

MINUTES
Overseers Meeting
October 11, 2009

Present:

President: Josiah Huntoon

Treasurer: Bill Cressey

Office Manager: Paul Bartels

Village Agent: Bill Paige

Tree Warden: Jane Phillips

Overseers: Marge Brockway

Ned Lightner

Denis Wang

Judy Metcalf

Lee Houghton

Visitors: Marion Fulton, Marylyn Harry Rosenblum, Dick Brockway, Gordon Fuller, Beverly & Dr. David Crofoot, John Dykstra, Robert Smith, Tim Samway, Seth Thayer.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Huntoon.

Minutes:

Judy Metcalf moved that the September 13, 2009 minutes be approved, seconded by Marge Brockway –
Voted all in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Warrants circulated.

Bill Cressey distributed the September Financial Reports and answered questions about the reports and Wharf funding. He also explained the process of the monthly transferring of money from interest bearing accounts to bill paying accounts.

Bill reported that overall, we are on track to meet or do better than budget for 2009. At the end of 2008, the general account had a \$114,000 reserve generated from surpluses from previous years.. Jo Huntoon said our mission is to gain a reserve equal to one year's operating expenses.

Village Agent:

Bill Paige reported that the Boat Float needs repairs due to rough water conditions. Need a new Rub Rail on the Boat Float for next year. Outer Dinghy Float needs much repair for next spring.

Visitors Concerns

Jane Phillips along with Marion Fulton asked for approval of selective pruning of trees at Bayview Park, which the Overseers granted.

Harry Rosenblum thanked the Overseers for the Runoff work done concerning his property on Bay Street. He said that there is still some runoff coming through. Bill Paige suggested he look up the next time it happens and he will see that it is coming from the roof of those houses in that area.

Rosenblum brought up the issue of the Sea Wall again and wanted to know how we determined where the Village property ends and his begins. Lee Houghton noted that the Overseers had understood the matter had been settled some time ago and that Mr. Rosenblum had accepted the payment offered.

Marylyn Rosenblum wanted to know why there was so much hay left on the ground where the Sewer work was done. Bill Paige explained that it holds the grass seed in place so it will take root and not be washed away.

Communications

JASM moves, seconded by Denis Wang, that the Village's Right of Public Access Policy be amended to clarify the obligations of the requesting party to behave appropriately, as follows:

“The right of public access does not allow any requesting party to berate, harass, or intimidate any employee or representative of the Northport Village Corporation. The right of public access must be exercised in the lobby or community room of the Village Office at a reasonably scheduled time. No original records belonging to the Northport Village Corporation shall be removed by any requesting party at any time.”

Voted: Unanimous.

Facilities

Marge Brockway reported that the retaining wall at the office is complete and just needs to be seeded after settling next spring.

Finance

No Report

Safety

Ned Lightner made a suggestion for the ball playing problem at Merithew Square Park that a flag pole be erected with a flower bed surrounding it. All agreed that seemed to be a good idea, Jane Phillips will look into it.

He also reviewed speed limits with Sal and made several suggestions at the Town meeting which they agreed with. They will go forward and talk to the State. Lightner also would like to post a Watch for Children sign at the Golf Course in the beginning of Bayside. He will bring it up at the next Town meeting.

Lee Houghton said the Police spend a lot of time at the Blue Goose. Lightner talked with the Sal about this and was told that they get requests from Andrews to be there for their business functions to watch after traffic. Judy Metcalf said that it would be the overseers hope and belief that the police take direction from the Overseers, not from individual citizens because their work allocation must be determined by a view of what is best for the taxpayers as a whole, not for any particular taxpayer's wish list. This is not a user fee service provided to the Villagers and to the extent that it is treated as such it invites anarchy. Lightner said he will review their log sheets and give them guidance.

Quitclaim Deed

A Quitclaim Deed the Village to Miklos was circulated for signatures in connection with the satisfaction of 1999 past due village taxes owed by Miklos. The Miklos cottage was being sold to Seth Thayer on Wednesday, October 15th and payment in full, including all costs associated with discharging the lien and preparing the quitclaim deed would be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.

Surface Runoff

Lee Houghton reported that all the improvements made on Bay Street seem to be working as planned.

Utilities

Once again, the wastewater treatment plant had no violations. Sewer lines were repaired on Oak Street without incident and below budget.

Judy Metcalf reported minor changes in the 2010 Utilities Budget drafted by Dick McElhaney.

The Draft Budgets reviewed to date by the Utility Committee include a recommendation to assess a charge, approved by the existing terms and conditions, for the cost of install or remove a water meter, \$50.00 a year for seasonal customers. This cost will counter an increasing cost item not otherwise paid for by existing revenue and may help defer a rate increase.

Cradle Yard

There is a need to remind some people that this is not for long term storage. Sue Zittle has had apparently abandoned boat there for 10 years. She has not responded to our repeated requests to remove it. Judy Metcalf moved to tow the boat away at the lowest cost possible to a place to be determined with consultation with Gordon Fuller and Steve Kazilionis and charge Zittle for the towing and disposal charge, seconded by Denis Wang. **Voted: Unanimous.**

There's another boat owned by Peter Spollett in the yard. Lee Houghton moved to have the boat towed to the Spollett property, seconded by Marge Brockway – **Voted all in favor.** Action will be taken in the spring.

Waterfront Project

Jo Huntoon said he needs to have WBRC start the bid process for the Waterfront Project. He will get material samples for the November meeting. Judy Metcalf moved to authorize WBRC as outlined in the proposal dated October 10, 2009 to start the bid process, seconded by Lee Houghton – **Voted all in favor.**

Future Meetings

Overseers Meeting: November 8, 2009 9:00 AM.

Adjourn

Judy Metcalf moved to adjourn at 10:17 AM, seconded by Denis Wang – **Voted all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted by Paul E. Bartels