

MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 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 via Zoom.

PRESENT: Mayor Koch, Deputy Mayor Dolan, Trustee Weber, Trustee Pucillo, Trustee Sabia, Attorney John Bennett, Chief Hughes, Treasurer Shiobhan Costello, Deputy Treasurer Janine D’Orio, Village Clerk Georgina Cavagnaro

ABSENT: Assistant to the Mayor Don Tesoriero, Village Administrator Roland Buzard

ZOOM ATTENDANTS: Phyllis Weber, Eva Pokowicz, Don Blixt, Judy Stamos, Chris Stamos, Jose Jimenez, Molly Wood, Sue Stillwagon, Jim M, David Berg, Susan Suvall, Donald Tesoriero, Ben Meyburg, Jennifer Borden, May Silberstein, Joseph Cavagnaro, Mize Rizz, Tom Murawski

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mayor Koch opened the meeting by reading a prepared statement to the Board of Trustees and Village residents; complete statement is attached. Mayor Koch has asked that Trustee Pucillo submit to the Board all documentation submitted to the DEC by Trustee Pucillo pertaining to Cow Harbor Park. Mayor Koch also rescinded the appointment of Deputy Mayor from Trustee Sabia and effective immediately appointed Trustee Dolan as Deputy Mayor. Trustee Pucillo followed with a prepared statement to the Board of Trustees and Village residents; also attached. All board members were given the opportunity to speak. Complete recorded statements are available on the Village of Northport website at northportny.gov

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **(1)** A quorum is needed for Tax Grievance Day on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 8:30AM - 12:30PM. Mayor Koch, Trustee Sabia and Trustee Pucillo confirmed they will attend. **(2)** The Board of Trustees approved the Menorah Lighting on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 7pm at the foot of Main Street. **(3)** Nawrocki Smith will be in attendance to present the fiscal year 2023 audit at the November 21, 2023 meeting. **(4)** Budget workshops are scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2023 and Wednesday, November 29, 2023 both at 10am, at Village Hall. Public is welcome to attend, there will be no public participation.

PRESENTATION: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Recording available on Village of Northport website, Northportny.gov

BOARD APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

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

Prepay utility bills and special requests in the amount of \$195,924.03

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

October 2023 ACH utility bills in the amount of \$31,655.22

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

Governmental Funds bills in the amount of \$198,472.34

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

Payroll week 10/20/23 General Fund \$263,009.87

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

Payroll week 10/20/23 Sewer Fund \$16,302.67

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

Payroll week 11/03/23 General Fund \$290,671.96

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

Payroll week 11/03/23 Sewer Fund \$15,756.40

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

TREASURER REPORT: None

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

The following request was approved by the Board

REQUESTS: Raymond Boccia has requested permission to post 3 signs and to use Village Hall as a drop off point for Toys for Tots.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION 2023 – 231 ~ APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes of the October 17, 2023 meeting are hereby accepted.

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

RESOLUTION 2023 - 232 ~ PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER II

BE IT RESOLVED, Nicole Grasselino is hereby promoted to the position of Public Safety Dispatcher II at the annual salary and other conditions of employment, pursuant to the collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Northport and Local 342, Long Island Public Service Employees. PSD Grasselino has taken and passed the civil service examination for PSDII.

WHEREAS, 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 Weber, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2023 – 233 ~ PARAMEDIC

WHEREAS, Dennis Espadas has applied to be a per diem Paramedic for the Inc. Village of Northport, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, Dennis Espadas is hereby hired for the position of Paramedic for the Incorporated Village of Northport, and as with all applicants, Dennis Espadas will be subject to a background check and confirmation of all certifications necessary to hold the position of Paramedic, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Paramedic Dennis Espadas will work no more than 17.5 hours a week at a rate of pay of \$32.00 per hour.

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

AMENDED RESOLUTION 2023 - 234 ~ NORTHPORT VILLAGE HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING AND LEG LIGHTING PARKING RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, Chief Hughes has requested the enactment of temporary street closures and parking restrictions for the Northport Village Holiday Tree Lighting which is scheduled for Friday, November 24, 2023 and Leg Lighting scheduled for Saturday, November 25, 2023.

