# MINUTES SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 – 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 Boziwick, Trustee Sabia, Chief Bakker, Treasurer Siobhan Costello, Deputy Treasurer Janine D'Orio, Village Clerk Georgina Cavagnaro

**ZOOM ATTENDANTS:** Joseph Cavagnaro, Judy Stamos, Jennifer Borden, David Weber, Don Blixt, Phyllis Weber, Ben Meyburg

**OPEN MEETING:** Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG:** Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Dolan, a motion was made at 6:01 p.m. for an executive session for a contractual matter. Treasurer Sioban Costello and Attorney James Clark were asked to join.

On the motion of Trustee Weber and seconded by Trustee Dolan, a motion was made at 6:17 p.m. to exit out of executive session.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Dolan, a motion was made at 6:17 p.m. to enter into public meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** No announcements were made.

**PRESENTATION:** No presentation

On the motion of Trustee Dolan and seconded by Trustee Boziwick, a motion was made at 6:18 p.m. to open public hearing.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Please take notice a public hearing of the Village Board of Trustees will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in Northport Village Hall, 224 Main Street Northport, NY 11768 to consider the following proposed local law of the code of the Village of Northport:

Proposed Local Law "B" of 2025 2% Tax Cap

## A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c

#### Section 1. Legislative intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Northport to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing March 1, 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

#### **Section 2. Authority**

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

#### Section 3. Tax Levy Override

The Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Northport, County of Suffolk, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing on March 1, 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

#### Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, section, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not effect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to be clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

#### Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

On the motion of Trustee Sabia and seconded by Trustee Boziwick, a motion was made at 6:23 p.m. to close the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 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 09/02/2025 Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$232,806.43

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

Prepaid Utility Bills 08/14/2025 Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$5,241.58

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

Payroll Week 8/22/25 General Fund \$293,407.57

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

Payroll Week 8/22/25 Sewer Fund \$13,847.30

**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:**

- Emails were received regarding stop signs on Ocean Avenue, Lewis and Sea Cove Road.
- Letter from Resident Marilyn Barker was received regarding music at LaPorta Restaurant.

**REQUESTS:** No new requests were received.

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

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

#### **RESOLUTION 2025 – 125 ~ APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** the minutes of the August 12, 2025 meeting are hereby accepted.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 2025 - 126 ~ PARAMEDIC**

**WHEREAS,** Kaylee Macaluso has applied to be a per diem Paramedic for the Inc. Village of Northport, and

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

**BE IT RESOLVED,** Kaylee Macaluso is hereby hired for the position of Paramedic for the Incorporated Village of Northport, and as with all applicants, Kaylee Macaluso 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 Kaylee Macaluso 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 Dolan and seconded by Trustee Sabia, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

## RESOLUTION 2025 – 127 ~ SPONSORSHIP OF CANDIDATE FOR THE SUFFOLK COUNTY SEASONAL POLICE OFFICER'S ACADEMY

**WHEREAS,** Joseph P. Kearns was interviewed by the Chief of Police and was determined to meet the qualifications necessary of a seasonal Police Officer;

**WHEREAS,** Candidate Kearns' uniforms and duty gear will be supplied by the Village while attending the academy, and

**WHEREAS,** Candidate Kearns will not be paid during his instruction at the academy,

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

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Village Board of Trustees approves the sponsorship of Joseph P. Kearns to attend the Suffolk County Police Seasonal Police Officer's Academy on or about September 20th, 2025 contingent upon completion of a background investigation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that upon successful completion of the academy and field training, Joseph P. Kearns will be hired as a part time/seasonal police officer with the Northport Police Department.

