

**MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2022 – 9:00 AM
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT
SPECIAL MEETING**

Meeting was held live at Village Hall, 224 Main Street Northport, NY 11768

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

ABSENT: Trustee Weber, Attorney Ed Gathman

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Koch recognized the passing of a previous member of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Northport, Kevin Campbell, who served under Mayor Pete Panarites's administration. Mr. Campbell was 78 years old.

OPEN MEETING: On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Dolan meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION 2022 – 199 ~ OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT FOR POLICE OFFICER

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes an offer of employment to police officer candidate Patrick Cowcer, who has been certified by Suffolk County Civil Service and the Suffolk County Police Department applicant investigation unit to the position of Police Officer, and that upon such certification said individual shall receive all compensation and benefits associated with said position pursuant to the agreement between the Village and the Northport Police Benevolent Association, Inc, effective on or about September 12th, 2022.

WHEREAS: the police officer candidate will attend the Suffolk County Police Department Academy beginning September 12, 2022.

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.

Trustee Pucillo had Mayor Koch explain to the Board why two police officers were being hired. Mayor Koch stated that one officer will fill a vacant position and the other will be added to the Village's rolls (bringing the Village's rolls up to 18). Patrick Cowcer will be attending the Suffolk County Police Department Academy and part-time officer Shelby Stillwagon will fill a full-time position. Trustee Pucillo described the need to add an additional officer for traffic enforcement, citing the concerns of residents in regard to

speeding in Village neighborhoods. These two individuals will focus mainly on traffic enforcement during their working hours and a reevaluation of traffic enforcement needs will be done later on to ensure purposeful service in combating the issue. Trustee Pucillo spoke of the new hiring procedure within the Police Department that was followed; the procedure entails a committee review/panel interview for all candidates. Chief Hughes, Trustee Pucillo, and Trustee Dolan are sitting members of the committee. Five interviews were conducted and these two candidates were chosen. Trustee Dolan detailed the hiring process further in ensuring that all necessary procedures and requirements were met for the Civil Service positions. Candidates for the position(s) had to meet a residency requirement and interviews were given to those who received the highest eligible scores on the Civil Service exam. Mayor Koch thanked Trustee Dolan and Trustee Pucillo for their work in creating and following the new hiring procedures. Trustee Sabia stated that he was very pleased to see this enforcement initiative come to fruition as he campaigned off of the idea. Trustee Sabia spoke of the benefits such initiative will have on the Village both monetarily and in ensuring safety. These officers will be on rotating eight-hour shifts, five days a week, focused on traffic enforcement and law compliance. When an existing officer chooses to retire, Trustee Sabia spoke of the benefit of having these young, qualified, and affordable officers already in service to take his/her place.

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

RESOLUTION 2022 – 200 ~ OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT FOR POLICE OFFICER

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes an offer of employment to police officer Shelby Stillwagon, who has been certified by Suffolk County Civil Service and the Suffolk County Police Department applicant investigation unit to the position of Police Officer, and that upon such certification said individual shall receive all compensation and benefits associated with said position pursuant to the agreement between the Village and the Northport Police Benevolent Association, Inc, effective on or about September 12th, 2022.

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.

Police Officer Shelby Stillwagon and Police Officer Candidate Cowcer were sworn into office.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Pucillo and approved by all, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 AM.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday September 20, 2022 at 6:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Georgina Cavagnaro
Village Clerk