

Village of Portville

September 21, 2026

Minutes

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

Excused:

Ed Jennings, Code Enforcement

Attendees: Syd Evans

Mike Randolph
Zak Linza
Wayne Myers
Marty Wysocki
Joe Keary
Bob Fischer
Bill Geise
Crystal Geise

Opening of Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

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

Motion: Joe McLarney 2ND Mike DeBarbieri All -**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: Joe McLarney 2ND Ron Lott All -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 8.

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 Revision:**

DPW Superintendent Brad Camp is finalizing the new policy and expects to complete it by the October meeting.

****Local Law Review:** Andy Lee finalized the e-bike law, and the attorney completed the legal review. The clerk will file it with New York State, add it to the Village records, and proceed with enforcement.

****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

Motions:

****Joseph Kearey** addressed the Board on behalf of Portville American Legion Post 814 regarding an upcoming Brick grant application. The Legion is seeking funding for a new community building on its property and requested the Village's nonfinancial support, citing the project's benefits to Village residents.

Motion: Andy Lee 2ND Ron Lott All **-Ayes**

Motion: Approve and sign Change order #2 from Square Engineering/L.C.Whitford for Sanitary Sewer Project general construction

effective date 9/21/2026. This extends contract time by 2 months and updates wage rates.

Motion: Mike DeBarbieri 2ND Ron Lott All -Ayes

Motion: Approve and sign Change order #2 from Square Engineering/M.W.Controls Service, Inc. for Sanitary Sewer Project Electrical construction effective date 9/21/2026.
This extends the contract times by 2 months and updates wage rates.

Motion: Mike DeBarbieri 2ND Ron Lott All -Ayes

Motion for E-Bike Local Law has been finalized; the attorney completed the legal review. The clerk will file it with New York State, add it to the Village records, and proceed with enforcement.

Motion: Andy Lee 2ND Ron Lott All -Ayes

Motion to amend the current Personnel Policy to provide health insurance to newly hired full-time employees effective on their hire date, with no waiting period.

Motion: Tony Evans 2ND Andy Lee All -Ayes

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 Mayor Anthony Evans, and seconded by Trustee _Mike DeBarbieri, the Resolution was Adopted, with All Ayes, and no 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;

WHEREAS, under the state permitting program for major renewable energy facilities local permitting is preempted and local and use laws are to be applied by ORES unless Hemlock Hollow Wind requests they be waived;

WHEREAS, the TOWN OF PORTVILLE appears to have a common interest with the TOWN OF OLEAN in seeking the application of each town's land use laws to the Hemlock Hollow Wind project proposal, including seeking funding for experts and legal counsel;

WHEREAS municipalities within or affected by major renewable energy facilities must defend the application of their local laws before ORES;

RESOLVED, that the VILLAGE OF PORTVILLE urges the TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PORTVILLE to seek consolidated party status with the TOWN OF OLEAN in the Hemlock Hollow Wind permit proceeding in order to maximize the amount of intervenor funding available to the towns, and to share costs of participating that are not covered by intervenor funds; and

RESOLVED, that the VILLAGE OF PORTVILLE urges the TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PORTVILLE to retain Wisniewski Law PLLC as a consolidated municipal party in the Hemlock Hollow wind ORES permit proceeding.

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Respectfully signed and submitted by Annette Seybert, Portville Village Clerk

Motion: Mike DeBarbieri 2ND Ron Lott All -Ayes

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:09 pm.

Motion: Andy Lee 2ND Joe McLarney All -Ayes

There will be a Public Hearing on October 19,2026 at 5:45pm directly followed by the regular Village Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Annette Seybert, Village Clerk