

Village of Portville
Board Meeting
January 18, 2022

Present: Anthony Evans, Mayor
Joseph McLarney, Deputy Mayor
Francisco Morales, Trustee
Mark Crosson, Police Chief
Thomas A. Crosson, Treasurer
Oriana Osgood, Clerk
Benjamin Smith, Attorney

Excused: Vincent Pascucci, Trustee
John Krist, DPW Supervisor

Attendees: Syd Evans
Ryan Hepker (Boy Scouts)
Ronald Hepker
Bob Fischer
Holly Fischer
Chad Caldwell
Becky Johnstone
Bob Johnstone

Ryan Hepker, 2nd Class of Portville Troop 631 Boy Scout, opened the Meeting with the pledge to the flag at 6:03 p.m. Covid protocol was followed.

MOTION: was made to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and the Board Meeting of December 20, 2021.

Motion: Francisco Morales **2nd:** Joseph McLarney **ALL AYES**

MOTION: to approve Abstract #008 Vouchers #223, #335-#364, #366 - #371 in the amount of \$159,293.14

Motion: Joseph McLarney

2nd: Francisco Morales **ALL AYES**

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Evans shared that the Board Trustee, Francisco Morales was recently honored at the Buffalo Bills Football game for his years of military service and advocacy to area Veterans.
- Mayor Evans continues to work on a new public law to establish/augment a No Smoking policy (tied to the Clean Air Act) in the Village buildings, parks and playgrounds, etc. A Public Hearing will be scheduled soon.
- Mayor Evans mentioned that Attorney Benjamin Smith and Chad Caldwell continue to work on the details of the Pine Street property sale. No deed has been located through Cattaraugus County.
- Maple Avenue property – Mayor Evans has not heard back from John Krist, who was asked to follow through with the potential buyers.
- Efforts to work on Grants and Applications for the Sewer Treatment facility continue. Matt Zarbo, Project Engineer from Barton & Loguidice Firm will attend the next Village Board Meeting to review and update us on the status of the grants, etc.
- The Village received a congratulatory letter from the NYS Urban Forestry Council and included information how to move forward to become a Tree City, USA. The letter was given to the President of the Village's Tree Board, Bob Johnstone for planning purposes.
- DEC approved the Hellbender Environmental Project at Lyman Baker Park. This is a result of a fine the Village received from the Sewer Treatment facility last year. DEC had allowed us to use the fine to create a local environmental project. Mayor Evans is carrying out work on additional grants to augment the project.
- Due to the holiday President's Day on Monday, February 21, 2022 the next Village Board Meeting will be moved to Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

Police Report – Full monthly report 2021/2022 and an Annual report for 2021 both placed on file.

Police Chief Crosson reviewed the monthly and annual reports with those in attendance. He has also been talking with the Fire Department Chief about the possibility of purchasing an AED unit through them for the Police vehicle. Chief Crosson has reported he has had to perform CPR a couple times prior to the ambulance arriving and it would be helpful to have this unit.

Justice Report – Full report placed on file.

DPW Report – No report received.

Code Enforcement Report – No report received.

Old & New Business:

- Bob Fischer reported the Code Committee recently met and he plans to hold monthly meetings so that they can review, discuss and update the current Codes. Bob Fischer shared he has not done much with the Pine Street/Mersereau Cemetery lately but hopes to have things completed by July 2022.

Executive Session:

Motion to adjourn Board Meeting and Enter into Executive Session at 6:21 p.m.

Motion: Francisco Morales 2nd: Joseph McLarney **ALL AYES**

Next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. due to the President's Day holiday.