

Village of Portville Public Hearing Meeting Minutes September 20, 2021

Present: Anthony Evans, Mayor
Joseph McLarney, Deputy Mayor
Vincent Pascucci, Trustee
Michael DeBarbieri, Trustee
John Krist, DPW Supervisor
Frank Morales, Trustee (Call-In)
Mark Crosson, Police Chief

Excused: Ben Smith, Attorney

Attendees: Syd Evans
Becky Johnstone
Bob Johnstone
Bob Fischer
Holly Fischer
Chad Caldwell
Judy McClain

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 August 16, 2021.

Michael DeBarbieri

2nd: Joseph McLarney **ALL AYES**

MOTION: to approve Abstract #004 Voucher #154 - #208 in the amount of \$49,365.33.

Joseph McLarney

2nd: Vincent Pascucci **ALL AYES**

MOTION: was made to approve the financial statement through August 31,2021.

Joseph McLarney

2nd: Vincent Pascucci **ALL AYES**

Mayor's Report

-On Saturday, August 21, Mayor Evans attended the Don Jordan Memorial Service and Bench Dedication at the Baseball Fields. At least two hundred were in attendance.

-On Wednesday, September 15, Mayor Evans hosted a service to honor and celebrate Portville Veteran, Chuck Lucas. Mr. Lucas was awarded the Vietnam Agent Orange Heart Medal and received Proclamations from the NYS Senate and Assembly.

-With regards to the Portville Police Department recent article in the Olean Times Herald which stated that the Police Department will now patrol both the Village and Town of Portville, Mayor Evans mentioned that the article received high praises and that he is well pleased with the work of Chief Crosson and the caliber of the new PT hires.

-The search for a Part-Time Treasurer position for the Village Office continues.

-A Fall Portville Garbage Cleanup Day is scheduled for Monday, October 18. The cost is \$25.00 and a sign up sheet is also available at the Village of Portville Office.

-American Rescue Plan Act. We are waiting to hear how the monies can be applied. Our allotment is just over \$97K.

-The Mayor also discussed the 1 Wellington Dr. property which he is encouraging the County to refer to the Land Bank for possible demolition as a sewer line runs directly under the dilapidated house.

-There was discussion on possible plans to celebrate Christmas at Pioneer Park for 2021 initially set for Saturday, November 27, 2021.

RESOLUTION #014-21:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and newly appointed Arbor Day/Tree Committee has made application to the NYS Urban Forestry Council for a Quick Start Grant (\$1,000), in hopes of Portville eventually being designated as a "Tree City, USA" site,

BE IT RESOLVED The Village Board approves said application, Tree Committee appointments and Mayoral Proclamation designating, Saturday, October 16, 2021, as Arbor Day in Portville, NY, where at 10:30 a.m. there will be an Arbor Day Program and Planting in Pioneer Park.

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

Note: The Mayor successfully applied to NYS Urban Forestry Council for a Quick Start \$1,000 Arbor Day grant which will allow the Village to purchase four trees (two Red Maples, two Swamp Oaks at \$275 each) and the village will need to kick in a few dollars to pay for them. They will be purchased through Pleasant Valley Greenhouse and will replace the aging trees in the park. The newly appointed Tree Board will consist of Bob Johnstone, President, Johneta Wilson, Anne Sutter, Syd Evans & Beverly Jones. Hopefully this will pave the way for a “forestry plan” for the Village and move us toward Tree City, USA status.

Justice Report – report placed on file.

RESOLUTION #015-21 to approve Deputy Mayor Joseph McLarney to audit the Village Court.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board acknowledges and approves the required financial audit examination of the Village Court by Budget Officer Joseph McLarney, along with Village and Court Clerks (approved by Judge and Mayor) and that said Audit be completed and submitted by the October deadline (which fall **prior** to the next Board Meeting of October 18, 2021).

Motion: Frank Morales 2nd: Vincent Pascucci **ALL AYES**

Police Report – full report placed on file.

As transcribed via Village of Portville Police Chief Mark Crosson

Police Chief Crosson remains on light duty and hopes to return to full duty soon. Portville Police patrolled for a total of 31 hours for the period between August 16th and September 20th.