WHEREAS, Chief Hughes has outlined the required restrictions in a memorandum to the Board of Trustees dated October 31, 2023, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the temporary parking restrictions on the dates and

times noted in the memorandum, which is annexed to this agenda and incorporated herein, are hereby approved and the Police Department is hereby authorized to take actions necessary to enforce said restrictions.

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

RESOLUTION 2023 – 235 ~ UNPAID VILLAGE PROPERTY TAXES

WHEREAS, an account of unpaid Village taxes for the fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$126,477.12 has been received by the Board of Trustees, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the whole of said taxes remaining unpaid shall be collected by the sale of taxes in accordance with provisions of Article 14, Title 3, of the Real Property Tax Law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the list of taxes remaining unpaid shall be published in The Observer, the official newspaper of the Village of Northport, on November 22nd, November 30th, and December 7th, 2023, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the tax sale will be conducted at Northport Village Hall, 224 Main Street Northport, NY 11768 beginning at 12:00pm on Friday, December 15th, 2023, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, 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.

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Tax Map #</u>	<u>Base Tax</u>	<u>Penalty</u>	<u>Publication fee</u>	<u>Total Due</u>
20 STEERS AVE	O'RIORDAN	DONNA	1-1-17	\$6922.70	\$761.50	\$6.00	\$7690.20
26 CLIPPER DR.	CLEMENT HOLDINGS, INC.		4-2-14	\$11,169.87	\$1228.69	\$6.00	\$12,404.56
45 DOLPHIN LANE	ROSS	RICHARD	5-1-29	\$8213.69	\$903.51	\$6.00	\$9123.20
3 STONE COURT	XI HOLDINGS INC.		5-2-32	\$7933.04	\$872.63	\$6.00	\$8811.67
65 DORIS AVE	MORI	PAUL	8-2-9.1	\$3569.87	\$392.69	\$6.00	\$3968.56
46 LAUREL ST.	SHERIDAN	RICHARD & NANCY	8-3-45.2	\$5201.38	\$572.15	\$6.00	\$5779.53
17 FIFTH AVE	CROWLEY	LAWRENCE & LISETTE	9-2-74	\$3773.60	\$415.10	\$6.00	\$4194.70
30 HILLSIDE PLACE	QUINONES	HERIBERTO & MARIA	10-2-47.5	\$4452.98	\$489.83	\$6.00	\$4948.81
41 WASHINGTON PLACE	MC LEAVY	KATHLEEN	10-4-26.8	\$4602.66	\$506.29	\$6.00	\$5114.95
494 MAIN ST.	NORTHPORT 494 MAIN ST LLC		11-3-91	3958.15	474.98	\$6.00	\$4439.13
54 EARL AVE	KRANE	BUFFIE	11-3-71	\$3723.29	\$409.56	\$6.00	\$4138.85
628 MAIN STREET	KERN	MARK & PATRICIA	11-4-24	\$3031.02	\$333.41	\$6.00	\$3370.43
0 WOODBINE AVE	WIENERT	JOHN	12-1-10	\$56.13	\$6.17	\$6.00	\$68.30
201 WOODBINE AVE	ADVANCE COM INC		12-1-17	\$4864.60	\$535.11	\$6.00	\$5405.71
166 WOODBINE AVE	NORTHPORT WOODBINE AVE LLC		12-2-10	\$2301.33	\$253.15	\$6.00	\$2560.48
72 SEAVIEW TERRACE	72 SEAVIEW TERRACE LLC		13-2-99	\$2843.92	\$312.83	\$6.00	\$3162.75

