

**Northport Village Corporation
Village Agent Report
April 13, 2025 Board of Overseers Meeting**

Recent activities

- The new snow plow is working well. The back windshield of the Village truck blew out and will be repaired on April 9.
- Contracted services: Current lawn/grounds contract expires this fall. Working on bid specs/contract for Board approval. The curbside trash pick up contract does not expire until September 2026. Will work on bid specs/new contract in time for 2027 budget planning.
- Continuing to work on getting project estimates for items on the MMA list. Contractors are scheduling out a year or more.
- All winter, I have been dealing with contractors who repeatedly block village roads during the day with vehicles and equipment while they work on cottages on Main Street, Lower Clinton, North Avenue and George Street.

Village projects/needs for 2026 budget consideration

- Floats replacement: It is still time to begin setting aside and saving money to replace the floats; they are starting to show their age. I recommend that replacing the swim float should be in the 2026 budget. Also recommend that we have a marine engineer draw plans for the floats to make sure they are sturdy enough to meet our needs.
- Community Hall: We are missing some of our wood/metal tables and a couple of plastic tables have been “donated.” Our tables are really showing age and wear and need to be replaced. Propose to include for 2026 budget.
- Portable PA system: We need a new system for NVC outside events.
- Parks/Trees: For grounds maintenance, we need to budget for regular pruning of river birch tree by the library, the junipers around the basketball court and the shrubs around Merithew Square.

Village project/needs with future budget implications

- Sander and plow: We should plan to replace sander in 3 years.
- MMA Risk Management recommendations: I am still getting estimates.
- Roads/storm drainage: Area in front of mailboxes at Merithew Square to North Ave and down North Ave to the new hot top needs to be hot-topped, and another storm added. The project needs to be engineered to decide how to handle storm runoff. Lower Clinton Avenue from Merithew Square down needs curbing or storm drain to handle water that is currently washing out the embankment at the bottom of the street.

Wharf and floats

- Wharf: Dallas Fields Dive Service completed the major brace work on the wharf. Remaining repairs will be made in the spring and summer.

Utilities

- Gearing up for spring – checking and replenishing inventory.
- Responding to water turn on requests from owners of year-round homes. Remember that seasonal water turn on for seasonal cottages does not start until May 1.
- Looking for another water leak. Suspect that it may be another running toilet.
- Regular water and sewer maintenance work and Dig Safe requests.
- Dealing with engineer and electrician working on treatment plant electronics issues.
- Dealt with Moore’s Septic on recent pumping out of tanks.
- Talking to property owners regarding new water connections.

Miscellaneous

- Continuing to assess and consider improvement of Bayview Park storm - drain/outfall adjacent to Oberg’s property. Because of abundance of heavy rains the last couple of years and severity of winter storms hitting at high tide, the storm drain/outfall needs help. Any of the fixes I have thought about must be consistent with recommendations and shoreline erosion plan we received from the engineer hired by the Town. Whatever plans the Village decides on, I recommend restricting the area to storm drain/outfall purposes and no longer allow public access for construction on shoreline cottages.
- I continue to talk or meet with Town Administrator James Kossouth on a regular basis about items that impact the village.
- I continue to field calls from private contractors working throughout the Village on current and planned projects in the Village, and deal with various villagers with issues they want addressed.
- My cell phone is also my personal phone. **If you have my number, do not give it out to anyone. The Village office phone is the right number to use for Village business.**

Roads

- The Town has cleared snow from the catch basins in the village. As the ground thaws, the streets, Broadway, in particular, will be a mess. Broadway is on the Town’s list of roads to pave. Village dirt roads will need repair/maintenance, too. The amount of snow plowing has leveled out the crest in the dirt roads.
- Property owner complaints about water runoff from village roads: Whenever I have an opportunity, I advise property owners building new structures or doing major remodels to build their foundations higher than the crest of the road grade to avoid flooding. Property owners who ignore this advice then complain that runoff from the road floods their property and they want the village to do something about it.

Submitted by
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