Issued 5 traffic tickets

Handled 10 calls for service, 5 Town and 5 Village

Patrols covered 2 football games on the 17th and 24th No issues

2 of these calls were overdose calls. 1 suicide attempt and 1 was accidental heroin overdose

No arrests were made however a violation is pending

Other Activity

2 new patrol rifles arrived and are deployed in each patrol car

New pistols have not arrived yet

Friday is Portville's homecoming football game at 7pm vs Allegany

Saturday is Homecoming Dance we will have 2 officers at each event

Wednesday, Sept 22nd Chief Crosson will be attending the Chief of Police Association meeting in Little Valley

Chief has been cleared by DCJS to submit reports/fingerprints etc.

Workplace Violence training was disseminated to all Officers

New Identifications are in the works

An anonymous donor gave PD \$420 to purchase new Police badges. Thank you!

DPW Report -John Krist, DPW Supervisor requested to purchase a used bucket truck from Todd Shaw for \$6,000.

Mike DeBarbieri moved and Vincent Pascucci seconded. This was unanimously approved by the Board.

John reported that all four pumps are currently working at the sewer plant. Tomorrow, he will be mailing out sewage samples to a lab in Indiana, per DEC. The lab in Syracuse no longer tests for DEC recommendations, therefore a new lab was found that does. Once John receives the lab results, he hopes to empty the blue silo. Discussion took place regarding how to pay for this postage, which was estimated at about \$100. John was encouraged to use his own money and submit the receipt for reimbursement, as the Village does not have a credit/debit card. This brought up a discussion regarding Petty cash and more money may need

to be kept on hand for situations such as this. John shared that the new water reader system has been received and all DPW staff will be trained on it next week. The salt truck and wing plow have been installed on one of the trucks in preparation of winter, the DI (drain Boxes) have been cleaned to be free of leaves and they have continued with street sweeping.

Summer help has been cleaning the garage and pulling weeds at Sewer Plant. The power and gas will be on in the Fichtner Building, which has been cleaned out. Railings on Main Street steps in front of Hair Salon and Subway have been repaired and replaced.

Mike DeBarbieri discussed the amount of trash throughout over the Village Streets, especially on trash day. Local law states that trash must be put in a plastic/metal trash bin with a lid and some folks are putting bags/boxes to the curb, which is then blown or broken open by animals/birds. Mike will contact Casella to inquire if they will provide trash containers to residents who need them.

Old & New Business:

Public Hearing/Announcement

Mayor Evans called Public Hearing to order.

- Intent to File an Application with USDA, Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service

The Village of Portville intends to file an application for funding consideration with USDA, Rural Development, NYS Revolving Fund, etc.

The Village of Portville proposes to upgrade the municipal wastewater treatment facility and gravity collection system, which serves the Village of Portville and a few outside users. The system has not been upgraded since the mid-1980's and several critical assets have exceeded their design and service life. The 2019 American Communities Survey estimates the Total Population of the Village to be 983.

The engineering estimated probable cost for the recommended capital improvement plan is \$11,340,000. This is based on a preliminary engineering report (PER) prepared for the Village by Barton & Loguidice in late 2020. Funding for the PER was provided by grant funds from the NYS

Office of Homes and Community Renewal (NYSHCR) and the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC).

In addition to USDA Rural Development, the Village is applying for funding through the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF), administered by EFC. The Village also intends to apply for grant funds through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, administered by NYSHCR, and through the Water Infrastructure and Improvement Act program.

RESOLUTION #016-21: BE IT RESOLVED The Village of Portville hereby approves the submission of the applications through RCAP with USDA, Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service, et. al.

Mayor Evans requested public comments or questions three separate times. There were none.

Michael DeBarbieri

2nd: Joseph McLarney

ALL AYES

RESOLUTION #017-21 JCAP GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Village Justice requests to submit a New York State Office of Court Administration 2021-2022 Justice Court Assistance Program Grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Village assert that said grant application shall prioritize first to include, but not limited to the purchase and installation of an HVAC system, with the grant amount being requested as \$30,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board of the Village of Portville resolves to authorize the Village Mayor to review and amend at his discretion the recommendations within and the approval of said grant application.

BE IT RESOLVED The Village of Portville hereby approves the submission of the JCAP Grant submitted from the Village of Portville Court

Joseph McLarney

2nd: Vincent Pascucci

ALL AYES

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm.

Motion: Vincent Pascucci

2nd: Michael DeBarbieri

ALL AYES

Next Board Meeting: Monday, October 18, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen Harriger
Clerk/Treasurer