Village of Portville

January 22, 2024

**Present:** Anthony Evans, Mayor

Joseph McLarney, Deputy Mayor

Ronald Lott, Trustee

Michael DeBarbieri, Trustee

Andy Lee, Trustee

Annette Seybert, Clerk

Tom Crosson, Treasurer

Andy Hall, DPW

**Attendees:**

Bob Fischer

Syd Evans

Bob Johnstone

**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 December 18, 2023.

**Motion:** Mike DeBarbieri **2nd:** Andy Lee

**MOTION:** to approve Abstract #08, Vouchers #1320-#1348, #28

and #29, &#293 -#295 in the amount of $44,467.48

**Motion:** Joe McLarney **2nd**: Andy Lee

**Mayor’s Report –**

It was very nice and a quiet Holiday Season in the Village. The Village, businesses and homes looked festive and inviting! Good job everyone!

We continue to receive good news regarding our grant applications for the Water and Sewer Infrastructure Projects. There are always meetings, documentation and discussions taking place “behind the scenes and under the radar “as we continue to move forward. We will be meeting soon with our engineers to discuss next steps.

The Portville Community Association (formally Portville Business Association) continues to progress as it was designed, now through Committees, all of which now have chair people. It is expected that there will emerge from these groups and those coordinated by Sarah Swinko of Southern Tier West (STW) any number of new applications, funding opportunities and coalitions. Next meeting is a JCC Business School “Pop-Up” event, at the Portville Free Library on Feb. 13th 4:00-5:30. All are invited, help spread the word.

Southern Tier West (STW) will be sponsoring a “Municipal Training Day” at Houghton College on Thursday June 6, 2024. This is a good learning opportunity for Board Members, Clerk and Treasurer, Dept Heads and Mayor. The Village will cover all costs for staff.

There have been department head staff meetings and we have been poring over the soon to be adopted Personnel Policy. As you are aware, these things are cumbersome and complicated but great progress is being made. A draft has been distributed to the Board of Trustees for review.

**Justice Report –** Full Report placed on file.

**Police Report –** Full Report placed on file.

**Code Enforcement Report –** Full report placed on file**.**

**DPW Report –** Full Report placed on file.

**General Codes Committee** – Bob Fischer reported on several events that are in the mix concerning the greater Portville Community. Updates will soon follow concerning the Severe Weather Plan, Streets Policy, along with the updated Portville Business Community booklet for 2024.

**Old and New Business** - An inquiry regarding a proposed sonogram of the Pine Street Cemetery was aired as it is important to know the whole layout because of digging projects that are coming up in the future with sewer and water lines. Bob Fischer is looking into this.

A Motion was made to adjourn at 7:00 PM

**Motion:** JoeMcClarney **2nd** Mike DeBarbieri **Ayes** All

**Next Board Meeting will be held on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**