

# Village of Portville Meeting Minutes November 15, 2021

**Present:** Anthony Evans, Mayor  
Joseph McLarney, Deputy Mayor  
Vincent Pascucci, Trustee  
Michael DeBarbieri, Trustee  
Mark Crosson, Police Chief  
Thomas A. Crosson, Treasurer  
Oriana Osgood, Clerk

**Excused:** Benjamin Smith, Attorney  
Francisco Morales, Trustee

**Attendees:** Chad Caldwell  
Syd Evans  
Becky Johnstone  
Bob Johnstone  
Cindy Wagner, Olean Times Herald

Meeting opened with 7-year old's Landon Crosson and Logan Crosson leading the Board members and Attendees in the pledge to the flag at 6:00 p.m.

**MOTION:** was made to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of October 18, 2021.

Michael DeBarbieri

2<sup>nd</sup>: Joseph McLarney

**ALL AYES**

**MOTION:** to approve Abstract #006 Vouchers 256-260, 262-266 and 269-299 in the amount of \$27,842.54.

Vincent Pascucci

2<sup>nd</sup>: Joseph McLarney

**ALL AYES**

## Mayors Report

- Couple of guests have been invited to speak about Disc Golf at the December 20, 2021, Board Meeting.
- Discussions with Treasurer and Clerk about the water bills and an incorrect penalty fee was discovered. The Village Law states that the penalty fee (after the due date) is 10% on Residents' water bill. Subsequently, because of a clerical error only 1% has been applied to the penalty fees on water bill amounts. Starting in the current quarter, October, November and December, the correct penalty fee (10%) will be applied to the water bills, one month after the water payment is due (February 1, 2022).
- High bid (just under \$40,000) has been offered on the Wellington Property. The property is in need of significant repair. Legislators, DPW and Mayor continue to discuss options of selling the property, allowing for Land Bank acquisition, condemning the property or for County Legislative approval/disapproval sell of the property. Further discussions will continue at the next Board Meeting.
- There is a seal bid on the Pine Street property. Motion was made by Vincent Pascucci to accept the seal bid. After discussions it was suggested to first advertise the Pine Street property in the Olean Times Herald and then have a resolution prepared for the next Board Meeting.
- Mayor Evans with Board member, Vincent Pascucci and DPW Supervisor, John Krist reviewed the Village Health Insurance for the full-time employees to start on December 1, 2021. Discussion was had on two potential new plans with BlueCross BlueShield (BCBS). BCBS Platinum Classic Plan and BCBS Gold Classic Plan with Employer/Employee split 70/30 or 80/20, respectively. Plans total cost would be as follows:

	Single Employer Cost Annually	Single Employee Cost Annually	Family Employer Cost Annually	Family Employee Cost Annually
BCBS Platinum Classic Plan (70/30)	\$5,474.70	\$2,346.30	\$15,603.00	\$6,687.00
BCBS Gold Classic Plan (80/20)	\$5,473.44	\$1,368.36	\$15,599.33	\$3,899.83

-Mayor Evans mentioned the NYS Opt-In/Opt-Out Marijuana Law, which must be done by December 31, 2021. Once a municipality opts in, they cannot opt out in the future and agree to all laws yet to be made. Opting out allows municipalities time for the laws to be created and can opt in at a later date. A Public Hearing Meeting on the issue will occur on the day of the next Board Meeting from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

-A suggestion to make parks a smoking free zone has been made.

- Christmas in the Park will be held on November 27, 2021, at 5 p.m. and will be small and abbreviated due to COVID concerns. Tim Hollamby will sing, and Mr. & Mrs. Claus will assist in turning on the lights. The Fire and Police Departments will escort.

- Judging for the Christmas house decorating contest organized by Tim Hollamby for the town/village of Portville will take place on December 1, 2021 and \$20 entry fee to benefit 'Colt 45'.

-Mayor Evans spoke about working fiercely on raising funds for the Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Act and the Water System Project.

