

Village of Portville

January 20,2026

Meeting

Present:

Anthony Evans, Mayor
Michael DeBarbieri, Trustee
Annette Seybert, Clerk
Andy Lee, Trustee
Mark Crosson, Police Chief
Joseph McLarney, Deputy
Brodie Emmons, DPW

Excused:

Ronald Lott, Trustee
Ed Jennings, Code Officer

Attendees:

Syd Evans
Bob Johnston
Becky Johnstone
Chad Coldwell
Zak Linzy
Bob Fischer
Mike Randolph
Deb Latten

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

MOTION: made to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of December15,2025.

Motion: Mike DeBarbireri 2nd Andy Lee All-Ayes

MOTION: to approve Abstract #008, Vouchers #2234-#2276, in the amount of \$57,383.69. And to approve Vouchers #83-#85, in the amount of \$111,672.25. Grand Total of \$169,055.94.

Motion: Joseph McLarney 2nd: Mike DeBarbireri All -Ayes

MAYOR'S REPORT

- *Participated in Christmas decorating at Portville Public Library with Garden Club
- *Participated in Wreaths Across America Ceremonies at Chestnut Hill Cemetery
- *Continued meetings with contractors and engineers
- *Various calls and meetings re. grant, funding opportunities
- *Attended Inauguration of Mayor Amy Sherburne in Olean
- *Responded to FEMA notification

Mayor Directives to DPW

1. For better communication the DPW must set up an DEDICATED and working phone line for citizen contact. This number should be well publicized and with the capacity for voice messaging, which should be checked with regularity. We are already paying for a line so let's use it effectively.
2. All appropriate vehicles should be regularly inspected per NYS law and proper insurance practices to reduce Village liability and to insure employee and public safety. This is long overdue.
3. The Village authorized and paid \$5,000 to Davey for a Pioneer's Park "Tree Survey." DPW is to distribute and further interpret the detailed analysis and report to Tree Committee and to the Board on findings and suggestions.
4. As Infrastructure Project construction continues and expands, the possibility of using Wellington properties for site staging areas is a distinct possibility. DPW and village should notify neighbors of construction activity, increased traffic, etc. well in advance of implementation. This work is temporary but necessary.

Codes Report

- * Overall, a quiet month with no building permits issued. - Answered only a few questions regarding new construction of a house here in Portville.
- * Assisted Zets Cuisine at 12 S. Union Street with Permits and Occupancy Loads they needed to have to open.
- * Signed up for required NYS Code classes at RIT. This will be on March 13th, 2026 for 24 hours in service that is required by NYS.
- * Will be working on our annual 1203 Code report for the Village of Portville.
- *Will be working with Land Bank on vacant properties.

Police Report

*December 2, 2025, through January 12, 2026

- * Officers worked 14 shifts, totaling 70 hours.
- * Patrols responded to 6 calls for service—5 in the town and 1 in the village.
- * Patrols issued 14 uniform traffic citations: 11 were issued in the town and 3 in the village.
- * Patrols have spent at least 11 hours specifically monitoring traffic speeds on Elm Street, Main Street, Temple, Maple, and Brooklyn Streets, using LIDAR and/or radar.
- * Patrols are also closely working with the school's SRO, as two individuals smashed beer bottles in the pavilion and playground at the school. The post office also reported suspicious activity in their lobby around the same days as the school incident. After reviewing video footage, it was clear that the two incidents were not related.

Justice Report - Full Report on File.

Clerk's Report

*The Village office has experienced a high volume of Water/Sewer payments and is actively working to finalize the accounts for 2025.

***WATER/SEWER RATES**

The Village will be considering an increase in Water and Sewer Rates, and a Public Hearing is scheduled for February 17, 2026, at 5:00 pm. The following proposed rates will be presented for discussion:

After consultation with Treasurer Brian McIlroy, the following water and sewer rate adjustments are recommended. These new rates will take effect with the next Water/Sewer billing cycle on April 1, 2026.

