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MAY 5, 2026 – 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 Boziwick, Trustee Weber, Trustee Zenyuh, Trustee Izzo, Attorney John Bennett, Chief Alan Bakker, Village Clerk Georgina Cavagnaro, Treasurer Siobhan Costello

ZOOM ATTENDENTS: Joseph Cavagnaro, 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 the following;

I am saddened to announce former Trustee Ken Williams has passed away. Ken served as Trustee from 2002-2004 alongside former Mayor Peter Panarites.

The annual Chuck Varese Vehicle Extrication Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2026 from 8:30AM – 4:00PM at the Northport FD Training Grounds located at Steers Avenue and Clipper Drive.

PRESENTATION: No presentation

PUBLIC HEARINGS: There was no public hearing.

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

Resident Pat Naples asked the board to review current building codes and consider implementing changes related to the construction of large mansions/homes. She also expressed concerns about parking conditions in front of the Northport Hotel and the Engelman Theater.

Resident Effie Huber asked whether an assistant has been hired for Village Administrator Roland Buzard. She also thanked the board for arranging the removal of a tree on Duffy Court and noted that the remaining hole still needs to be addressed. Additionally, she raised concerns about the speed signs on Scudder Avenue and Bayview Avenue, as well as the outdoor dining tables located in front of LaPorta and Salted on the Harbor.

Resident Judy Gorevic asked whether she would have an opportunity to speak with the engineers during the traffic study on Bayview Avenue.

BOARD APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

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

Governmental Funds 05/05/2026 Fiscal Year 2026-2027 in the amount of \$289,980.43

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

Payroll Week 05/01/26 General Fund \$304,560.76

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

Payroll Week 05/01/26 Sewer Fund \$16,533.31

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

Trustee Weber reported that the LWRP is progressing. The committee has met with the State, and once all steps receive State approval, the plan will be posted on the Village website. The public interaction plan also requires State approval.

Trustee Weber additionally expressed concerns regarding inadequate lighting on Bayview Avenue, noting that the area near the bathrooms is particularly dark.

Trustee Weber also commended the highway department for the excellent tree removal in front of the Visiting Nurse Service and requested similar action for an uprooted tree at the corner of Church and Main Street.

Trustee Zenyuh reported that the parks are in excellent condition, with mulch and annual plantings now completed. Regarding bench donations, space within the parks is very limited. As a result, the Village is exploring alternative donation options, including trees, gardens, and tables.

The Village has received Red Oak saplings from Suffolk County as part of the 250th Commemorative Initiative. Distribution points will include Village Hall, the Lewis Oliver Farmers Market, and the Northport Native Garden. Recipients are asked to plant the trees and register them as part of the commemorative project.

Last week's farmers market at the Lewis Oliver Farm was successful and well attended. There will be no farmers market this weekend due to road closures for the Visiting Nurse race.

Deputy Mayor Boziwick reported that "No Parking" signs have been installed on Church Street, extending 25 feet on each side of the entrance to Giunta's Meat Farms parking lot. The area will now be striped accordingly. The Highway Department has been preparing for the Visiting Nurse Run by repairing potholes, maintaining clear streets and parking aprons, and ensuring sidewalks are in good condition.

Regarding the village dock, water and electric services are fully operational. Ballfields are also ready for the upcoming season.

The Cow Harbor Day Committee announced a donation to cover the cost of new water fountains near the bathrooms in Village Park. Cow Harbor Weekend will also serve as the village's celebration of the 250th anniversary of the United States. The committee is currently exploring entertainment options following the conclusion of the band performance at 10:00 p.m. Additionally, the Cow Harbor Committee is requesting Board approval to use a drone during both the Cow Harbor Day Race and Cow Harbor Day events.

Trustee Izzo has had several busy weeks in the community. He attended the Fire Department Installation Dinner, which was a great experience, and commended the department for their continued dedication to keeping residents safe.

He also participated in the Northport Chamber of Commerce networking breakfast, where guest speaker Sharon Wyman of Discover Long Island delivered an informative presentation on the power of destination marketing, how it works, and its impact on tourism across Long Island.

This week, Trustee Izzo met with Suffolk County Legislator Stephanie Bontempi to discuss ways the county can better support the village.

He also attended a PSEG breakfast to learn more about how they assist small businesses and explore opportunities to support local businesses within the village.

Last Thursday, Mayor Koch attended a water quality meeting at the Northport Yacht Club. Reports indicate that water quality is improving. Sampling efforts have included data from Britannia Yacht Club, and there is a need to expand testing further north into the sound, as well as nearby harbors and bays.

The discussion also addressed PFAS levels, with officials actively working on strategies to significantly reduce their presence.

This week, Roland Buzard and Taylor Garner are scheduled to meet with Suffolk County representatives to review the Comprehensive Plan.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer Siobhan Costello reported the in-house audit is nearing completion; with auditors to present their findings in July. She also noted the EMS billing has been implemented and the village is starting to see incoming revenue from the new system.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Chief Bakker reported that in April 2026, the Northport Police Department responded to 659 calls for service, issued 173 summonses, and made 8 arrests. Seasonal/part-time Police Officer Joseph Kearns is continuing his field training and has now entered his fifth week.

