

Village of Portville Board Meeting November 16, 2020

Present: Anthony Evans, Mayor
Joseph McLarney, Deputy Mayor
Vincent Pascucci, Trustee
Francisco Morales, Trustee
Kristen Harriger, Clerk/Treasurer
John Krist, Building and Codes
Dustin Long, DPW Supervisor

Absent: Michael Debarbieri, Trustee

Excused: Shawn Recktenwald, Chief of Police

Attendees: Jeff Latten
Val Latten
Syd Evans
Becky Johnstone
Bob Johnstone
Kay Anderson
Bob Fischer
Holly Fischer

Meeting opened with the pledge to the flag at _6:30__p.m.

MOTION: was made to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of October 19, 2020.

Joseph McLarney 2nd: Vincent Pascucci ALL AYES

MOTION: to approve Abstract #006 Voucher #186 - #230 in the amount of \$110,057.08

Vincent Pascucci 2nd: Francisco Morales ALL AYES

MOTION: was made to approve the financial statement through October 31, 2020.

Joseph McClarney 2nd: Vincent Pascucci ALL AYES

Justice Report – placed on file

Police Report – placed on file

New Police cruiser has been received. New officer Alison Crosson (PT) is now in the field on her own after training has been completed. Halloween went well no report of any misbehavior or problems.

DPW Report – placed on file

DPW Supervisor Dustin Long stated that they have been working on Christmas lights but volunteer help is always welcome. He thanked about a dozen citizen volunteers who helped with the lights last Saturday morning. The pad for the Brenda Fredrick Memorial has been poured and Crandall's Memorials will be placing the bench in a few days. Dedication will be coordinated by Mike DeBarbieri. New employee Tim Krzos (FT) is working very well with the DPW employees. Board member Joe McClarney asked if we have enough help to have a full time employee at the sewer plant as there have been problems in the past. Joe McClarney also stated that the board would like all DPW employees to have all certifications in the case that an employee is absent. Dustin stated that all employees will eventually be certified. Due to COVID the classes have been very limited so there is some catching up to do. Mayor Evans stated that in the Personal Policy all addition training comes with an incentive pay raise and charged Dustin as supervisor to stay on top of his employees getting up to speed. More blue Christmas lights have been ordered for Park display.

Attorney Report – Ben Smith. None

Mayors Report – Mayor Evans

Mayor met with NY State Park and Recreation regarding possible future funding Pfeiffer Nature Center.

Last Saturday Bob and Becky Johnstone, Bob and Holly Fischer, Syd and Tony Evans planted trees in the park to replace older trees which have died.

Mayor Evans flew an American flag out front of the Village on Friday October 30, 2020 in honor of William Stebbins graduation from Naval Basic Training in Great Lakes, Illinois. The Village also issued a Letter of Recognition to Seaman Stebbins.

Mayor Evans had a conference call with Matt Zarbo of Barton & Loguidace and with Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) in hopes that they will partner with the Village in conducting a grant necessary income and population study, to help with grant language and to assist in coordination of funding streams.

Catt Co Rep Joe Snyder reported that the County will match funding up to fifty thousand of Community Projects.

It has been rumored that the Community Bank NA in the Village of Portville will be closing and this is NOT true. In fact they are still looking to relocate the ATM and will propose new outside renovation on Main Street.

Mayor Evans spoke with Public Health Director Dr. Kevin Watkins this morning in regards to having the Lighting in the Park Ceremony Dr. Watkins stated it should not be advertised and kept as small as possible while still following COVID precautions. He also warned that in the event that someone contracted the virus and its was traced back to a Village sponsored event there could be a \$10,000 fine and further penalties from the Governor's office. It was decided by the Board that Santa will turn on the lights, but we will not have any refreshments, public singing and children will not be able to sit with Santa. Santa will not be coming in on the Fire Truck this year to avoid a crowd. There will be a Letters to Santa Drop Box placed at the Post Office for children to deposit letters to Santa.

The “Christmas Switch” will be thrown by Santa and Mrs. Claus at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 28th in a brief “countdown ceremony.”

PVFD Report -Chief Latten

Chief Latten expressed his appreciation for the continual community support. There will be a Virtual Gun Raffle on Sat., Nov 21st. Tickets may be purchased from any Fire Dept. member.

Codes Report -John Krist

Temple Street house has been demolished per Cattaraugus County Land Bank guidelines and the property is much improved.

Committees:

Animal Control -Bob Fischer. A new spay/neuter program for Portville has begun. A bank account at Portville Community Bank [under Friends of Portville 501-(C) 3] is now in place to assist community members with spaying and neutering cats. There has been a long-standing concern of over-population of cats in the community. Mayor Evans informed Bob that the Portville Police Dept. has acquired two “donations” (fines) to add to the fund; \$200 from the teens that vandalized the Christmas tree in the Gazebo and \$200 from an individual that was reprimanded for animal cruelty. Donations are welcome.

Audit Report -Deputy Mayor McLarney

Joe McLarney has completed the Annual Audit which is placed on file in the Village Office and may be viewed by anyone upon request. Mayor Evans asked if there should be an audit done by an outside firm Joe stated that it has not been done previously due to the cost of an outside firm can run up to \$10,000.000 and that the State is satisfied with Municipalities conducting internal audits. We may wish to think about such in the future.

MOTION: to approve Annual Audit of 2019

Vincent Pascucci 2nd: Francisco Morales ALL AYES

Resolution #018-20 BE IT RESOLVED, The Village of Portville does hereby adopt the General Codes Proposal

Motion: Joseph McLarney 2nd: Vincent Pascucci ALL AYES

Resolution #019-20 BE IT RESOLVED, The Village of Portville does hereby appoint Val Latten to the Portville Code Revision Committee

Motion: Joseph McLarney 2nd: Vincent Pascucci ALL AYES

Motion to adjourn the meeting at _8:00_pm.

Motion: Joseph McLarney 2nd: Vincent Pascucci **ALL AYES**

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen Harriger
Clerk/ Treasurer