

# Village of Portville Board Meeting June 20, 2022

**Present:** Anthony Evans, Mayor  
Joseph McLarney, Deputy Mayor  
Vincent Pascucci, Trustee  
Michael DeBarbieri, Trustee  
Francisco Morales, Trustee  
Thomas A. Crosson, Treasurer  
Oriana Osgood, Clerk  
Andy Hall, DPW Supervisor  
Mark Crosson, Police Chief

**Excused:** Benjamin Smith, Village Attorney

**Attendees:** Syd Evans  
Bob Fischer  
Holly Fischer  
Chad Caldwell  
Becky Johnstone  
Bob Johnstone  
John Krist  
Mindy DeYoe

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 May 16, 2022.

**Motion:** Vincent Pascucci

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Michael DeBarbieri

**ALL AYES**

**MOTION:** to approve Abstract #13, Vouchers #6, #230-#233, #518-#561 in the amount of \$35,999.11

**Motion:** Francisco Morales

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Joseph McLarney

**ALL AYES**

### **Mayor's Report**

- Mayor Evans reported the Spring Clean Up Day went well and we had about 25 residents sign up, which is the most ever. While this was heavily advertised in various forms, a few still reported they were not aware of it. Mayor Evans discussed "standardizing" this day so it will be scheduled the first Saturday in June (each year) going forward. This way everyone should know about it and be able to plan accordingly. A Fall Clean Up Day was discussed as well and it was decided that this will be scheduled for the first Monday in October, annually.

Mayor Evans has been working with the Village negotiator regarding the Teamsters/Union for the DPW full time employees.

On May 19, he attended a NYCOM training and on June 9, he and Village treasurer, Thomas Crosson, attended Southern Tier West's training at Houghton College.

Two more sewer and water grant applications have been submitted by Tony and Barton & Loguidice. Tony also approached a private fund requesting money to help refurbish Pioneers Park (bandstand, new electric service, paving the walkways and parking lot.)

Tim Hollamby will be serving on the Christmas Committee again. Tony shared his phone number with the others on the Committee and invited anyone else who's interested to be a part. Planning for the November 26th event should begin promptly.

Tony is revisiting the 2011 Walkable Portville Grant and has been talking with Tom Simon/PCS and Bob Fischer to possibly look into this further.

Tony will be calling NYS DOT inquiring when they might be paving, stripping, guardrail repair and discuss a few other Village issues.

**Justice Report** – placed on file

**Police Report** – placed on file

Police Chief Crosson reported that from 5/17 – today (he was scheduled off for a couple weeks due to surgery,) they had 10 calls in the Town and 2 in the Village. 9 Village tickets were written and 2 in the Town.

Chief attended PCS's Kindergarten "P" day and all the kids had a chance to get in the police vehicle and ring the siren, which they loved.

He reported there is a shortage of police officers all over the U.S.

**Code Enforcement** – EJ has taken and addressed burning trash complaints, high grass and addressing solar panels on a house. He will be updating the building permits to include more details about the projects and will be revising the outdated Order to Remedy forms.

**DPW Report** – placed on file

Andy reported he's excited about being in the Superintendent position and has been busy learning what needs to be done. Andy and other DPW staff attended 2B & D water courses, so all staff are/will be licensed. Bed 1 at the Sewer Treatment Plant has been weeded. He and Todd Shaw/Town of Portville Supervisor plan to fabricate a root rake to help them dig up the huge weeds in the other beds with a mini-excavator. They have contacted someone about having the main septic tank pumped. Water meter readings started today. Mowing continues, parks and park bathrooms are being cleaned daily. Landscaping will be done on the corner of Maple Ave/Main Street where the bushes were taken out due to a hydrant repair months ago. Andy has been gathering estimates for work to be done on the Bandstand in Pioneers Park.

**Codes Committee:**

Bob Fischer reported the committee is over half-way through the questions posed from the Code 360 staff. He's posted a few things on the Friends of Portville Facebook page and has received helpful feedback from the community. He hopes to have this project completed by the end of the year so it can be put on the Village website.

**Old/New Business:**

John Krist addressed the Board that he was charged twice for refuse and it should only be one. Mayor Evans shared that he and John spoke about a week/two earlier about this and informed John that due to a simple clerical error, it should indeed be only one charge. John had sent out paperwork through Cattaraugus County requesting the charges be removed from his bill, as he didn't feel he should be charged at all, as his property at 10 Barrett St. that is listed as "312, vacant with improvements" on the County Real Property website. Mayor Evans read the 1981 Refuse Law to all in attendance. It states all property owners pay refuse whether refuse is picked up or not. John agreed to pay one refuse charge. John also reported many properties (provided names/addresses) that are not paying refuse or are being overcharged (and previously informed the Mayor that he has been talking with residents regarding this.) Mayor Evans requested that Trustee DeBarbieri take the lead in this investigation and agreed that the Board would look into this.

The Village received a letter from Terri Mott reporting she was overbilled and asked the Board to look into this, to which they agreed.

Complaints regarding trash, etc. have been made regarding properties on Brooklyn & Temple Streets. Ed Jennings will look in to these complaints and will address as needed.

The property at 181 S. Main St (Pat McCrae's estate) continues to have "squatters" living there and trash is building up. Although this is in the Town, Mayor Evans has been receiving the complaints and responding to residents, as calls to the Town Supervisor and Code Enforcement have gone unanswered. Cattaraugus County has foreclosed and taken possession and are currently going through the eviction process with the squatters. Eventually, the County Land Bank will take possession and will be demolishing it, which cannot happen soon enough.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

**Motion:** Vincent Pascucci

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Michael DeBarbieri

**ALL AYES**

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