

Town of Northport
Select Board Meeting
July 25, 2022 @ 6:09pm

Chair: Shelly Patten
Vice Chair: Jeanine Tucker
Municipal Officer: Breanna Pinkham Bebb (approved absence)
Town Administrator: James Kossuth

Finance Director: Vicki Eugley
Town Clerk: Amy Eldridge
Road Commissioner: Amon Morse
NVC Representative: Jeffrey Wilt

Present: Shelly Patten, Jeanine Tucker, James Kossuth, Vicki Eugley, Amy Eldridge, Amon Morse, William Carroll from the Republican Journal, and Thomas Gilmore via Zoom from Great Works Internet (GWI).

Citizen Concerns: None at this time.

Internet: Kossuth introduced Thomas Gilmore from GWI to the Board. Gilmore spoke about a proposed service shed at 1429 Atlantic Highway, which may look like the one in Appendix A. Gilmore stated it would blend into the background and would be located on Town property near the Cemetery on Horse Jockey Lane. Gilmore explained that it would house electronics for the fiber-optic internet and a worker may be at the shed about once a week. Gilmore stated the shed would be a permanent structure; there would be no noise to worry about; and it would be the only structure GWI needed in the Town. The Board agreed to proceed forward with the location and preferred shed.

Tucker motioned to approve a functional shed to be built on Town property on the corner lot of Horse Jockey Lane and Route 1, Patten seconded the motion. Board voted 2-0, motion passed.

Planning Board: Charlie Hunter, new volunteer, tabled.

Northport Village Corporation (NVC): Wilt reported the “no wake zone” buoys are on back-order and should be coming in September. Wilt stated they are having issues with power boats not slowing down in the mooring field. This Saturday, August 2, 2022, the Village will have another Donuts and Dialog session, and the topic will be NVC Utilities. He also stated that Sunday, July 31, 2022, will be the dedication of the new playground at 4:00 pm, and August 13, 2022, is the public hearing for the new zoning ordinance.

Road Commissioner: Morse reviewed the catch basin invoice and reported there were nine additional catch basins in the Village. Morse reported that ditching will start soon on Knights Pond Road and Rocky Road.

Town Administrator:

Cliff Road: Kossuth reported a resident on Cliff Road performed unpermitted excavation work a few weeks ago and did a poor job cleaning up after themselves. Neighbors have been concerned, and Kossuth was able to contact the company that did the work and they will fix the pavement. Kossuth also contacted the property owner and made her aware that it's her responsibility to fix the road and that

she had 30 days to get it repaired. Morse is concerned about the electricity being run under the Town's road and close to the culvert and would like it to be removed.

Halloween Storm: Kossuth reported he is working with the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) for reimbursement of approximately \$72,000.00 for Town maintenance completed because of the Halloween 2021 Storm. He has provided FEMA with all of the information it has requested and will keep the Board updated on any new developments.

MMA Workers Compensation Safety Incentive Program: Kossuth reported that the Town could save 5% or more on its Workers Compensation Insurance, which at the current rate would be about \$300.00. Kossuth provided the Board with the agreement and information on what the Town would need to do to participate. The Board asked Kossuth to proceed with the Town's enrollment.

Great Works Internet (GWI) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) commitment: Kossuth reported GWI has asked for the ARPA and County funds that the Town voted to provide at the Special Town Meeting on February 26, 2022, totaling \$187,173.58. Kossuth explained the agreement to the Board, and the Board approved the agreement with GWI.

Investment Committee: Kossuth reported that he had contacted a former member of the Lincolntonville Investment Committee, who is now a Northport resident, about being on the Investment Committee. He, however, is not a registered voter in Northport. Per the Town Administrative Ordinance, all members of committees must be registered voters in the Town. The Board agreed that he could not join the committee officially, but he could serve in an advisory capacity if he would be willing.

MMA Executive Committee: Kossuth reported to the Board the candidates for positions on the MMA Executive Committee. The Board provided Kossuth with their votes for the ballot.

Town Clerk: Eldridge provided the April 11, 2022 and June 6, 2022 minutes to the Select Board for review. The Board approved the minutes with corrections.

Finance Director: Eugley provided the Board with 3 different mil rates provided by RJD Appraisals for the 2022 Tax Commitment. The Board reviewed the tax rate calculation forms, and adopted the 15.9 mil rate. Eldridge provided the Board with the 2022 Certificate of Assessment to be signed. Eugley provided the Payroll & Accounts Payable Warrants to the Select Board to review and sign. The Board approved the Payroll & Accounts Payable Warrants.

Old Business: None at this time.

New Business: None at this time.

Adjourn: Patten motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm, seconded by Tucker. Board voted 2-0, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy Eldridge

Appendix A



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