

CLERK'S REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE NORTHPORT VILLAGE CORPORATION

AUGUST 11, 2020

The Annual Meeting of the Northport Village Corporation was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in Ruggles Park with 121 registered voters present. The Clerk opened the meeting by reading the Call and Return on the Warrant. The Annual Warrant had been posted in five locations within the Village and in the newspapers. The Warrant and Clerk's report of the Annual Meeting, 2019, had been included in the Annual Report, which was published more than two weeks before the meeting.

Prior to the nomination of a Moderator, the Clerk asked that we take a moment to remember those family members, friends and neighbors who had passed away in the last year.

Robert Abersold
James Dean
Jimmy Dixon
James Kelly
Richard LaHaye, Jr.
Richard McKinnon
Shirley Rand
Peter Sampo
David Sinnott
Stephen Smith
William Talbott
Robert Witherill

John Spritz thanked Ned Lightner for setting up the sound for the meeting, Bill Paige, George Metcalf, Chris Lewton, Bill Haverty, Gordon Fuller, Stephen Wright, Jim Ross & Fred Lincoln for setting up the tables and chairs from Community Hall, in the Park prior to the meeting. He then led the villagers in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 1: To choose a Moderator, by written ballot, to preside at said meeting. Blair Einstein, representing the Nominating Committee, nominated Lee Woodward. There were no nominations from the floor. Lee Woodward was elected Moderator, by written ballot, of the Annual Meeting. The Moderator took the Oath of Office from the Clerk.

Woodward welcomed everyone to the 105th Annual Meeting of the Northport Village Corporation. He reminded those present that this was not a meeting of the Overseers' but was "their" meeting. He explained it was his duty to keep the order and make sure all the Articles were dealt with appropriately.

Article 2: President's Report

Moderator Woodward said he would entertain a motion to adopt the President's Report as printed. Judy Metcalf moved the Article; seconded by Cynthia Stuen.

President Spritz had a few reminders, first, the Clerk would swear-in the new Overseers' and Treasurer immediately following the meeting. Secondly, the next meeting of the Board of Overseers' would be Sunday, August 16 at 8:00 a.m via a Zoom call. Details for this call will be sent prior to Sunday's meeting. Thirdly, he again thanked everyone, who were noble and kind enough for their help setting up the Park for the meeting.

President, John Spritz thanked everyone for attending. Instead of commenting on his President’s report, on Page 15 of the Annual Report, he read a poem he had written, with apologies to Ogden Nash, for the Villagers.

The Moderator asked if anyone had any questions on the President’s Report or his poem. Hearing none. He asked for a vote to adopt the President’s Report as written.

VOTED – The report was overwhelming approved.

Article 3: Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer’s Report is on page 16 of the Annual Report. The Moderator said he would entertain a motion to adopt the Treasurer’s Report as written. Judy Metcalf made a motion that the Treasurer’s Report be approved as written., seconded by Cynthia Stuen.

The Moderator asked if anyone had any questions or comments on the Treasurer’s Report. Hearing none. He asked for a vote to adopt t he Treasurer’s Report as written.

VOTED – The report was overwhelming approved.

Article 4: To see what sums of money the Northport Village Corporation will raise and appropriate for the following accounts for the fiscal year 2021.

OVERSEERS PROPOSED BUDGET

Expenses

Total 6000 - Administration	\$ 24,138
Total 6199 – Employee Wages and Benefits	\$ 34,059
Total 6200 – Building and utilities	\$ 11,800
Total 6200 – Roads	\$ 22,800
Total 6400 – Community	\$ 62,470
Total 6500 – Protection and Safety	\$ 36,117
Total 6900 – Long Term Debt Service	\$ 65,554
Total 8200 – Capital Expense and Contingencies	<u>\$ 9,800</u>

Total Expenses \$266,738

Total Funds to be Raised \$266,738

The money will be raised as follows: \$25,000 will be requested from the Town of Northport as part of the warrants of the Town’s Annual Meeting. The NVC expects to raise \$5,800 other revenue (\$3,000 Utility rent, \$2,800 interest, the balance (\$232,238) is to be raised from the Village property tax,

If the \$25,000 warrant is not approved by the voters of the Town of Northport, \$263,038 will be raised from the Village property tax.

