

MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 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: Thomas Demaio, David Berg, David Weber, Lorene Eriksen, Jennifer Borden, Mary Silberstein, Donald Tesoriero, Mike Rizzoni, Joseph Cavagnaro, S Taylor, Susan Suvall, Phyllis Weber

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Koch made the following announcements:

The required DEC boring tests in Cow Harbor Park were completed on Wednesday, November 29, 2023. Results from the tests are still pending

The \$75,000 grant from Senator Gaughran has been received. The 1653 Foundation donation is now at \$92,600. This, combined with the state grant, totals \$167,600 of which should be sufficient in covering the costs of the demolition, grading, court, and fencing. The Basketball Court Project will move forward contingent on the results of the DEC testing.

The Village of Northport has received a LWRP grant in the amount of \$112,500 with a Village match of \$28,125 which will be used to develop a community vision for a sustainable and resilient waterfront. Next will be the contract phase, design and then the engineering process for the project.

The Village of Northport has also received a stormwater-grade infrastructure grant in the amount of \$137,000 with a \$37,500 match for the James Street pocket park and James Street - Bluff Point Road triangle. The grant will fund the stormwater management and beautification plan that has already been designed and engineered.

The Workers’ Compensation Alliance has awarded the Village of Northport \$14,827 for being a part of the member loyalty program.

PRESENTATION: Eagle Scout Kevin Cusumano presented the keys to the information kiosk located in Cow Harbor Park. Recording of presentation available on village website; Northportny.gov

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Recording available on village website; Northportny.gov

BOARD APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

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

Governmental Funds 12/5/23 in the amount of \$1,666,270.54

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

Payroll week 12/1/23 General Fund \$434,597.33

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

Payroll week 12/1/23 Sewer Fund \$19,534.90

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

TREASURER REPORT: Recording available on village website; Northportny.gov

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Board approved Polar Bear Plunge on December 31, 2023 at Steers Beach.

REQUESTS: The following request was approved by the board.

The Northport Yacht Club, Centerport Yacht Club, Cow Harbor Race & Cow Harbor Day Committees are requesting permission for the annual Village of Northport Fireworks display on Sunday, December 31st at 11:00PM. Police presence is requested for this event.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION 2023 – 243 ~ APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes of the November 21, 2023 meeting are hereby accepted.

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

RESOLUTION 2023 - 244 ~ AUDIT FINDINGS

BE IT RESOLVED, The Northport Board of Trustees hereby accepts the findings of the audit for fiscal year ending February 28, 2023 for the Village of Northport's General Fund and the Northport Village Justice Fund performed by Nawrocki Smith, LLC.

The following resolution was put on hold.

RESOLUTION 2023 – 245 ~ AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL PLANNING & SEQRA SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NELSON, POPE & VOORHIS, LLC FOR THE EXPANSION OF RESIDENCE A ZONING DISTRICTS

BE IT RESOLVED, The Northport Village Board hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute a professional services agreement with Nelson, Pope & Voorhis., LLC, for services outlined in the proposal dated October 24th, 2023, for the Village of Northport, and authorizes the treasurer to make all appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$7,200.00 for the purpose of funding the professional planning and SEQRA services contained in the proposal and said agreement is subject to attorney review for form and content.

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 (18) and (21), 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 2023 – 246 ~ TAX GRIEVANCE REDUCTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED: the following Tax Grievance applications from real property tax were examined and found to be in order:

S/B/L	Assessed value	Reduction	Current
4-2-2	8350	350	8000
7-1-13.1	13970	1970	12000
7-2-8.7	4975	275	4700
8-2-85	6980	530	6450
10-3-44	7500	1480	6020
13-4-93.2	6850	825	6025

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

RESOLUTION 2023 – 247 ~ BUDGET TRANSFERS

BE IT RESOLVED, The Village Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget transfers; see attached General Ledger Budget Adjustment Proof List.

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

RESOLUTION 2023 - 248 ~ SEQRA DETERMINATION

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees has by prior resolution appointed counsel, Egan & Golden, to represent the Village of Northport in connection with a certain condemnation proceeding regarding a road known as Ackerly Terrace which was recently purchased by DeMaio Way, LLC for the sum of \$15,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Village has maintained Ackerly Terrace including repaving the roadbed and desires to obtain control over its roadway, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees as part of the condemnation must undertake a SEQRA review to enable the firm of Egan & Golden and Harvey B. Besunder with offices at 96 South Ocean Avenue, Patchogue, NY to represent the Village of Northport in the condemnation proceeding and move forward with the Condemnation proceeding.

WHEREAS, Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, has as, consultant, conducted the required SEQRA review, and

WHEREAS, no significant adverse environmental impacts were identified and the Board as a result, classifies this a Negative Declaration

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the mayor is authorized to execute the EAF Part III Determination of Significance.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Dolan, and approved by all, a motion was made at 7:07 PM for an executive session for employment and litigation matters; no action to be taken.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Pucillo, and approved by all, a motion was made at 7:43 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 7:44 PM to enter into public meeting.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Dolan, and approved by all, a motion was made at 7:45 PM to close the public meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgina Cavagnaro
Village Clerk