Water Base rate from \$30.00 to \$33.00=\$12.00 increase per year.

Sewer Base rate from \$18.00 to \$21.00 = \$3.00 increase per year.

Sewer Dept Service Fee from \$34.00 to \$37.00 = \$3.00 increase per year.

Water Base charge includes 4,000 gallons and an additional \$5.25 per thousand gallons the charge after the minimum.

Sewer Base Charge includes 4,000 gallons and an additional \$5.75 charge after the minimum.

Outside Village Water Base charge of \$42.66 and includes 4,000 gallons and an additional \$9.90 per thousand gallons charged after the minimum.

Outside Village Sewer Base charge of \$18.00 includes 4,000 gallons and an additional \$6. Per thousand gallons is charged after the minimum.

Treasurer's Report – Reports emailed to all Board Members prior to meeting.

DPW REPORT - Monthly Report - January 2026

Water:

- Conducted a preconstruction meeting for the water project.
- Placed an order for additional chlorine supplies.
- Responded to a water meter issue at 31 Temple St.
- Utilized line locator equipment to accurately mark water lines for the upcoming sewer project.
- Received the Water Withdrawal Report; currently working toward completion and submission by the March 31, 2026, deadline.
- Performed daily inspections and tests of both wells.

Sewer:

- Identified and began remediation of additional problem areas related to LCW.

- Cleaned and unclogged influent pumps multiple times due to increased flow following snowmelt.
- Jetted the sewer line near the baseball field for LCW.
- Conducted daily checks and testing of influent and effluent systems.

Parks/Streets:

- Removed Christmas decorations from the park.
- Frequently plowed and salted roads in response to recent snowstorms.
- Replaced a plow blade with a town-owned spare (billing to follow).
- Asking for advice on a recent issue that has developed with the Backhoe. The transmission has an overheating sensor coming on, the estimated cost to have the Dealer come out to estimate and repair is \$1200.00.

Due to the holiday schedule, efforts have focused primarily on essential tasks such as plowing and salting, limiting capacity for additional projects.

Old And New Business:

*DPW is asking for discussion with Board and Police about making the corner of Temple Street into a No Parking area next to the Post office for the winter plowing months. This is for safety concerns associated with door openings and blind spots.

*Trustee Joe McLarney will present suggestions to revise the 2026 Personnel Policy and discuss conducting annual staff evaluations before cost-of-living increases take effect. (Please review the attached with handwritten suggestions.)

*Drafts of the Local Laws concerning Chicken/Fowl and E-Bikes have been submitted to the Village Attorney, Joe Caliemri, for review. A Public Hearing will be held for discussion prior to the vote, which is scheduled for February 17, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Motions:

Motion made for DPW to go ahead and arrange for the repair needed on the Backhoe. The dealer has given an estimated cost in the range of \$1200.00 to \$1300.00

Motion: Mike DeBarbireri **2nd** Andy Lee **All-Ayes**

Motion to participate and move forward with the CATTalyst Collective Main Street Application and participate in their project with the help of Larry Sorokes.

Motion: Mike DeBarbireri **2nd** Andy Lee **All-Ayes**

Proposal to partner with Portville Central School as Co-Leads on the Department of Transportation TAP Grant Alternatives Program, seeking funding for new sidewalks and potential foot bridge renovations.

Motion: Second: AYES:

Motion of acceptance of Change Order #1 from Square Engineering for Contractor JD Northrup Construction Inc. Water System Improvement Effective Date of January 1,2026. This change order will be signed by the mayor.

