

MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2023 – 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 available via Zoom.

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

ZOOM PARTICIPANTS: Doug Trani, Joseph Cavagnaro, J W, Don Blixt, Phyllis Weber, Kevin Morris, Brett Jones

OPEN MEETING: Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Pledge of Allegiance recited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Village Justice Mary Louise Biunno resignation became effective December 29, 2022 and Mayor Koch has since appointed Brian Trodden to fill the vacancy until March 21, 2023 at which point a special election will be held for the position of Village Justice.

The National Grid project that was scheduled to have begun January 3, 2023 has been postponed to January 16, 2023. National Grid cited scheduling issues as the reason for the postponement.

Congressman Suozzi has awarded the Village of Northport \$1.39 million to be used towards Main Street stormwater runoff infrastructure. Mayor Koch thanked the representatives (including Senator Gaughran and Assemblyman Brown) for their work and interest in improving the Village of Northport.

PRESENTATION: None

On the motion Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Dolan and approved by all, a motion was made to open the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Please take notice that a public hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Northport will be held at Village Hall, 224 Main Street, Northport, NY, Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023 at 6:00 PM to consider the tentative budget for said Village for the fiscal year March 1, 2023 to February 28, 2024.

A copy of the Tentative Budget is available at the office of the Village Clerk where it can

be inspected by any interested person during normal business hours.

The proposed compensation to each Board member shall be as follows:

Mayor \$22,130.00 annually
Trustee \$11,065.00 annually

On the motion Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Dolan and approved by all, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Recording available on website, Northportny.gov

BOARD APPROVAL OF WARRANT:

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

Fiscal Year 2022/2023 General Fund bills in the amount of \$115,208.47

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 \$32,413.07

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

Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Payroll week 12/30/22 General Fund \$269,987.76

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

Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Payroll week 12/30/22 Sewer Fund \$14,757.67

BUSINESS/COMMISSIONERS REPORTS: Recording available on website, Northportny.gov

TREASURER REPORT: Recording available on website, Northportny.gov

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT: Recording available on website, Northportny.gov

CORRESPONDENCE: None

The following request was approved by the board

REQUESTS: Effie Huber is requesting to do a short presentation on “Angels for Warriors” at the January 17th Board meeting and is also asking permission to place flags around the Village as done in the past.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION: 2023 – 1 ~ APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes of the December 20, 2022 meeting are hereby accepted.

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

RESOLUTION 2023 - 2 ~ AMENDMENT TO 2023-2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED: Page 4 the Organizational Chart of the tentative 2023-2024 budget is hereby removed.

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

RESOLUTION 2023 - 3 ~ APPROVAL OF 2023-2024 BUDGET

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees has met at the time and place specified in the notice of hearing on the tentative budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the tentative budget for the fiscal year March 1, 2023 to February 28, 2024, as hereinafter set forth is hereby adopted and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there is hereby levied a tax of \$13,435,069 for said fiscal year, to which said budget is applicable upon the last completed assessment roll, and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is authorized to extend and carry out upon the tax roll the amount to be collected from each of the persons named thereon.

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

RESOLUTION 2023 – 4 ~ DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, The Village Administrator has identified the 2007 Chevy Impala, VIN #2G1WB58N679372338, as being surplus to the needs of the Village of Northport, and has determined it to be in the public interest to offer for sale.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Village Administrator is hereby directed to place the 2007 Chevy Impala VIN #2G1WB58N679372338, out to bid.

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

RESOLUTION 2023 – 5 ~ VILLAGE COW HARBOR PARK BASKETBALL COURT RENOVATION & LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT

WHEREAS, The Village of Northport seeks to improve Cow Harbor Park and renovate the existing basketball court; and

WHEREAS, the renovation will include the basketball court, landscape, drainage and lighting improvements;

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has secured a project donation of \$65,600 and a DASNY Grant Agreement is in process for a \$75,000 award and will submit for reimbursement the capital cost associated with this project agreement.

BE IT RESOLVED, The Mayor hereby authorizes the Asst. to the Mayor to issue bids for the public work necessary to complete the Village basketball court renovation

and landscape improvement project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, this 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 2023 – 6 ~ APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION NORTHPORT VILLAGE JUSTICE

WHEREAS, the current Village Justice Mary Louise Biunno has advised the Village of Northport that she is moving from her current residence within the Village of Northport and therefor has resigned as Village Justice, and

WHEREAS, a new Village Justice needs to be appointed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York Village Law section 3-312(3) Mayor Koch is required to fill the vacancy of Village Justice; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Koch has designated Brian Trodden to fill the vacancy of Village Justice to serve until the election on March 21, 2023;

BE IT RESOLVED: Brian Trodden is hereby appointed to serve in the position of Village Justice for a term to expire on March 21, 2023 and he shall be compensated at an annual salary of \$20,000 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Brian Trodden in the position of Village Justice will not be entitled to receive any other fringe benefits.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Dolan and approved by all, a motion was made for an executive session for a personnel matter.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Dolan and approved by all, a motion was made at 7:20 PM to enter out of executive session.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Weber and approved by all, a motion was made at 7:21 PM to enter the public meeting.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Pucillo and approved by all, a motion was made at 7:22 PM to close the public meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgina Cavagnaro
Village Clerk