

Village of Portville

Board Meeting

March 21, 2022

Present: Joseph McLarney, Deputy Mayor
Vincent Pascucci, Trustee
Michael DeBarbieri, Trustee
Francisco Morales, Trustee
Mark Crosson, Police Chief
John Krist, DPW Supervisor
Thomas Crosson, Treasurer
Oriana Osgood, Clerk

Excused: Anthony Evans, Mayor

Attendees: Bob Johnstone
Becky Johnstone
Melinda DeYoe
Gene Rogers

Meeting opened with the pledge to the flag at 6:01 p.m.

MOTION: was made to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of February 22, 2022.

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

MOTION: to approve Abstract #010 Vouchers #1, #226, #416-#453 in the amount of \$48,886.03

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

MOTION: was made to approve the Treasurer's Report through January 31, 2022 and February 28, 2022.

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

Mayor's Report read by Deputy Mayor, Joseph McLarney – Full report placed on file.

- Grants/ Applications: Recent RCAP one (1) hour "Portville Case Study" to Congress Report went well. Representative Thomas Reed announced a \$3,500,000 federal grant for our Sewer Treatment Project! The Mayor intends to invite Representative Reed to come to Portville for a "Town Hall" meeting in the near future.

Continuing to work on four additional grants/applications, most recently with NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and USDA Rural Opportunities and with our bankers and attorneys on a renewal of the BAN.

- The County Department of Aging has asked the Mayor to prepare a Proclamation that celebrates Older Americans Act. Chief Crosson will fill in for Mayor Evans at the Mason Lodge Luncheon on Wednesday, May 23rd.

- The Mayor and Town Supervisor Tim Emley continue to have on-going discussions regarding cost savings and shared services.

- The Mayor has verbally accepted (with regret) DPW Superintendent John Krist's verbal resignation notification of last week and asked that such be placed in writing two weeks prior to his intended April 1st final workday. He will also resign as Code Enforcement Officer.

The Mayor has met with John on at least two separate occasions following to ensure a smooth transition and to his credit, John has agreed to be "as helpful as I can be; no hard feelings" as we move forward. It is anticipated that Deputy Superintendent Tony Aloï will be asked to move into the "Acting Superintendent" role at least in the interim. Mayor Evans has written and submitted a three (3) day ad in the OTH seeking applications for the Code Enforcement Officer position.

- Mayor Evans will be returning and be available on Friday, March 25th. Village questions should be referred to the office or to Deputy Mayor, Joseph McLarney.

Deputy Mayor Report – The Deputy Mayor gave a heartfelt thank you to the DPW Supervisor, John Krist and that his work was greatly appreciated and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

Justice Report - Full report placed on file.

Police Report - Full report placed on file.

- Patrol issued 10 Traffic Tickets; 5 in the Town and 5 in the Village
- Handled 18 calls for service. 14 in the Town and 4 in the Village

Other Activity

- On Monday, March 14th met with Superintendent Simon and was advised that the Portville Central School (PCS) would not consider the Portville Police Department for a School Resource Officer Position and have already agreed with terms of with the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Office. I am very disappointed as I believe that our Agency could easily handle all that the School needs from the position.
- Officer Austen Darcy will be off due to surgery. Not PPD related.

The Police Department is in need of some equipment

- AED: \$1,500 - \$2,000 per Unit. Continued work on Grants for this.
- Body cameras/tasers/axon - \$150 per Officer per month (this covers training and new Units every 5 years and Liability Insurance)
- Stinger Type System for pursuits - \$500 - \$800 per Unit

Code Enforcement Report – One (1) permit for generator installed on Goss Avenue.

DPW Report – Full report placed on file.

2011 F-450 repaired and inspected.

Working on replacing rotted floor of 08 F-550 to reduce cost of repair.
Updated estimate was requested at the Portville Truck for repairs.

Cold patching Elm Street water repair as needed and other potholes.

Replaced fire hydrant on Brooklyn Street and the corner of Main and Maple.

Continued maintenance on mowers, picking up branches in parks, snow removal as needed and work sewer plant issues. Case backhoe service was completed.

Mazza started to work on Court air conditioning and began electrical work.

After high winds water reservoirs were inspected. On the North well interior the double layer of the osb floor is badly damaged and is not safe to stand on.

Lillibridge culvert pipe became plugged during one of the rainstorms. The culvert will need to be replaced. Portville residents have mentioned that this has been a problem for years.

Repaired water meter on Court Street. Continued working on installing hot rod meters (installed approximately) and the AMR Mi Net System.

General Committee Codes – Deputy Mayor mentioned that Bob Fischer is continuing to work on the Committee Codes and Heritage Days Celebration.

Old & New Business – Michael DeBarbieri and John Krist will work together on returning office keys and any other information needed.

Continued discussions on Portville Pioneer Park Gazebo in need of repair. DPW can possibly repair basic structural issues. Request for proposal will be further discussed.

Public Comment: Gene Rogers spoke of the snow from the plowing of nearby sidewalk that obstructed his driveway and is hoping that it does not happen in the future. DPW mentioned that the issue was addressed and taken care of. The Village Resident seemed pleased with the outcome.

**RESOLUTION #002-22 TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN THE
COMMUNITY BANK ACCOUNTS**

Resolved:

1. That the transfer of \$168,005.74 to correct previous errors in the Audit Findings done by Brian McIlroy (Special Auditor suggested by Williamson Law Book Company), is approved as follows:

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
HA200 (Capital Project)	A200 (General Fund)	\$168,005.74

Moved by: Francisco Morales **2nd:** Michael DeBarbieri **ALL AYES**

Motion to Enter Executive Session:

Motion to Enter into Executive Session at 6:43 p.m.

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

Motion to Adjourn Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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

A Public Hearing Meeting will be held on: Monday, April 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Next Board Meeting will be held on: Monday, April 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Oriana Osgood, Clerk