The Moderator said he would entertain a motion to adopt Article 4 as printed. Lisa Fryer made a motion that Article 4 be adopted as printed, seconded by John Spritz.

The Moderator asked if anyone had any questions or comments on Article 4. Treasurer, Steve Kazilionis, explained the article. Hearing no questions, the Moderator called for a vote on Article 4 as printed.

VOTED – Article 4 was adopted as printed.

Article 5: To see if the Northport Village Corporation will vote to appropriate and authorize a majority of the overseers of the Corporation to borrow on behalf of the Northport Village Corporation and/or expend funds from accumulated surpluses, a principal amount not to exceed \$232,238 in anticipation of 2020 taxes and to issue and sell for that purpose general obligation bonds or notes of the Northport Village Corporation, the proceeds to be used for the purpose of providing working capital for governmental activities of the Corporation, such bonds and notes to be issued upon such further terms or conditions as may be determined by a majority at least of the Overseers of the Northport Village Corporation.

Financial Statement

Total Village Indebtedness

A. Total bonds outstanding and unpaid as of 12/31/19	\$1,173,406
B. Total bonds authorized and unissued	\$ 952,000
C. Bonds to be issued if this article is approved	\$ 232,238
(NOTE: This bond would replace \$216,599 of the sum Included in line B)	<u>\$ (216,599)</u>
Total	\$2,141,045

COSTS

At an estimated rate of 1.0% for a term of one year, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$ 232,599
Interest	<u>\$ 2,236</u>
Total Debt Service	\$ 234,835

Validity

The validity of the voters’ ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not by reason of the variance.

Moderator Woodward said he would entertain a motion to adopt Article 5 as printed in its entirety. Judy Metcalf made a motion that Article 5 be adopted as printed, seconded by Jeffrey Wilt. The Moderator asked if there were any comments or questions on Article 5. Treasurer Kazilionis explained the article. Hearing no questions, the Moderator called for a vote on Article 5 as printed in the Warrant.

VOTED – Article 5 was adopted as printed.

Article 6: To see if the Northport Village Corporation will vote to authorize a majority of the Overseers of the Corporation to borrow on behalf of the Northport Village Corporation a principal

amount not to exceed \$500,000, and to issue and sell general obligation bonds or notes of the Northport Village Corporation for that purpose and/or to expend funds from accumulated surpluses (the combined borrowing and use of surplus funds not to exceed \$500,000), for replacement and repair of the Community Hall and Wharf as needed, repairs to utilities operated by the Village Corporation for reconstruction of shoreline damage to property owned by Northport Village Corporation or repairs of roads owned by the Corporation, such bonds and notes to be issued upon such further terms or conditions as may be determined by a majority of the Overseers of the Northport Village Corporation, and further to authorize the Overseers to accept and expend federal or state grants, execute any and all contracts and documents and take any and all actions necessary or convenient to issue the bonds or notes of the Northport Village Corporation and accomplish the Project.

Financial Statement

Total Village Indebtedness

A. Total bonds outstanding and unpaid as of 12/31/18	\$1,173,406
B. Total bonds authorized and unissued	\$ 952,000
C. Bonds to be issued if this article is approved Included in line B)	\$ 500,000. <u>\$ (500,000)</u>
Note: This bond would replace \$500,000 of the sum included in line B.)	
Total	\$2,125,406

COSTS

At an estimated rate of 4.0% for a term of 20 years, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$ 500,000
Interest	<u>235,813</u>
Total Debt Service	\$ 735,813

Validity

The validity of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue differs from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

The Moderator said he would entertain a motion to adopt Article 6, in its entirety, as printed in the Warrant. Jeffrey Wilt made a motion that Article 6 be adopted, in its entirety, as printed in the Warrant, seconded by Blair Einstein. Treasurer Kazilionis explained the article. Hearing no questions, the Moderator called for a vote on Article 6 as printed in the Warrant

VOTED – Article 6 was adopted as printed in the Warrant.

