

Northport Village Corporation
Village Agent Report
January 12, 2025 Board of Overseers Meeting

Recent activities

- Plowing and sanding village roads during recent snow events.
- Working on getting project estimates for the Board's January workshop.
- Organizing my files and paperwork – moving out 2024 files and preparing new files.

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.
- 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, the junipers around the basketball court and the shrubs around Merithew Square.
- 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 for the winter working with RCAP Solutions on photographing and “GPS-ing” all sewer manhole covers in our system; project will resume in better weather.
- Finished by part of the work with Dirigo Engineering to pull and inspect all sewer manhole covers and inspect and document problem areas for future maintenance.
- Regular water and sewer maintenance work and Dig Safe requests.
- Worked on emergency repairs on pump stations at 794 Shore Road and 792/790 Shore Road. Electrical heaters failed in two of the control boxes and a new electronic starter is needed in another. Emergency work handled by Treatment Plant Operator and me. Called Moore's Septic to pump out before sewage could back up into homes. Replacing all heaters. Called Stevens Electric to assess and order needed parts. We are watching the stations carefully as we wait for needed parts. Additional work is needed after the emergency repairs.

Miscellaneous

- We took delivery on a new generator. We received a grant from MMA Risk Management for the generator and will be reimbursed after we submit the paid invoice.
- 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

- 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
Bill Paige, Village Agent.