

**Northport Village Corporation  
Village Agent Report  
December 8, 2024 Board of Overseers Meeting**

**Recent activities**

- Most of my time since the last meeting has been spent on sewer and water work.
- Working with Pinkerton & Sons on ongoing trash pick up issues. They have problems retaining employees.

**Parks**

- Our contractor has finished the fall clean up and is almost finished with ditch clean outs. I also plan to have them trim some bushes back from roads.

**Wharf and floats**

- Wharf: Dallas Fields Dive Service is slowly working on wharf repairs. The work will be sporadic until the tide situation improves, and we have good low tides.
- Small watercraft area: A few kayaks remain at the bottom of Ruggles Park.

**Village projects/needs with budget implications**

- Floats replacement: It is still time to begin setting aside and saving money to replace the floats; they are starting to show their age.
- Sander and plow: We should plan to replace sander in 3 years. Plow should be replaced sooner.
- Community Hall: We appear to be missing some of our wood/metal tables and a couple of plastic tables have been “donated.” Some of the tables are really showing age and wear and need to be replaced.
- Portable PA system: We need a new system for NVC outside events.
- Parks/Trees: We need to budget for regular pruning of river birch tree by the library and the junipers around the basketball court.
- 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.

**Utilities**

- Finished seasonal water disconnections.
- Working with RCAP Solutions on “GPS-ing” all fire hydrants and related valves.
- Working with RCAP Solutions on photographing and “GPS-ing” all sewer manhole covers in our system.
- Working with Dirigo Engineering to pull and inspect all sewer manhole covers and inspect and document problem areas for future maintenance.
- Completed installation of new water service on Crest Street. Owner is thrilled to have clean water flowing from his taps. Water service installation complete, but not yet in

service at location of a new house planned next to the golf course and the last house in Bayside on Shore Road. Researching two possible new water services on Bluff Road for property owners with arsenic in their wells.

- Busy with regular water and sewer maintenance work and Dig Safe requests.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Many construction projects continue in the village. For example, work continues on a number of cottages on Broadway, North Avenue, the corner of George and Griffin, Main and George; George Street, Main Street, Bay Street, Cobe Road and Shore Road, and a new house is planned next to the golf course.
- All village lighting, except streetlights, have been converted to LED. Exploring what is involved in changing over the streetlights.
- 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 we expect from the engineer hired by the Town to assess shoreline erosion. 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 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**

- Recently did some minor pothole and road repairs on village 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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