

# Village of Portville Board Meeting November 18, 2019

**Present:** Anthony Evans, Mayor  
Joseph McLarney, Deputy Mayor  
Vincent Pascucci, Trustee  
Kristen Harriger, Clerk/Treasurer  
Shawn Recktenwald, Officer in Charge  
Michael DeBarbieri, Trustee  
Francisco Morales, Trustee

**Absent:**

**Attendees:** Bob Johnstone  
Julian Morales  
Katie Nothem  
Chase Wenke  
Syd Evans  
Bob Fischer  
Holly Fischer  
Gary Swetland  
John Krist  
Will Stebbins  
Paul Richards

Meeting opened with the pledge to the flag at 7:00 p.m.

**MOTION:** was made to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting on October 21, 2019.

Michael DeBarbieri    2<sup>nd</sup>: Joseph McLarney

**ALL AYES**

**MOTION:** was made to approve Abstract #005 Voucher #159- #186 in the amount of \$27,223.09.

Vincent Pascucci                      2<sup>nd</sup>:      Michael DeBarbieri      **ALL AYES**

**MOTION:** was made to approve the financial statement through October 31,2019.

Joseph McLarney                      2<sup>nd</sup>:      Francisco Morales      **ALL AYES**

**Justice Report** – Placed on file.

**Police Report** – placed on file.

Currently we have only weekend night coverage as this is usually a slow month. We will not be receiving the police car that was ordered from Paul Brown as the vehicle is no longer available. Shawn Recktenwald is looking into another vehicle elsewhere.

**DPW Report** – Leaf pick up done. NYS has fixed pothole in front of the park and but most assuredly it will need to be done again.

### **Old & New Business:**

There was lively discussion about the **Christmas in the Park**. Syd and Tony are working on Christmas refreshments and a special drawing for the event sponsored by the County Youth Bureau. DPW and citizen volunteers are working with Joe McLarney on this annual project. Santa Clause will appear on a horse drawn wagon and or with the help of the Portville Fire Department. There will also be a police presence in the Park.

The **County Shared Services Plan** is being chaired by County Administrator Jack Searles. Todd Shaw, Krenda Hale and Mayor Evans put

together a set of shared services proposals to be included in the County Plan that will need to be approved by the County Legislature and a majority of local Mayors and Supervisors before being sent to NYS for approval. The Village is included in several of the proposals that may result in potential savings.

The new **FEMA County Hazard Mitigation Plan** is being constructed with a December 6<sup>th</sup> deadline for initial submission. Mayor Evans has submitted 5 Worksheets while John Krist and Walt Putt are working on the Code Document Worksheet.

The Board moved to accept with regret the **resignation of Village Prosecutor Amber Kerling** which is effective December 31, 2019. Mayor Evans will meet with judge Piaggi to discuss.

December 14 is the date of **Portville Library “Reading with the Mayor”** event sponsored with a mini-grant from the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau. Children’s books and free refreshments will be provided.

Joe McLarney reports that the **Village Audit** is complete, in order and on file.

The **Bulson Building** continues to be a struggle as there is extreme water damage. The building needs a new roof but it appears that the structure itself is sound and the foundation looks okay. Roof estimates seem to range from \$35K - \$48K .

There have been several public comments and concerns about the **Village Law Enforcement** expressed to Mayor Evans. The Mayor and Chief have talked and proposed to hire Justin Hatzel in a full-time position at \$20.00 an hour (with retirement and benefits). The good news is that the Chief has agreed to stay on as part time in the supervisory position. Chief Recktenwald says the Village will soon fall out of compliance if we don’t bring someone in. We don’t have the manpower to complete the field training with all the laws that are changing and without an FTE in the Department the Village will continue to be a “stepping stone” for officers to be promoted to other municipalities.

PCS History and Civic teacher Gary Swetland, along with some of his government students offered a presentation on the **PCS Envisioning Center**. Mayor Evans thanked Mr. Swetland for his excellent presentation the Village board members where all given a thumb drives describing the work and vision of the new Center.

**MOTION:** to adjourn the meeting at \_\_8:20\_\_pm.

Joseph McLarney 2<sup>nd</sup>: Vincent Pascucci

**ALL AYES**

Respectfully submitted,

**Kristen Harriger**  
**Treasurer**