

**Northport Village Corporation
Village Agent Report
June 11, 2023 Board of Overseers Meeting**

Action requested

- **Basketball court and Main Street repair:** Instead of resurfacing the basketball court for a cost of about \$9400, recommend having a crack seal company fill the basketball court cracks and the lower Main Street crack with the rubber sealant used on highways. The estimate for this work is \$2,895. Recommend approving an amount not to exceed \$3,000 for this work with half (\$1447.50) coming out of roads maintenance budget (account code 6336) and half coming out of grounds general maintenance (account code 6333).
- **Needed electrical work:** Received the following estimates for needed electrical work:
 - Maintenance building: \$1300.61
 - Lab/water shed: \$954.76
 - Community Hall (meeting room, office and hallway): \$1350.08
 - Community Hall (upstairs stage area-to install proper wiring for fans added by Bayside Arts): \$936.18

If 2023 funds are available later in the year, request that the maintenance building electrical work be approved so that I will have light for maintenance work needed this fall and winter. The remaining work should be in the 2024 budget.

Parks

- Ruggles Park playground: Needed playground drainage work has not been done. Seeking cost estimate. Playground needs more chips – fabric showing through and grass growing up through chips. Need to fill areas under swings with crusher rock.
- Ruggles Park turf condition: Grass is looking better this spring. We still have places that will probably fill in over time. At this point, I believe it is time to release Farley’s performance bond.
- Bottom of Ruggles Park: Water running down the public walkway between 3 and 5 Park Row that washes silt and rocks down the side of the Park Row extension and around the corner of the boat ramp down toward the Bay. New catch basin that ties into the one further down will be installed this season. Spring maintenance will be done to clean up boat ramp.
- Ruggles Park: Looking into removing rotten stumps at some point in the future.
- Bayview Park and Auditorium Park: We lost some shoreline embankment at the bottom of these parks. Will need to have a soils engineer assess possible stabilization. See Infrastructure Committee report and grant application activities.
- All parks: Park benches need to be repositioned (close to existing locations) because they have settled. May need to fill holes when they are repositioned.

Wharf, floats and Ruggles Park seawall

- Dock: Art Hall volunteered his time to complete various wharf and causeway repairs mentioned in last month’s report.

- Annual wharf inspection by a marine engineer will happen in June.
- Scott Munroe completed minor float repairs before launch.
- Signage: Signage regarding swimming safety and fishing rules almost finalized. Will repaint the white line marking where jumping off the dock is ok before the season starts.
- Light on end of dock: The light is flickering on and off and probably needs to be replaced. Finally found an electrician willing to fix this
- Dock Building: Looking tired. Needs scraping and new paint. Gordon Fuller will recruit volunteers in NVC supplies the paint.

Roads

- Pleasant Street: Recent heavy rains resulted in “normal” washout. Plan to repair in the spring. Budgeted Pleasant Street repair work depends on contractor’s schedule.
- General road maintenance: regraded and fixed upper Clinton; regraded Bayview Park and Rogers Lane; will regrade upper Main; regraded Cobe Road and added gravel where needed to restore pitch. Minimal work needed on Pleasant until major work done this season. Some minor repair done to Pleasant Lane/Pleasant Street Walkway. Oak and West Streets and Park Row look ok. Plan to rent a roller to compact the regraded streets and they should hold up better in future rainstorms. Ditch on upper Main filled with leaves and may need to be cleaned out.
- 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.

Miscellaneous

- Trees and bushes: A dead tree on NVC property near Griffin/George Street and one at the top of Auditorium Park near the power lines should be taken down. The one on Auditorium Park will be expensive because it is near power lines and a crane must be used. Two dead bushes around the basketball court need to be removed. (See Parks and Trees action items.)
- Fence around the fire pond: The frost had picked up the concrete posts and the fence was falling over before the tree fell on it. Replacing the fence was on a “10-year plan” that was never funded. A temporary fix is no longer possible. The fence needs to be replaced as soon as possible for safety reasons. First estimate about \$20,000. Talking to another fence company. We may need to do a temporary fix or fix half of the fence.
- Fire hydrants: We are installing two new hydrants. Someone ran into the Shore Road hydrant and it needs to be repaired. Work scheduled for fall.
- Truck and sander: Sander has been repaired. I have ordered new blades for the snowplow (estimate \$800), and the plow will be serviced when the new blades arrive and are installed. Blades are backordered.
- I continue to field calls from private contractors working throughout the Village on current and planned projects in the Village.

- I continue to deal with various villagers with issues they want addressed.
- Cradle Row: Still waiting for Overseers' decision for a plan, money and new signage for planned future Cradle Row/Grove Street use.
 - Grove Street/Cradle Row Preparation for Parking: (1) First option, although better, is too expensive: 4' wide trench by 140' long filled with rock tailings; 12" of -2" gravel over everything, except first 40' from Clinton in because that area is in better shape and needs less gravel. \$9,000. (2) 4' x 140' 2' deep trench, filled with rock tailings and 6" of -2" gravel, except 4" of gravel over first 40' in from Clinton. \$6,800. (3) Same as option 2, except only 4" of -2" gravel throughout. Cars may sink down and this option may not last as long as other options. \$6,200. All options will direct water to the Pleasant Lane ditch. Estimates are out-of-date. Add 10%.

Village projects/needs on the near and far horizon with budget implications

- **Community Hall**: Paul Overgaag volunteered his time to install the new door. A few tweaks are still needed.
- **Inshore mooring block for the boat float**: The block will be replaced this season. It has been ordered; waiting for delivery. Rough estimate of replacement cost is \$3500.
- **Floats replacement**: It is still time to begin setting aside and saving money to replace the floats; they are starting to show their age.

Other Activities

- Working with CMP regarding pole replacements.
- Working with new lawn mowing contractor to make sure they understand what we want.
- Busy with plumbers getting water services turned on.
 - Seasonal water shut off issues: Seasonal water shut off starts Oct 15 and all seasonal water needs to be off by Nov 1.
 - Shutting off the water at the street (Village property/equipment) is prohibited unless authorized by Village Agent. Only the Village turns water on/off at the street.
 - Everything from the Village shut off at the street to the house and under/in the house is the homeowner's responsibility. The homeowner arranges with a plumber to drain the house, remove the water meter in or under the house and return the water meter to the Village for winter storage.
 - The water meters belong to the Water Department. The Village collects and stores them for the winter.
 - Seasonal water turn on for seasonal cottages begins May 1.
- Outfall pipe buoy: The sewer department's outfall pipe buoy is missing and must be replaced. Anticipated cost of \$3500 is in the department's 2023 budget for spring replacement.

Submitted by Bill Paige, Village Agent.