Article 7: To see if the Village will vote to use reserves to fund the 2021 interest payment on the \$1.6 MM Seawall bond in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. This bond was authorized at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

The Moderator said he would entertain a motion to adopt Article 7 as printed in its entirety. Mike Lannan made a motion that Article 7 be adopted as printed, seconded by Judy Metcalf. The

Moderator asked if there were any comments or questions on Article 7. Steve Kazilionis explained the Article. Hearing no questions, the Moderator called for a vote on Article 7.

VOTED – Article 7 was adopted as printed in the Warrant.

Article 8: To see if the Village will vote to authorize the use of up to \$43,000 of the proceeds of the \$1.6 million Bond Anticipation Note and Bond of the Village approved by the Village in Article 7 of the 2019 Village Meeting (the “Seawall Bond”) to improve drainage at the end of North Avenue per specifications in Bayside Seawall Improvements, (the “Contract”), a copy of which is on file with the Village Clerk.

The Moderator said he would entertain a motion to adopt Article 8, as printed in its entirety. Jeffrey Wilt moved the article, seconded by Judy Metcalf. The Moderator asked if there were any comments or questions on the Article. Mike Lannan explained the Article. Hearing no questions, the Moderator called for a vote on Article 8.

Voted – Article 8 was adopted as printed in the Warrant.

Article 9: To see if the Village will vote to authorize the use of up to \$211,000 of the proceeds of the Seawall Bond to repair the North Seawall per specifications in the Contract.

The Moderator said he would entertain a motion to adopt Article 9 as printed in the Warrant. Jeffrey Wilt moved the Article, seconded by Judy Metcalf, to adopt Article 9. The Moderator asked if there any comments or questions on Article 9. Mike Lannan explained the Article. Dan Webster asked for clarification. Steve Kazilionis explained the Article further. The amount our taxes would be raised would be \$30.00 for the next 29 years. Hearing no further questions, the Moderator called for a vote on Article 9.

VOTED – Article 9 was approved as printed in the Warrant.

Article 10: To see if the Northport Village Corporation will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$50,000, to be used for the purpose of purchasing a new Village Truck, and for the accomplishment of that purpose, to authorize a majority of the overseers of the Corporation to (a) expend funds from accumulated surpluses of the Village, (b) borrow on behalf of the Northport Village Corporation a principal amount not to exceed \$50,000 and to issue and sell for that purpose general obligation bonds or notes of the Northport Village Corporation, such bonds and notes to be issued upon such further terms or conditions, including as to callability, as may be determined by a majority at least of the Overseers of the Northport Village Corporation, or (c) to undertake a combination of spending from accumulated surpluses and borrowing to complete the purchase, provided that the total amount of spending and borrowing pursuant to this Article shall not exceed \$50,000.

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C. Bonds to be issued if this article is approved	\$ 232,238
(NOTE: This bond would replace \$216,599 of the sum Included in line B)	\$ <u>(216,599)</u>
Total	\$2,141,045

COSTS

At an estimated rate of zero % for a term of five years, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$ 50,000
Interest	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Total Debt Service	\$ 50,000

Validity

The validity of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not by reason of the variance.

The Moderator said he would entertain a motion to adopt Article 10, in its entirety, as printed in the Warrant. Jeffrey Wilt moved the Article, seconded by Mike Lannan. The Moderator asked if there Any comments or questions on Article 10. Seeing none, the Moderator called for a vote on Article 10.

VOTED – Article 10 was approved as printed in the Warrant.

Article 11: To fix a rate of interest on taxes delinquent after September 1, 2020 equal to that charged by the Town of Northport.