**Justice Report** – full report placed on file.

**Comment:** Deputy Mayor Joseph McLarney has completed the Annual Audit for the Portville Justice Office. Once reviewed the Annual Audit will be submitted for the JCAP grant.

**Police Report** – full report placed on file.

Patrolled for a total of 185 hours for the period between October 19<sup>th</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Issued 13 traffic tickets, 11 Town and 13 Village.

Handled 25 calls for service, 12 Town and 13 Village. 3 Felony Complaints are under investigation (2 Grand Larceny and 1 Criminal Mischief).

Patrols covered 1 Junior High School Dance. No issues.

Patrol Assisted in escort of Girls Volleyball Team from Sectional Win.

1 Arrest was made for Harassment/Juvenile Arrest.

**Police Other Activity**

New Pistols were cancelled and re-ordered. Estimated time of arrival is 8 to 12 weeks.

Portville Central School will be hosting a Child Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic on November 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The school requested Police presence.

**DPW Report** -full report placed on file.

-John Krist, DPW Supervisor reported that the bucket truck has been purchased and received from Todd Shaw. DPW continues to put Christmas lights up in Pioneer Park and have been repairing some of the Christmas lights in the garage.

-The Village continues to borrow the leaf truck from Bolivar, per our Shared Services agreement. Picking up leaves and blowing leaves in the park continues until weather permits. DPW have placed new cutting edges on the sidewalk plow and the tractor should be ready to plow.

-DPW worked on the 2019 Ford plow and is getting it ready for winter. Once DPW completes using the 2019 Ford for hauling, work on installing the salter will begin. One of the DPW trucks is ready for snow removal and salt application.

-DPW is working on getting the Parks ready for winter.

-Work and maintenance continue at the Sewer Plant. The basket screen in the influent tank is repaired, additional lights to be able to see in the dark and a new control box have been installed. Work on fixing the influent pump controls continues.

-Continue work on locating manholes for the Sewer Project.

-Received DEC approval to begin removing sludge in blue silo.

-Work on water or sewer line break due to notification of a wet area on Court Street.

-Lillibridge Reservoir Road has been repaired and the ditch will need to be dug out.

-Due to an inadequate amount chlorine residual as a result of a water line leak, DPW installed a Hydrant Flusher. The flusher was placed on a Fire Hydrant on Temple Street. Plans to install a drain box under the flusher and work on plumbing it to another drain box.

-A request was made to dump Fibercell's production waste into Portville's Sanitary Sewer. DPW was informed that Fibercell has been recycling their production waste back into its holding tanks. Further discussion will continue.

**Village Attorney-Benjamin Smith, Excused**

**Old & New Business:**

Mayor Evans, Vincent Pascucci, Trustee and John Krist, DPW Supervisor have extensively reviewed the Personnel Policy. The Personnel Policy is now being reviewed by Attorney Benjamin Smith to ensure that it is in code with New York State Law. Further discussion will occur at the December 20, 2021, Board Meeting.

**RESOLUTION #019-21 Resolution Authorizing Submission of a New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grant Application**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Portville wishes to apply to the New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act grant for a Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Project.

**WHEREAS**, the grant application requires approval from governing board for submission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Portville authorizes the submission of a New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant application for a Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Mayor is hereby authorized to submit the (WIIA) grant application on behalf of the Village, and to execute any agreements, instruments or other documents in connection with the Village's acceptance of any such grants and/or the funding thereof; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

I, Oriana Osgood, Village Clerk of the Village of Portville do hereby certify that the Village Board of the Village of Portville adopted the aforementioned resolution on November 15, 2021 by the following vote:

	Aye	Nay
Anthony Evans, Mayor	—√—	_____
Joseph McLarney, Deputy Mayor	—√—	_____
Vincent Pascucci, Trustee	—√—	_____
Francisco Morales, Trustee	<u>Absent</u>	_____
Michael DeBarbieri, Trustee	—√—	_____

Dated: November 15, 2021

Oriana Osgood, Village Clerk

**Motion:** Michael DeBarbieri

2<sup>nd</sup>: Vincent Pascucci **ALL AYES**

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