

Town of Northport

Select Board Meeting

February 27, 2023 @ 6:00 pm

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, Janae Novotny, Ann Frenning Kossuth, Mark Lynch, Bart Calder, Ovid Santoro, Sandy Wallace, Bobby Patterson, and Andy Dusoe.

Citizen Concerns: Wallace, of Knights Pond Road, reported the condition of the road by the pond was much better. Morse reported that he had smoothed out the ruts before it froze again. Wallace thanked the Board for listening to her concerns about the road that she had presented at the previous meeting.

Investment Committee: The Investment Committee provided the Board with an updated draft of a proposed Investment Policy with changes from the last meeting. Frenning Kossuth and Santoro described the changes and provided details on Fidelity Investments and Vanguard Investment Management Company. They have provided Eugley with the details of the two companies. The Board thanked the committee for all of their work and knowledge. The Board provided feedback and revisions to the policy. Eugley provided the Board with current CD and Treasury interest rates at Vanguard and Fidelity, which are almost a percentage point higher than CDs at The First and Camden National Bank. A final revision to the Investment Policy will be needed before any investment decisions could be made. The committee stated that they are here to provide support for the Town's investments, and not to control or run the investments for the Town.

School Board: Wallace and Lynch provided the Board with feedback on plans for using the Drinkwater School as an emergency warming center, after discussing it with the School Board. The Board asked what it might cost if the Town needed to use the school. Lynch stated that custodial services have a minimum call-in of two hours for janitorial work as needed, and that that would likely be the only expense. The School Board spoke about animals, residents, and people with legal restrictions at the school. The Board thanked Wallace and Lynch for all of their input and knowledge.

Northport Village Corporation (NVC): Novotny stated they are still looking for an Office Manager. She discussed with Morse about planting another tree where the willow tree was on Clinton Avenue near the library. Eugley informed Novotny of the budget meeting on Monday, March 6, 2023. Novotny reported that the Village is starting to work on the 2024 budget.

Road Commissioner: Morse reported Bobby Patterson came to the meeting to ask if the Board has any feedback on this winter's plowing. The Board reported that they had not heard any complaints. Morse is happy that Bluff Road is holding up despite the changes in weather. Morse spoke about the repairs to Knights Pond Road, and leveling the ruts when it was muddy. He is keeping a close eye on Knights Pond

Road and will be adding gravel when possible. He does see areas that will need to be addressed but overall for the weather that we have had the dirt roads are holding up. LG Whitcomb plows the Town Office and school and the Town has been getting complaints about them not being plowed. Kossuth provided the new plowing specifications to Morse and asked for his feedback.

Morse reported that PDQ Door did a good job fixing the sand shed door but the chain still needs to be fixed.

Town Administrator:

GWI update: Kossuth reported that the Town currently has high speed internet with GWI. The Town Office was set up today.

Draft specifications for road sand: Kossuth clarified requested yards of sand and tons of salt, and Morse and the Board approved the amounts.

PAWS contract renewal: Kossuth reported that the Town received the PAWS contract and he provided the Board with the details of the contract: \$3,250.00 a year for two years and the first payment is due by June 30, 2024.

Town Clerk: Eldridge provided the February 13, 2023, minutes to the Board to review. The Board approved the minutes with corrections.

Finance Director: Eugley provided the Payroll & Accounts Payable warrants to the Board for review and approval. The Board approved and signed the Payroll & Accounts Payable warrants.

Old Business:

New Business:

Adjourn: Patten motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm, seconded by Tucker. Board voted 2-0, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

James Kossuth