

MINUTES
FEBRUARY 15, 2024 – 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 Sabia, Trustee Pucillo, Attorney Ed Gathman, Chief Hughes, Treasurer Siobhan Costello, Village Clerk Georgina Cavagnaro

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

ZOOM ATTENDANTS: David Weber, Sue Stillwagon, Thomas Demaio, J W, Jennifer Borden, Phyllis Weber, Joanne Kountourakis, Chrissy Ruggeri, David Berg, Joseph Cavagnaro, Jack Flash, Susan Suvall, Don Blixt

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Koch announced, “Last week Trustee Weber and I had the honor to go into Manhattan for the New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA) awards ceremony. NYWEA is made up of professionals from all over New York State who play a critical role in managing sanitary facilities. Our own Senior Plant Operator, Donna Grudier, has spent the last year with distinction as president of NYWEA and Northport Sewer Department Operator, Brian Bernier, was awarded Outstanding Operator of the Year. I want to congratulate them both on their achievement and thank them for their on-going commitment in keeping our harbor, bay and sound clean.”

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees presented proclamations to Donna Grudier and Brian Bernier.

Mayor Koch also disclosed, “As many of you are no doubt aware, the village is currently seeking to hire two court clerks for our village court. While no Elected official is permitted to discuss any information addressed in executive session regarding an employee related matter, I am encouraged to advise you, that independently of any executive session discussions, that we have received positive responses from two highly qualified potential employees both of whom have prior court clerk experience. These individuals have indicated a willingness to accept employment at the salary and benefit package offered by the village. This information has been provided to our judge. We are hopeful that final approval will be granted as soon as possible so that the court may reopen.”

Lastly, Mayor Koch revealed, “Tonight’s resolution 2024 – 28 is being offered on Ackerly Terrace in order to comply with the requirements of the state environmental quality review act (SEQRA) in so far as the required environmental review conducted herein to enable the village to move forward with the public purpose of taking back the roadway that the village has been maintain for decades.”

PRESENTATION: No presentations

PUBLIC HEARINGS: No public hearings

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

BOARD APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

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

Governmental Funds bills 2/15/24 in the amount of \$206,700.19

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

Payroll week 2/9/24 General Fund \$275,957.33

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

Payroll week 2/9/24 Sewer Fund \$14,634.70

BUSINESS/COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

Trustee Dolan reported that the Village of Northport will be holding a public workshop in regard to the basketball court on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 10:00 AM in Village Hall.

Trustee Weber reported that the Northport Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Meet the Candidates night on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. Time and location to be announced.

Recording available on Village website; northportny.gov

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

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT: No report

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondences

REQUESTS: No requests

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION 2024 – 25 ~ APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes of the February 6, 2024 meeting are hereby accepted.

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

RESOLUTION 2024 – 26 ~ PARAMEDIC

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

BE IT RESOLVED, Chistina Autera is hereby hired for the position of Paramedic for the Incorporated Village of Northport, and as with all applicants, Christina Autera 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 Christina Autera will work no more than 17.5 hours a week at a rate of pay of \$32.00 per hour.

WHEREAS, the offer of employment is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.5(c)(26) and, therefore no further SEQR review is required.

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

RESOLUTION 2024 – 27 ~ PUMP-OUT BOAT REPLACEMENT 200HP YAMAHA MOTOR

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees authorizes the purchase of a Yamaha 200HP Outboard including Installation, Gauges, and Controls from KG Marine, 81A Fort Salonga Road, Northport, NY under Contract # TOH 22-04-016 and

WHEREAS, Purchase amount shall not exceed \$21,500.00 and

BE IT RESOLVED, The Treasurer is authorized to make all necessary budget adjustments.

FURTHER RESOLVED, 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.

RESOLUTION 2024 – 28 ~ RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED ACTION TO CONDEMN ACKERLY TERRACE N/K/A DEMAIO WAY AND TO ADOPT THE SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM PARTS I, II & III DECLARING THE ACTION TO CONDEMN ACKERLY TERRACE AN UNLISTED ACTION PURSUANT TO 6 NYCRR PART 617

WHEREAS, The Village of Northport has become aware that a certain road in the Village known as Ackerly Terrace was purchased by DeMaio Way, LLC as the Road was inadvertently not dedicated to the Village when it was created during a subdivision of surrounding land, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Northport has continuously maintained the road including repaving the road, and

WHEREAS, the Incorporated Village of Northport desires to regain ownership of the Road and has decided to take action to condemn the road known as Ackerly Terrace as depicted on the attached figure 1 location map annexed to the short form environmental assessment form annexed hereto, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Village of Northport and the residents

of the area near Ackerly Terrace for the Village of Northport to obtain ownership of the road known as Ackerly Terrace, and

WHEREAS, the condemnation of the road known as Ackerly Terrace is an unlisted action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617 as the action is neither a Type I or Type II action which therefore requires preparation of the annexed environmental assessment form, and

WHEREAS, no significant adverse environmental impacts were identified during the review and preparation of the Short Environmental Assessment Form and The Board of Trustees of the Village of Northport declares itself as Lead Agency pursuant to SEQRA,

NOW, THEREFOR, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Village of Northport declares itself as lead agency and hereby adopts a negative declaration as it pertains to the proposed action to condemn the road known as Ackerly Terrace and the preparation of the annexed Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) is hereby adopted and the Mayor is authorized to sign the SEAF

	Aye	Nay	Recused
Donna M. Koch, Mayor	x		
Meghan Dolan Saporita	x		
Ernest Pucillo	x		
Dave Weber, Jr.	x		
Joseph Sabia			x

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Dolan and approved by all, a motion was made at 6:48 PM for an executive session for a personnel matter; action may be taken.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Dolan and approved by all, a motion was made at 7:12 PM to exit out of executive session.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Weber and approved by all, a motion was made at 7:12 PM to enter into public meeting.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Dolan the following resolution was approved by a 3-2 vote. Trustee Sabia and Trustee Pucillo opposed.

RESOLUTION 2024 – 29 ~ ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

BE IT RESOLVED: That Nathalie Kutz is hereby hired to serve as a part time Administrative Assistance to the Treasurer's Department for up to 17.5 hours a week at the rate of \$28.00 per hour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Hiring of employees is a Type II action pursuant to SEQRA 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c) 26 and no further action is required.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Weber and approved by all, a motion was made at 7:17 PM to close the public meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgina Cavagnaro
Village Clerk