to be placed at a Village of Northport manhole at Britannia Acquisition Corp located at 81A Ft. Salonga Road in an amount not to exceed \$4,500.00.

**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 Sabia and seconded by Trustee Dolan the following resolution was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 172 ~ SUPPORTS SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER QUALITY PROTECTION AND RESTORATION PROGRAM FOR NORTHPORT HARBOR WATERSHED GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS:** the Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program (WQPRP) provides grant funding on a competitive basis for water quality projects defined in Article 12 Section 2(B) of the Suffolk County Charter; and

**WHEREAS:** the Village of Northport has an interest in improving and protecting water quality in the various water bodies of the Village, including but not limited to Northport Harbor and Long Island Sound; and

**WHEREAS:** the Village of Northport intends to submit a proposal to the Suffolk County WQPRP Review Committee, which has established a deadline of July 20, 2022 for proposals; and

**WHEREAS:** the proposed project will provide for design and development of green stormwater infrastructure at priority locations at Northport Park and Valley Avenue; and

**WHEREAS:** the proposed project will reduce the flow of pollutants of concern to Northport Harbor and is supported by the Long Island Sound Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan; and

**WHEREAS:** the Suffolk County WQPRP program provides grant funding in support of selected projects, and requires 50% matching share; and

**WHEREAS:** the Village will submit a grant application to the WQPRP program in the approximate amount of \$250,000 for an anticipated total project cost up to \$500,000; and

**WHEREAS:** the County grant is reimbursement based up to the grant award amount;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Village Board of the Village of Northport hereby states its support of the Northport Harbor Watershed Green Infrastructure Project; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that the Village will support the required minimum 50% matching funds toward the total project cost supported by the Suffolk County WQPRP, should the project receive funding approval from the County, anticipated to be up to \$250,000; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that the Village will be responsible for funding any project costs incurred above the County grant amount; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that the Village Board authorizes the Mayor or their designee to sign any and all necessary documents pertaining to the project, including but not limited to an intermunicipal agreement, subject to review and approval of the Village Attorney, to participate in the above referenced program.

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** if awarded the treasurer is directed to appropriate fund balance equal to our local match up to \$250,000.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 173 ~ SUPPORTS SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR NORTHPORT HARBOR WATERSHED GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT**

**RESOLVED:** that the Board of Trustees approves that the Mayor of the Village of Northport, or their designee, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the New York State Department of Environment Conservation in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, in an amount of approximately \$700,000, with local matching share to total 25% of the grant award amount, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to this Village of Northport for the Northport Harbor Watershed Green Infrastructure Project to install green stormwater infrastructure at Northport Park, Valley Avenue, Seaview Terrace and Laurel Avenue.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 174 ~ DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES NORTHPORT COW HARBOR PARK**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The Village hereby authorizes an expenditure not to exceed \$13,500.00 to Holzmacher P.E. for Design and Engineering services, associated with the basketball court beautification project at Northport Cow Harbor Park as outlined in a proposal dated July 11, 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.

Trustee Dolan discussed the importance of this proposal and expressed gratitude for all of the parties involved with the basketball court project thus far; it is a shared goal in improving the park for everyone and the compromise reached with community input speaks volume to the heart of the project.

Please take notice that the Northport Village Board of Trustees will hold an executive session on July 19th at 8:00am, at 20 Beach Avenue for contract negotiations. The board will open the meeting and move directly into executive session.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday August 9, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Weber and approved by all, a motion was made for an executive session at 8:25 PM with no action for personnel matters.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Weber and approved by all the board exited executive session at 8:35 PM.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Weber and approved by all the meeting closed at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgina Cavagnaro  
Village Clerk