

Village of Portville

September 21, 2026

Agenda

Present:

Anthony Evans, Mayor
Annette Seybert, Clerk
Joseph McLarney, Deputy Mayor
Michael DeBarbieri, Trustee
Ronald Lott, Trustee
Mark Crosson, Police Chief
Brad Camp, DPW Superintendent
Andy Lee, Trustee
Ed Jennings, Code Enforcement

Excused:

Attendees:

Opening of Meeting: The meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. We had a quorum.

MOTION: was made to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of August 17, 2026.

Motion: **2ND** **-Ayes**

MOTION: to approve Abstract #003, Vouchers #2529 -#2534, in the total amount of \$1809.18. And to approve Abstract #004, Vouchers #2535-#2570, in the amount of \$39,214.32. And to approve Vouchers # 119-#123 in the amount of \$1,226,728.10 Grand Total of \$1,265,942.42.

Motion: **2ND** **-Ayes**

Mayor's Report:

MEETINGS: County EMT in LV and Westons VFD, PCA and Downtown Development committee, Jeff Shaw issues, Project Engineers and Contractors, Grant initiative(s) with CRCF at HV, Bradner Stadium (PCS vs OHS), Proposed Windmill Project meetings, Portville Youth Soccer at LBP and Tree Committee.

Invitation: Arbor Day Celebration at 10:00am Saturday October 17, 2026 at Pioneer Park!

Police Report –

VILLAGE OF PORTVILLE POLICE

AUGUST 11, 2026, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 UPDATES/ACTIVITY

PATROLS RESPONDED TO 5 CALLS FOR SERVICE, 1 OF WHICH WERE IN THE TOWN AND 4 IN THE VILLAGE.

PATROLS MADE SEVERAL TRAFFIC STOPS AND ISSUED 5 TRAFFIC TICKETS. 0 IN THE TOWN AND 5 IN THE VILLAGE.

WHILE GOSS/SCHOOL STREETS WERE CLOSED DUE TO CONSTRUCTION OFFICERS ASSISTED/DIRECTED TRAFFIC AT THE INTERSECTION OF ELM AND SOUTH MAIN STREETS. CCSO AGREED TO HAVE A DEPUTY ASSIST (WHEN FEASIBLE). I ONLY HAD ASSISTANCE ON ONE OCCASION. AFTER DIRECTING TRAFFIC IN THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON SEVERAL TIMES IT WAS APPARENT THAT IT IS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO SAFELY DO SO WITH ONE OFFICER. WE NEED BETTER COMMUNICATION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

OTHER ACTIVITY

-THE NEW YORK STATE LETECH GRANT APPLICATION WAS COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$98,000.00. FOR NEW POLICE EQUIPMENT INCLUDING CAMERAS TO COVER THE BASEBALL FIELD.

- On August 5th a tree fell in Pioneer Park and took down our new cameras (4). The Village insurance company covered a pro-rated check for the damage to the cameras. With permission of the mayor, on September 8th I signed a contract to replace the damaged cameras for \$6,078.48.

-We worked with the mayor and board to resolve the Shaw property dispute near Jays Auto/Village Parking Lot.

DCO handled 2 separate complains regarding dog bites on Temple St. Neither party wished further action, however 5 separate residents were issued warnings regarding unlicensed dogs.

Justice Report: Complete report is on file.

Clerk's Report:

*I am currently preparing the water and sewer bills, which will be mailed on October 1.

*The Village Fall Clean-up has been scheduled with Cassella for October 12, 2026.

Signups must be submitted by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 15.

Treasurer Report: Complete report was sent out to the board.

Codes Report – Report for August 2026

- Assisting a demolition of a house on Colwell St.
- Investigated one property maintenance complaint
- Worked on existing building permit
- 1 Building permit issued

DPW REPORT- No report this month.

Old And New Business:

**Personnel Policy update.

**Local Law review: Andy Lee will discuss the finalization of the E-Bike Law.

****Payment Applications for Mayor's Signature**

Three project payment applications will be signed by the Mayor tonight:

- STC Construction — WWTP Improvement Project: \$92,340.00
- J.D. Northrup Construction Inc. — Water System Project: \$211,867.14
- L.C. Whitford Co., Inc. — Sewer Project: \$1,390,112.23

****Joseph Kearey has asked to speak at tonight's meeting on behalf of the Portville American Legion Post 814 about upcoming changes.**

Resolutions:

Resolution # 21-26 Hemlock Hollow Wind Energy

URGING TOWN OF PORTVILLE TO JOIN TOWN OF OLEAN IN THE HEMLOCK HOLLOW WIND ENERGY MATTER

On a motion from Trustee _____, and seconded by Trustee _____, the Resolution was Adopted, with ___ Ayes, and ___ nays.

WHEREAS, Hemlock Hollow Wind, LLC, a subsidiary of Danish developer Liberty Renewables, has begun pre-application development of an application for a permit from the state Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Transmission (ORES);

WHEREAS, on or about September 9, 2026, the Town of Olean retained special counsel Benjamin E. Wisniewski, Esq., principal at Wisniewski Law PLLC in Webster, New York, to represent the town in the Hemlock Hollow Wind permit proceeding;

WHEREAS, Mr. Wisniewski currently represents Cattaraugus County as special counsel in another major wind energy project state proceeding;

WHEREAS, Mr. Wisniewski has substantial experience representing municipalities across the state in ORES major renewable energy facility state permit proceedings;

WHEREAS, the Hemlock Hollow Wind facility as currently proposed could have significant adverse environmental and community impacts on the Town of Portville, including the Village of Portville, this could impact alteration of groundwater and stormwater drainage patterns, unhealthy noise and shadow flicker impacts, and adverse aesthetic impacts;

Motion to adjourn was made at pm.

There will be a Public Hearing on October 21,2026 at 5:45pm
directly followed by the regular Village Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Annette Seybert, Village Clerk