

Village of Portville

Board Meeting

March 20, 2023

Present: Anthony Evans, Mayor
Joseph McLarney, Deputy Mayor
Vincent Pascucci, Trustee
Thomas A. Crosson, Treasurer
Mark Crosson, Police Chief
Andrew Hall, DPW Supervisor
Oriana Osgood, Clerk

Excused: Michael DeBarbieri, Trustee
Francisco Morales, Trustee
Benjamin Smith, Village Attorney
Ed Jennings, Code Enforcement Officer

Attendees: Ellie Strade
Michaela Rhodes
Samantha Proctor
Chad Cadwell
Becky Johnstone
Bob Johnstone
Sarah Swinko
Bob Fischer
Holly Fischer
Sydney Evans
Matthew Reisman

Meeting opened with the pledge to the flag at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Evans welcomed three senior students, Ellie Strade, Michaela Rhodes and Samantha Proctor from Government classes to the Village Board Meeting.

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MOTION: was made to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of February 21, 2023.

Motion: Joseph McLarney

2nd: Vincent Pascucci **ALL AYES**

MOTION: to approve Abstract #010, Vouchers #15, #262-264, #915-952 in the amount of \$40,735.61

Motion: Vincent Pascucci

2nd: Joseph McLarney **ALL AYES**

Mayor's Report

- Met with US Rep. Nick Langworthy in Mayor Aiello's office on 2/23/23.
- Testified on behalf of RCAP (Candace Balmer) before Congress committee on 3/3/23.
- Led a Dept Head/Staff meeting on 3/7/23.
- Our NYSDEC WQIP (Water Quality Improvement Program) grant was denied citing that our proposal is not in sync with newly updated specs. We are protesting and asking for a recap interview.
- Participated on 3/5/23 with Andy Hall, Syd Evans and Event Hosts Michelle Van Sickle and Cheri George, in Planning call re. Heritage Days are set for the weekend of July 15, 2023.
- On 3/16 met with representatives from Five Star Bank regarding possible transfer of accounts.
- Wrote letters of support to local American Legion regarding building plans and protest to Community Bank for closing Portville branch in spite of their promises to maintain a "presence" in Portville and our pledges to help improve the property.
- Tree Committee Chair Bob Johnstone and Mayor will be attending the Tree City Ceremony in Baldwinsville on Thursday, 3/23/23.
- Mayor traveled to LV BOE to pick up Election Day materials on 3/20/23.
- Actively working with STW on "Source Water Protection" and "Climate Smart Communities."

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-Mayor Evans introduced special guest Sarah Swink, Community Sustainability Planner from Southern Tier West. Sarah Swink gave a presentation on the drinking water “Source Protection Plan” and “Climate Smart Communities.” Handouts were distributed to Board Members. Sarah Swink mentioned having the plan completed by May 2023.

Justice Report - Full Report placed on file.

Police Report - Full Report placed on file.

- We are still waiting for the body camera grant from NYS.
- The Department remains short of police officers. Search for staff to work is on-going – this is a nationwide issue.
- Discussed replacing police vehicles prior to having the Village spend high costs in maintenance for the vehicles.

Code Enforcement Report - Full Report placed on file.

DPW Report - Full Report placed on file.

1. Fixed the computer problems with the South Well.
2. Conducted a survey to determine the ages of the fire hydrants. Shared findings with engineers at B&L. B&L were able to quickly make up a digital map for our records.
3. Survey revealed leaking Hydrant on Pine/Mersereau (one of the oldest hydrants circa 1907-1914). DPW was called in to dig but the shut off did not work. This will require DPW to temporarily shut down all of Pine and Mersereau.
4. Tested the five hydrants on the school property for a School Fire Inspection.
5. First Quarter water meter readings completed.
6. DPW Superintendent had discussions with Chris Crawford (CCHD) regarding the upcoming Lead Pipe Survey.

