

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON/VILLAGE OF NORTHVILLE
JOINT YOUTH COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
May 20, 2021**

Chair Gritsavage opened the Northampton/Northville Joint Youth Commission Special meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 6:35 p.m. at 412 South Main Street, Northville, New York.

PRESENT: Town Board Councilman/Chairman-William Gritsavage
Village Trustees: Sue Sedon and Sue Eckert
Ken Adamczyk-Joint Youth Director
Village Treasurer: Nathaniel Matthews
Excused NCS Board Trustees: John Sira and Dean Shepard
Councilwoman Molly Zullo entered during the Beach discussion

RECORDING SECRETARY: Elaine Mihalik – Town Clerk

MINUTES

MOTION: Trustee Sue Eckert motioned to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021 Joint Youth Commission meeting as presented. Seconded by Trustee Sue Sedon and passed by A Vote of 3 Ayes: William Gritsavage, Sue Sedon, and Sue Eckert
0-Nays
0-Abstain
The Motion Carried

The question is, are we going to have the beach or not and the second portion of that is are we going to keep the gate open or closed stated Nathaniel Matthews?

You are only talking about \$2,000 worth of programs for the entire year, stated Nathaniel Matthews. With movies in the park and family ball, if that happens, the Easter egg hunt and the mini soccer. The beginning of the next program falls April, May and June of next year. Those are the programs that Ken was thinking he would run. If there is no beach and if you want to pay Ken full salary or month to month based on when programs are running. Nathaniel Matthews stated that it is up to the Joint Youth Commission.

If there is no beach and no gate then we can reduce the contributions from the regular amount down to 30 – 50 percent and still be very comfortable going into next year, explained Nathaniel Matthews. If we are going to run the beach, do the programs and salary it is going to be a very tight strain on the budget.

BEACH

Councilman William Gritsavage stated that this was discussed at the Town Board meeting and the Village of Northville Board has apparently made a decision. The decision is that the beach is going to be closed and that you are going to open the gate and the parking lot would be open. That is the decision that the Village Board made stated Trustee Sue Sedon depending what the Town of Northampton discusses. Did you discuss it as a Northville/Northampton HRB/BRRD beach permit because that is what the permit is in stated Trustee Sue Sedon?

It is pretty obvious that we are not going to have a beach program stated Councilman William Gritsavage. The question is whether or not this board endorses what the Town or Village has discussed.

The Town has referred the decision to the Joint Youth Commission members.

What the Village Board had stated was that it was contingent if the Youth Commission decides to close the beach the Village Board wanted to have the gate open even with the beach closed stated Nathaniel Matthews. With the proper signage stated Trustee Sue Sedon. If the Town Board had said no and then it would be closed stated Trustee Sue Eckert. Councilman William Gritsavage stated that he had spoken with the Town Attorney and the Attorney is concerned with the Towns liability and I know that the feeling of the Village is probably that is it bad to have the cars park out by the gate because it is dangerous. Is that the reason asked Councilman William Gritsavage? That was part of the discussion and it was felt that that was not part of our responsibility legally stated Trustee Sue Eckert. But it was in the best interest of everyone to be able to go down and utilize the beach by parking down there and then the Village crew would go clean every morning and the police will check there also. The police also check on the information booth because of the problems. Will the police be instructed to evict people that are for example: camping or drinking it was asked? Did they say that they would cover it? Nathaniel Matthews responded that they did. Councilman William Gritsavage asked even with the gate open. Nathaniel Matthews stated yes. I believe so stated Trustee Sue Sedon.

Nathaniel Matthews was asked if he spoke with the Insurance Company. He responded that he in talking with the Insurance agent it was stated, by leaving the gate open it changes with not having a beach operation. It changes the exposure to a water front exposure and therefore we would be covered. The insurance agent assured me that we would be covered and that he would put it in writing stated Nathaniel Matthews.

Discussion on the motion: My concern stated Councilwoman Molly Zullo, the Village is going to go over get the garbage and clean up the area. I respect the hard work that the highway crew does but last year it was hard for the crew to keep with the waterfront park. How would they keep up with the addition of the beach?

It was explained by Trustee Sue Sedon that last year they did not have the two extra workers.

MOTION: Sue Eckert motioned that we do not run the 2021 Beach program but that we leave the gate open. Councilwoman Molly Zullo seconded the motion and passed by

A Vote of 4 Ayes: William Gritsavage, Sue Sedon, Molly Zullo and Sue Eckert

0-Nays

0-Abstain

The Motion Carried

Councilman William Gritsavage mentioned that he is not crazy about the idea of opening the gate. But since we have been assured by the insurance company that we are covered, I don't have as much problem with it now.

EVENTS and SALARY

I will be here explained Ken Adamczyk and he will be doing movie night in the park and he will try to do other things as he can and he will be around for next year for the summer camp.

Ken Adamczyk felt we should start looking now and start advertising for a new director at some time next year and say that the job will start around March or April. I (Ken Adamczyk) will be around to train that person. They would be the Director and he (Ken Adamczyk) will be the Assistant Director and teach this person the whole process. The program hasn't been working for two summers and it is going to take some work to build it back up. How do we advertise for that? We need the job description for that position stated Councilman William Gritsavage. We shouldn't be discussing this right now. I am just mentioning this so that we can be thinking ahead explained Ken Adamczyk. There was discussion on possibly advertising in December for the position of an Assistant to lead into being a new Director.

Ken Adamczyk stated that he will be doing the 5K and he has mostly everything set up.

Nathanial Matthews asked if the Joint Youth Commission wanted to reduce the contributions from the Town of Northampton and the Village of Northville. The response was unanimously, no, we should keep it at full contribution.

Ken Adamczyk announced that he is doing movie night in Edinburg on June 4th with the PTO. As of June 1st, I (Ken) will be getting the movies such as oldies movies ie.. Grease, we will do the Harnessing Nature because the GSLA gave us that grant. I also told the GSLA that I would add something on safety on the lake and the history. We will be doing approximately 5 movies this summer.

Who takes care of the signage for the beach asked Trustee Sue Sedon? The Village usually orders them stated Nathanial Matthews. I will send you the correct verbiage from our Attorney and our insurance agent stated Nathanial Matthews.

ADJOURN: With no further business coming before the Joint Youth Commission Board, Trustee Sue Eckert motioned to adjourn and Trustee Sue Sedon seconded the motion and it passed by a
Vote of 4 Ayes: William Gritsavage, Sue Sedon, Sue Eckert and Molly Zullo
0-Nays
0-Abstain

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik
Town Clerk