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

#### RESOLUTION 2025 - 128 ~ NEW HIRE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LABORER

**WHEREAS**, Hasan Ulvi Eskikaya has applied to be a Full Time Highway/Parks Dept Laborer for the Inc. Village of Northport,

WHEREAS, Highway/Parks Laborer is a union position, and will be full-time at a rate of pay of \$28.92 per hour, with the possibility of overtime. This position will be subject to a back-ground check and drug test, as well as completion of a 6-month probationary period. A job performance review will be conducted after 4 months of Full-Time employment. Laborers are bound by the Union Local 342/LISPSE Collective Bargaining Agreement, and therefore

**WHEREAS**, hiring of employees is a Type II action pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. §617.5(c)(26), and, therefore no further SEQRA review is required.

**BE IT RESOLVED,** after a thorough interview with the Village Administrator, Highway Dept. Foreman and Assistant Foreman, Hasan Ulvi Eskikaya is hereby hired for the position of Laborer for the Incorporated Village of Northport.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 2025 – 129 ~ SALARY INCREASE**

**WHEREAS,** Jake Milliken has been a Maintenance Mechanic for the Village of Northport at a current pay rate of \$40.43 per hour and,

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of Trustees has determined that the action is a type II action pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. §617.5 (c) 26 and not subject to any further action under SEQRA;

**BE IT RESOLVED,** Jake Milliken salary is hereby increased, to an hourly rate of \$42.55.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 2025 – 130 ~ SALARY INCREASE**

WHEREAS, Jose Reyes has been a Maintenance Mechanic for the Village of

Northport at a current pay rate of \$40.43 per hour and,

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has determined that the action is a type II action pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. §617.5 (c) 26 and not subject to any further action under SEQRA;

**BE IT RESOLVED,** Jose Reyes salary is hereby increased, to an hourly rate of \$42.55 per hour.

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

#### RESOLUTION 2025 – 131 ~ SEWER RENT FEES

**BE IT RESOLVED,** the rate factor for 2025 Sewer Rent Fee will be calculated at 5.05 per 1,000 gallons of water, and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** this is a type II action pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. §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 2025 – 132 ~ CONTINUATION OF AGREEMENT WITH STRIKE FORCE MAINTENANCE CORPORATION FOR CLEANING SERVICES AT THE VILLAGE

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Northport previously entered into an agreement with Strike Force Maintenance Corporation to provide cleaning services for various Village facilities, including the Police Department, the Beach House, and primary Village buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, the agreement has been in effect under mutually agreed-upon terms, with the current service term ending September 30, 2025, at a monthly rate of \$3,920.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village and Strike Force Maintenance Corporation wish to continue the cleaning services for an additional term from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, with a monthly rate increase of \$180.00, resulting in a new monthly rate of \$4,100.00; and

**WHEREAS,** the continuation of this agreement for cleaning services does not constitute an action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and is therefore not subject to SEQRA review:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the mayor is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents to continue the agreement with Strike Force Maintenance Corporation for cleaning services at the updated monthly rate of \$4,100.00, for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

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

# RESOLUTION 2025 – 133 ~ AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK SEA GRANT FOR THE HARBOR WALK STUDY PROJECT

**WHEREAS**, Trustee Weber submitted a grant application on behalf of the Village of Northport to the Long Island Sound Coastal Boundary Program for a Harbor Walk

Study; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Northport has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$69,979.80, with no cost to the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, New York Sea Grant will enter into an agreement with NV5 as the contractor for the Harbor Walk Study Project; and

**WHEREAS,** the Agreement/Grant is a type II action pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. §617.5 (c) 26. 27 and 33 and further environmental review is not required.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with New York Sea Grant for the purpose of coordinating with NV5 as the contractor for the Harbor Walk Study on behalf of the Village of Northport.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 2025 - 134 ~ TAX CAP**

**WHEREAS,** a Public Hearing of the Village Board of Trustees was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2025 at 6:00pm in Northport Village Hall, 224 Main Street, Northport, NY 11768 to consider proposed Local Law "2" of 2025 2% tax cap of the code of the Village of Northport, and

**BE IT RESOLVED,** the Village of Northport hereby approves the enactment Local Law "2" of 2025 2% tax cap. A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

On the motion of Trustee Dolan and seconded by a Trustee Sabia, meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgina Cavagnaro Village Clerk