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7. Daily testing of public water supply from the NW, SW and WWTF. Daily testing of levels and Bi-monthly sampling done. DMR's (Discharge Monitoring Reports) were submitted to DEC. Annual Report of Biosolids Composting/Other Processing were completed and submitted. In addition, WWTF Design, Planning and Flow Annual Certification were completed and submitted. Working on monthly DMR's.
8. Continued regular maintenance and cleaning of screens/filters.
9. DPW Superintendent mentioned that currently only one pump is functioning properly. An estimate for repair/work with Koester has been approved. Due to the high flow at this time of the year, weather conditions and only one pump running correctly, receiving septage from LaFever & Sons has been paused.
10. DPW worked on sewer emergency on South Main. There was a very bad section of pipe between Canada Land Surveying and Portville Dentist. DPW was able to free the clog and stop the back-up temporarily again. Last Fall DPW dug and replaced 20 feet of pipe in that area.
11. Worked on and finished water project in DPW Building. Hoses now run from the ceiling making washing and maintenance much more practical. It is also now available for our Police Department to wash vehicles.
12. DPW removed Christmas lights from Lyman Baker Park and from trees along main street. DPW continues to investigate having Electrical work done at Pioneers Park.
13. Continued snow removal and salting, maintenance on vehicle and equipment and helping the Town with plowing and dump truck services as needed. DPW also continues to empty garbage regularly.

General Codes Committee – Continued progress on eCode360. Bob Fischer shared that the Park Law is almost completed, and a copy will be sent out to all Board members for their review/input.

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Presentation of 2023-2024 Preliminary Annual Budget to the Board by Thomas Crosson, Village Treasurer. 2023-2024. A copy of the 2023-2024 Budget is placed at the Village Office, 1 South Main Street, Portville NY 14770.

The Village Treasurer mentioned that the water/sewer rates and sewer debt should be increased.

Old and New Business:

RESOLUTION #01-23 RESOLUTION THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD PETITIONS STATE SENATOR GEORGE M. BORRELLO AND STATE ASSEMBLYMAN JOSEPH M. GIGLIO TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CHAMBERS TO WAIVE THE LOCAL RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR PORTVILLE, NY TO INCLUDE NOT ONLY CATTARAUGUS COUNTY BUT TO INCLUDE ALL COUNTIES IN NEW YORK STATE

WHEREAS, The Village of Portville has been limited in the hiring of Public Employees by a lack of interest and qualified applicants, in addition to being hampered by an antiquated Local Residency Law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board petitions State Senator George M. Borrello and State Assemblyman Joseph M. Giglio to introduce legislation in their respective Chambers to waive the local residency requirements for Portville, NY to include not only Cattaraugus County but because of our location in the far southeast corner of our County, to include all counties in New York State.

**Moved by: Joseph McLarney
The Resolution is carried.**

2nd: Vincent Pascucci ALL AYES

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**RESOLUTION #02-23 RESOLUTION THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD
ADOPTS THE CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES PLEDGE FOR THE
VILLAGE OF PORTVILLE.**

WHEREAS, Village of Portville believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil and fuels, and

WHEREAS, Village of Portville is desirous to become a Climate Smart Community; and

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Village of Portville, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:

- 1) Build a climate-smart community,
- 2) Inventory emissions, set goals and plan for climate action.
- 3) Decrease energy use.
- 4) Shift clean, renewable energy.
- 5) Use climate-smart materials management.
- 6) Implement climate-smart land use.
- 7) Enhance community resilience to climate change.
- 8) Support a green innovation economy.
- 9) Inform and inspire the public.
- 10) Engage in an evolving process of climate action

Resolved: Joseph McLarney

2nd: Vincent Pascucci

ALL AYES

The Mayor and Board of Trustees on behalf of the citizens of the Village of Portville thanked Vincent Pascucci and Francisco Morales for their service during their terms to the Village Board.

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

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Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Motion: Joseph McLarney **2nd:** Anthony Evans
3rd: Vincent Pascucci **ALL AYES**

Next Board Meeting will be held on: Monday, April 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Oriana Osgood, Clerk