The department is currently preparing for the Visiting Nurse 5K Run scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2026.

Chief Bakker also noted that the speed signs on Scudder Avenue and Reservoir Avenue are solar-powered and may cycle on and off, while the speed sign on Bayview Avenue operates on battery power. All speed signs are functioning properly, and the

data collected is used for educational purposes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A Letter was received from the Northport Community Band and will be addressed.

REQUESTS: No requests

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION 2026 – 83 ~ APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes of the April 21, 2026 meeting are hereby accepted.

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

RESOLUTION 2026 – 84 ~ COMPENSATION OF VILLAGE ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has previously appointed John C. Bennett of the law firm Gathman & Bennett, LLP as Village Attorney, and desires to have Gathman & Bennett, LLP continue to represent the Planning Board, The Board of Trustees and perform the various duties of Village Attorney,

WHEREAS, it is further agreed and acknowledged that as to any litigated matters that the Board of Trustees should seek to have Gathman & Bennett, LLP represent the Village on, same would be handled at the hourly rate of \$225.00 per hour, and

WHEREAS, Gathman & Bennett, LLP shall be compensated at the rate of one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000.00) per annum, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees appointment of attorneys 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, and it is

RESOLVED, the firm compensation shall be fixed as set forth herein.

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

RESOLUTION 2026 – 85 ~ HIRING OF ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees hereby appoints Heather Wine Esq. as counsel to represent the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Board of Architectural and Historic Review,

WHEREAS, Heather Wine shall be compensated at the rate of Twenty Thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) per annum, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees appointment of attorneys 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 Boziwick and seconded by Trustee Izzo, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2026 – 86 ~ AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A WILO RECYCLE MIXER AND WILO ANOXIC MIXER FOR THE NORTHPORT WASTEWATER

TREATMENT PLANT

WHEREAS, the Northport Wastewater Treatment Plant requires the purchase and replacement of a Wilo Recycle Mixer and a Wilo Anoxic Mixer to ensure the proper processing of wastewater; and

WHEREAS, this is specialized equipment; and

WHEREAS, Industrial Sales & Service, located at 123 Marcus Boulevard, Hauppauge, New York 11788, has provided a quote in the amount of Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Three Dollars and Eighty-Three Cents (\$12,703.83) for the replacement of the Wilo Recycle Mixer and Wilo Anoxic Mixer; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of said equipment is classified as a Type II action pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.5(c)(26) and, therefore, no further review under the SEQRA is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the mayor, or her designee(s), is hereby authorized to purchase a Wilo Recycle Mixer and a Wilo Anoxic Mixer from Industrial Sales & Service for use at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$12,703.83; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to make any necessary budget transfers and payments in connection with this purchase.

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

RESOLUTION 2026 - 87 ~ A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FRIDAY SUMMER HOURS FOR THE VILLAGE OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Village Board recognizes the importance of promoting employee morale, operational efficiency, and work-life balance; and

WHEREAS, many municipalities implement seasonal scheduling adjustments to improve productivity and maintain high-quality public service; and

WHEREAS, the Village Office seeks to provide continued service to residents while offering a modified summer schedule for staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby establishes Friday Summer Hours for the Village Office, effective from June 5, 2026 through September 4, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that during this period, Village Office hours shall be adjusted as follows:

Monday through Thursday: regular business hours 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that office employees participating in the Friday Summer Hours schedule shall contribute an additional one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour to their workday Monday through Thursday, in lieu of an hour lunch, to ensure the maintenance of required weekly work hours; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all departments shall ensure adequate staffing and coverage to maintain essential services to the public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that department heads are authorized to implement internal scheduling adjustments as necessary to comply with this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this program may be reviewed at the

conclusion of the summer period to determine its effectiveness and potential continuation.

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

RESOLUTION 2026 – 88 ~ APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the appointment proposed by Mayor Koch is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of the Village Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Joseph Pokorny is hereby appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the unexpired term of James Izzo, with said term to expire in 2028.

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

RESOLUTION 2026 – 89 ~ AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL SEQRA AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE MAIN STREET FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Village of Northport is advancing the Main Street Flood Mitigation Project, which requires the preparation, review, and submission of documentation pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the Village Administrator has solicited and received a proposal for professional services from Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC, an engineering and environmental planning firm with demonstrated familiarity with the Village and relevant expertise; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has determined that Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC is qualified to perform the required SEQRA-related services for this project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the mayor, or her designee, to execute an agreement with Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC, having offices at 70 Maxess Road, Melville, New York 11747, in an amount not to exceed \$1,800.00 for the preparation and submission of the SEQRA application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this action is classified as a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5, and therefore is not subject to further review under SEQRA.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 6:00PM.

On the motion of Trustee Zenyuh and seconded by Trustee Boziwick, and approved by all, a motion was made at 6:36pm to adjourn public meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgina Cavagnaro
Village Clerk