Motion: Mike DeBarbireri **2nd** Andy Lee **All-Ayes**

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION #01-2026, RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN NICK LANGWORTHY'S ENERGY CHOICE -ACT (H.R.3699, S. 1945) AND IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT.MANDATED NATURAL GAS BANS

WHEREAS affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of New York families, businesses, and communities; and

Whereas natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), which mandates aggressive emissions reductions and serves as the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas; and

WHEREAS, building on the CLCPA, Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature in 2023 enacted provisions in the state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new residential and commercial buildings, effective 2026 for smaller buildings, and 2029 for larger buildings, thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy; and

WHEREAS Governor Hochul has publicly supported these bans and related measures as part of her administration's climate and energy agenda, despite widespread concerns that such mandates will increase costs, strain grid reliability, and restrict energy diversity; and

WHEREAS, these top-down policies undermine affordability, threaten reliability during peak demand, and strip away the freedom of consumers and businesses to choose the energy sources that best meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Nick Langworthy of New York and Senator Jim Justice of West Virginia introduced the Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945), federal legislation that ensures state and local governments cannot restrict consumer access to natural gas and other affordable energy sources, thereby protecting freedom of choice for New Yorkers and all Americans; and

WHEREAS the Energy Choice Act would safeguard households, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and manufacturers from harmful government overreach and preserve access to an "all of-the-above" energy strategy that strengthens reliability and affordability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Portville Board of Trustees strongly supports the Energy Choice Act as introduced by Congressman Langworthy (H.R. 3699) and Senator Justice (S. 1945) and stands firmly opposed to New York State's natural gas bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Portville Board of Trustees urges Congress to pass the Energy Choice Act to defend consumer choice, protect energy affordability, and preserve reliable access to natural gas for New Yorkers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman Nick Langrworthy, Senator Jim Justice, the New York Congressional delegation, Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature.

Motion: Mike DeBarbireri Second: Joe McLarney ALL- Ayes:
The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared and duly adopted.

I Annette Seybert, Portville Village Clerk certify that this resolution was adopted on
January 20,2026 and recorded in the Meeting Minutes of the Village of Portville.

Annette Seybert, Clerk

Resolution #02-2026

Contract No. 1A-General Construction Additive Bids Award
Authorization; Resolution #02-2026 Portville Water System Improvements
Project.

WHEREAS the Village of Portville Village Board previously awarded the Base Bid for
Contract No. 1A – General Construction to J.D. Northrup Construction, Inc. in the amount
of \$623,775.00; and

WHEREAS the Village Board now wishes to award a total of three (3) additive bids to
Contract No. 1A – General Construction for the Portville Water System Improvements
Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based on the recommendation of Square
Engineering, D.P.C., the Village of Portville Village Board hereby awards three (3) additive
bids for Contract No. 1A – General Construction for the Portville Water System
Improvements Project to J.D. Northrup Construction, Inc. These additive bids total
\$1,330,705.00, which, when added to the previously awarded Base Bid, results in a total
contract amount of \$1,954, 480.00.and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Portville Village Board authorizes the Mayor to
execute a change order with J.D. Northrup Construction, Inc. for the total additive bid
amount of \$1,330,705.00.

MOTION: Joe McLarney

SECOND: Andy Lee

The matter of adopting the above resolution was properly brought to a vote. The roll call yielded the following results:

- * Anthony Evans, Mayor- Yea
- * Michael DeBarbieri, Trustee-Yea
- * Andy Lee, Trustee-Yea
- * Ron Lott, Trustee- Absent
- * Joseph McLarney, Trustee-Yea

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted. I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted on January 20,2026 and is recorded in the Meeting Minutes of the Village of Portville.

_____ Annette Seybert, Village Clerk
Motion to Adjourn was made at 7:25 pm.

Motion: Mike DeBarbireri 2nd Andy Lee All-Ayes

There will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 17,2026 at 5:00pm., for discussion of Water Sewer Rate Changes for 2026-2027. This will be followed by a Public Hearing at 5:20 pm for proposed new Local Law concerning E-Bikes in the village. At 5:40 we will hold a 3rd Public Hearing concerning Local Law proposal for Chicken/Fowl.

This will be followed by the Regular Village Board Meeting at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Annette Seybert, Village Clerk