

Northport Village Corporation
Utilities Committee Meeting
May 13, 2022; 2:30 pm
Community Hall and via ZOOM link

Minutes:

Present: Chairman Crofoot, Judy Metcalf and Jeffrey Wilt (by ZOOM), Superintendent Dick McElhaney, Bill Paige. Also Rachel Rosa, Morgan Knott.

Absent: Casey Brown, Brady Brim-Deforest (Failed ZOOM link).

Minutes: The draft minutes of the March meeting were approved unanimously. There were no minutes of the April meeting (no quorum).

Billing update: As of May 1st, outstanding balances from the April billing were:

Water Utility: \$ 6,963.84

Sewer Utility: \$ 7,978.80

Superintendent's report: There were no license exceedances. Flow was as expected for the season. BOD was 50.8 mg/l. There have been no bacterial exceedances for the last 7 months.

Bill Paige reported that almost all the seasonal water connections have been made. Weekly BOD rates are picking up due to the flushing of winterized toilets and to steady increase in cottage inhabitation.

Discussion about treatment plant capacity and the connection moratorium. Dick McElhaney discussed measures that have been taken and that will take effect throughout the summer: new septic tank pumping schedule, measurement of total residual chlorine, salinity. He will revisit the calculations used the plant designer, Sewall and Company, that were used when the plant was designed. Metcalf and Wilt felt that we should prepare a written report of assessments and measures taken to present as we approach the end of the moratorium in September to be used to assess whether we are approaching the plant capacity. There are currently 248 sewer users and the Statutory Maximum Number of customers is 270. But the ability of the plant to adequately treat wastewater (particularly BOD) may lead to a determination that the actual limit may be less than the statutory 270.

The Overseers would like the Utilities to start preparing the 2023 budget earlier than usual to help anticipate any budget constraints. Dick McElhaney will prepare a preliminary budget for the June meeting.

Public comment: Rachel Rosa is interested in the proportion of seasonal to year around users. Metcalf made practical suggestions for the use of the town tax maps and taxpayer lists, which are public records.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Next Meeting: June 10, 2022 at Community Hall with ZOOM link.

Respectfully submitted,

David Crofoot