67 GROVE STREET	JACKIER	DAVID	13-2-102	\$2675.53	\$294.31	\$6.00	\$2975.84
24 RESERVOIR AVE	WASCURA	NANCY & JAMES	13-3-6.1	\$4277.11	\$470.48	\$6.00	\$4753.59
113 SCUDDER PLACE	GRECH L/E	JOSEPH E. & PATRICIA	13-4-52	\$128.72	\$14.16	\$6.00	\$148.88
811 FT. SALONGA RD.	OLIVA	FRANK & LOUIS	14-1-47.4	\$37.42	\$4.12	\$6.00	\$47.54
161 FT. SALONGA RD.	BLOOM	ANDREW & NANCY	15-2-18	\$1609.06	\$177.00	\$6.00	\$1792.06
10 LISA DRIVE	STRNAD	HERMINIE H.	16-1-10	\$4958.15	\$545.40	\$6.00	\$5509.55
240 FT. SALONGA RD.	NY METRO INVESTMENT LLC		16-1-60.3	\$17,774.50	\$1955.20	\$6.00	\$19,735.70
6 WHISPERING FIELDS DR	GAJDJIS	ANTHEA	16-1-68.3	\$7427.87	\$817.07	\$6.00	\$8250.94

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

RESOLUTION 2023 - 236 ~ NEW PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, the following Veterans, Senior and Fire Department exemptions from real property tax were examined and found to be in order:

2024 NEW EXEMPTIONS					
<u>VETERANS EXEMPTIONS</u>					
NAME	S/B/L	ADDRESS	ASSESSMENT	REDUCTION	NET
Aronsen	3-1-64	3 Duffy Court	8025	2408	5617
Scheps	6-1-23	99 Bayview Avenue	13,275	1992	11,283
Westman	7-1-19.5	4 Northwest Drive	6550	2620	3930
Conklin	8-3-46.1	40 Laurel Street	5250	3937	1313
Solt	15-2-42	10 Cathy Court	8350	3758	4592
<u>SENIOR EXEMPTIONS</u>					
NAME	S/B/L	ADDRESS	ASSESSMENT	REDUCTION	NET
Zulli	2-1-13	5 Fleet Court	10,700	5350	5350
Bakker	13-3-32	72 Reservoir Avenue	5525	3039	2486
Montague	13-4-112	69 Laurel Avenue	3800	190	3610
LaMantia	8-1-17	79 Norwood Avenue	8450	4225	4225
Walford	13-1-22.2	69 Franklin Avenue	5000	1500	3500
Callahan	13-3-51.3	198 Church Street	5750	2875	2875
<u>FIRE DEPT. EXEMPTIONS</u>					
NAME	S/B/L	ADDRESS	ASSESSMENT	REDUCTION	NET
n/a					

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

RESOLUTION 2023 - 237 ~ AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN OFFER LETTER AND ANY RELATED CONTRACTUAL DOCUMENTS IN ORDER TO EXERCISE A PURCHASE OPTION TO NORTHPORT TRINITY CHURCH

WHEREAS, The Village of Northport has had a lease agreement with Northport Trinity Church for the leasing of certain property located on Union Place commonly known as municipal parking lot number 9 (SCTM 404-9.00-2.0-38.0); and

WHEREAS, the Lease expired in February 2023, and;

WHEREAS, the Village has an option pursuant to the lease agreement after its expiration date to purchase the property, and;

WHEREAS, The Village and the Church are required by the terms of the lease agreement to obtain an independent appraisal of the property if the Village of Northport desires to negotiate to purchase the property, and;

WHEREAS, Breslin Appraisal Co., Inc. with offices at 44 Elm Street, Huntington, New York is licensed appraisal company and was duly approved by resolution to provide an appraisal, and;

WHEREAS, Northport Trinity Church pursuant to the terms on the agreement has had an appraisal conduct of the property by a licensed New York State Appraiser who placed the value of the property at \$130,000.00, a lesser figure than that provided by Mr. Breslin, and;

WHEREAS, the issuance of an offer letter to purchase is a TYPE II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c) 26 and further environmental review is not required.

BE IT RESOLVED, The Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute an offer letter to purchase the property in the amount of \$130,000.00 subject to the issuance of a title policy, typical contractual due diligence, and any required governmental approvals.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Weber, and approved by all, a motion was made at 7:40 PM for an executive session for personnel and contractual matters. No action to be taken.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Weber, and approved by all, a motion was made at 8:25 PM to exit out of executive session.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Dolan, and approved by all, a motion was made at 8:25 PM to enter into public meeting.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded Trustee Dolan, and approved by all, a motion was made at 8:26 PM to close the public meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgina Cavagnaro
Village Clerk