The Moderator said he would entertain a motion to adopt Article 11 as printed in the Warrant. Judy Metcalf moved the Article, seconded by Michael Tirrell. The Moderator asked if there were any comments or questions on Article 11. Judy Metcalf reminded everyone that if their taxes are not paid on time they would be subjected to a rate of interest set by the Town of Northport. Hearing no further comments or questions, the Moderator called for a vote on Article 11.

VOTED – Article 11 was approved as printed in the Warrant.

Article 12: To elect, by written ballot, a Treasurer for the NVC for a term of 3 years.

Moderator Woodward asked the Nominating Committee if there was a nominee for Treasurer for a three-year term. Blair Einstein, representing the Nominating Committee, nominated Gwendolyn Huntoon. There were no nominations from the floor. The Moderator asked the Committee to cast a written ballot for Treasurer for a three-year term. President Spritz thanked Steve Kazilionis for his years of service as an Overseer and Treasurer. This years Annual Report was dedicated to Steve . Please see page 3 of this year's report.

Article 13: To elect, by written ballot, 2 Overseers for the NVC for terms of 3 years.

Moderator Woodward asked the Nominating Committee if there were nominees for two Overseers' for a term of three years. Blair Einstein, representing the Nominating Committee, said there were four nominees for two positions:

Casey Brown, Fred Lincoln, Janae Novotny and Michael Tirrell.

The Moderator asked if there were any additional names to place into nomination.

He then asked each candidate to stand. Dan Webster thanked the Nominating Committee, Bill Cressey and Blair Einstein, for their Candidate Forum. Dan Webster said he would like to have the candidates, take a minute to introduce themselves. Lee Woodward asked that no Candidate have more than two minutes to explain, in their own words, why they wish to be elected. Each Candidate gave a brief introduction and bio.

Moderator Woodward asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he asked for a vote, by written ballot, for two Overseers' for three-year terms. The Moderator reiterated that the voters vote for only two Overseers', do not put three names on the Ballot. Any voter with a purple voting card is eligible to cast a ballot. He asked that no ballots be put into the Ballot Box until all voters have received a ballot.

Before the Moderator announced the two new Overseers' for three-year terms, John Spritz recognized the outgoing Overseer, Miles Frieden. "Miles has served very graciously this past year, serving on several committees, keeping us on our toes and has been a great Overseer. I just want to thank him for the service he provided."

Four Ballot Clerks were appointed: Carl & Colleen Oberg, Jim Facey & Laura Tubio. The two candidates elected, for three year terms, for Overseer were:

Janae Novotny
Michael Tirrell

Article 14 – Reports of Committees

Infrastructure – Mike Lannan's report is on pages 17-19 of the Annual Report.

Communications - Lisa Fryer's report is on Page 20 of the Annual Report.

Governance – Judy Metcalf's report is on Page 21 of the Annual Report.

Safety – Michael Tirrell's report is on pages 22-23 of the Annual Report.

Waterfront Safety – Jeffrey Wilt's report on pages 24-25 of the Annual Report.

Tree Committee – Lisa Fryer's report is on page 26 of the Annual Report.

Tree Warden – Victoria Matthews report is on page 27 of the Annual Report

Utilities – David Crofoot's report is on pages 28-29 of the Annual Report.

Village Agent – William Paige's report is on page 30 of the Annual Report.

Wharfmaster – Gordon Fuller's report is on pages 31-33 of the Annual Report.

Bayside Arts – John Woolsey's report is on page 34 of the Annual Report.

Bayside Historical Preservation Society – Joe Reilly's report is on pages 35-36 of the Annual Report.

Bayside Library - Jennika Lundy's report is on page 37 of the Annual Report.

NYC – Lisa Webster’s report is on pages 38-39 of the Annual Report.

ADJOURNMENT: The Moderator entertained a motion to adjourn. All in favor was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Einstein
Clerk, Northport Village Corporation