

Village of Portville Meeting Minutes July 19, 2021

Present: Anthony Evans, Mayor
Vincent Pascucci, Trustee
Michael DeBarbieri, Trustee
Joseph McLarney, Deputy Mayor
Kristen Harriger, Clerk/Treasurer
John Krist, DPW Supervisor
Mark Crosson, Police Chief

Excused: Francisco Morales, Trustee
Ben Smith, Village Attorney

Attendees: Crystal Torrey
Syd Evans
Becky Johnstone
Bob Johnstone
Bob Fischer
Holly Fischer

Meeting opened with the pledge to the flag at _6:00__p.m.

MOTION: was made to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of June 21, 2021.

Joseph McLarney 2nd: Michael DeBarbieri **ALL AYES**

MOTION: to approve Abstract #002 Voucher #59 - #107 in the amount of \$76,623.08.

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

MOTION: was made to approve the financial statement through June 30, 2021.

Vincent Pascucci 2nd: Michael DeBarbieri **ALL AYES**

Justice Report - placed on file

Police Report - Chief Mark Crossan reported he has hired two new part-time patrol officers -Mandi Douthit and Austen Darcy.

Weapons range training was held at the Olean Dempsey Club range on Saturday, July 17. Franklinville Police Chief Mark Slavinski is a certified range instructor and firearms repair/ armorer. He has agreed to teach the State mandated firearm course to the Portville Police Department at no cost to the Village.

We are currently still in the process of completing our TRACS/ New MDT installations in both patrol vehicles. This is a huge improvement over the old equipment.

Two (2) new patrol radar units have been purchased and are expected to arrive in mid-August.

Chief Crossan has been working with DCJS daily to correct any “out of compliance” issues.

Mayor Evans and Police Chief Mark Crossan have met with Town of Portville Supervisor Tim Emley and have agreed on the following

-Town agrees to pay Village \$7500 for the Police Department to contract for Police Services

-Town agrees that no personnel, patrol hours, equipment or cars be added to the Police Department

-Town agrees that the Portville Police will respond to all calls for service in the Town. However, the Portville Police will not be the primary investigating agency for that call for service, if possible.

-Town agrees that the Village of Portville is the sole supervising agency of the Portville Police Department

-Town agrees that village calls for service will take priority over Town calls. (routine calls, not emergency calls)

-DCJS has no issue and or fees associated with this contract

-Town/ Village agrees that a one (1) year contract would be the most appropriate length of the contract due to all of the unknowns.

MOTION: was made to approve the agreement of Patrol between the Village and Town of Portville

Joseph McLarney

2nd: Vincent Pascucci **ALL AYES**

DPW Report -John Krist reported that the DPW has been mowing through out the Village. They will be paving both Temple and Lillybridge, and a portion of Mersereau. John also stated he has the Wellington well up and running. He has sent samples to the County for analysis and approval prior to putting the well into use. The DPW has been cleaning out ditches and the dump site on Lillibridge. The catch basins and drains on Temple St. have been replaced. Joe McLarney requested that the icicle lights be removed from the pavilion at Lyman Baker park. Mayor Evans supported the request. DPW has replaced the flagpole lights with LED lights. John Krist has received assessments on the properties previously agreed upon by the board for sale. The Pine St./ Mersereau lot was assessed at \$20,000 and the Maple/Lillibridge lot was assessed at \$1,000. The DPW is working to add hot rod readers to all the village meters to make meter readings faster and with more detailed information on water usage. The Board approved the purchase of additional hot rods. DPW has allowed individuals to empty their campers at the sewer plant for a fee. John Krist has requested to start work on the Christmas lights to sort what we have and order replacements. DPW is also selling water to DEC and Aquarius.

Clerk Report -The fund balance has increased substantially due to the receipt of a \$700,000 BAN as well as the receipt of seasonal property tax income. The Village has received notification from NYS Division of the Budget that the village is to receive \$96,835.00 from ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to be paid out in two parts over 2021 and 2022.

Mayors Report – The General Code Committee is not back to full capacity due to COVID. Mayor Evans has been working with Barton & Loguidice on a grant that may cover up to 80% of the project costs. Mayor Evans also, is working with Rep. Tom Reed of the U. S. House Appropriations committee on grant funds. Mayor Evans stated that the community yard sale and clean up day went well. There will be a Community Night Out with Lutheran Church on August 3, 2021. Mayor Evans announced New York State Urban Forest Council awards funds of \$1000 to communities for tree restoration projects. The Mayor stated his hope to have Portville achieve designation as a “Tree City”. To achieve that, the Village will need a Tree Board, Tree Ordinance, Tree budget line, and an annual Arbor Day event. He suggested the possible involvement of the Garden Club in this effort. Mayor Evans will be inviting our County Legislature representatives to attend a board meeting to talk about what they are doing that affects our area and ask what funds might be available for our community. Mayor Evans has also spoken with Judge Judy McClain about possible grant money to renovate the court room.

MOTION: was made to approve the requirement of all payroll to be direct deposit as of August 13, 2021

Anthony Evans

2nd: Joseph McLarney **ALL AYES**

MOTION: was made to approve all Dusenbury Funds to be deposited into Repair Reserve Fund as well as park rental fees. The account will be established at \$10,000.00.

Joseph McLarney

2nd: Michael DeBarbieri **ALL AYES**

Old & New Business:

Bob Fischer thanked Chief Mark Crossan and the Village Police Dept. for their community patrol agreement with the town. He commented that this issue has been discussed in the past with no resolution. Bob also suggested that the date of the cleanup day be determined as early as possible, so it

can be printed in the Village Events Booklet well in advance of the event. Bob gave the Village Board the land survey of the Pine St Cemetery. Holly Fischer is continuing work with DEC Environmental Park. Progress has been slow, but she is continuing the project. Impact Internet has provided Pioneer and the Little League Parks with wifi. They have requested signage in the park. The board discussed various signage alternatives, but left the decision up to Bob Fisher and his committee.

Crystal Torrey, den mother of Troop 631, asked the Board to consider allowing the troop to have an overnight in Pioneer Park on a weekend night. The board approved the request and asked that a particular date be proposed and approved by the Village Clerk.

Motion to enter into executive session at __7:21__pm

Motion: Joseph McLarney 2nd: Vincent Pascucci **ALL AYES**
Executive session adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at _7:37___pm.

Motion: Mike DeBarbieri 2nd: Vince Pascucci
ALL AYES

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen Harriger
Clerk/ Treasurer