

At a scheduled public hearing of the board of Trustees of the Village of Port Byron held in the municipal building at 7:00PM, the following people were present:

Mayor: Ronald Wilson

Trustee: Jeff Girvin  
Trustee: Patrick Fenton  
Trustee: Mary Jump  
Trustee: Jeff Emerson

Village Clerk: Caitlin Bacon

Public Present: Patricia Moore

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mayor Wilson asked everyone present to please stand for the Pledge to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing regarding the 2020 Community Development Block Program at 7:01PM.

Mayor Wilson moved to public to be heard.

Ms. Moore took the floor with complaints about her neighbors.

Ms. Moore started with property owner, across the street, Kevin O'Conner, with pictures of a large dumpster he has had placed on his property. Ms. Moore blames the dumpster for smells and believes it has brought a mouse into her kitchen and flies onto her front porch. Ms. Moore questioned why he could not put the dumpster on his personal property in Montezuma, as she believes people are dumping trash in the dumpster, other than Mr. O'Conner.

The next-door neighbor, pictures of what Ms. Moore describes as trash outside, including items, such as a headboard and dresser, and blames having seen cockroaches in her kitchen due to the pest truck being seen at the property.

Complaints about the noise ordinance was also mentioned and stated that the state law is 90 decibels.

Ms. Moore stated that she pays her taxes and should not have to live like this, and, if she needs to call the news she will.

At 7:13 Trustee Emerson entered the Village Board Meeting.

Trustee Girvin stated that the current Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) has got to go, and that the village should look for a new CEO. Mayor Wilson stated that he will talk with the CEO regarding several issues.

Trustee Jump explained the lack of CEO's in the county.

Mayor Wilson explained the options for the Village regarding code enforcement.

Mayor Wilson explained that the Village has no control over who the property owner allows to use the dumpster but stated he will ask the CEO to question if it can be moved to another part of the property.

At 7:23 Ms. Moore exited the Village Board Meeting.

At 7:24 OIC Bacon and Meagan Kalet entered the Village Board Meeting.

OIC Bacon communicated his recent acceptance to reenlist in the US Military. Due to the scheduling, feels it would not be fair to the Village to continue his current position, and not be able to give it his all. Upon this information, OIC Bacon did introduce Meagan Kalet, whom he believes would be a good fit to replace him as OIC.

OIC Bacon gave suggestions to improve police coverage and recruits such as at least matching neighboring village, Weedsport, at an hourly wage \$20+, whereas the Village is \$18 and communicated that with the new orders from Governor Cuomo, it is making it extremely difficult for small villages to comply and suggested considering disbanding it. With the current war on cops, Trustee Fenton stated that he did not blame them the officers for not working. Trustee Girvin stated that he would not like to see the Police Department disbanded and is not anti-cop but

OIC Bacon stated that he would help the new OIC transition into the position to ensure the new OIC was comfortable with duties.

Mayor Wilson questioned Mrs. Kalet where she went to high school and which year she graduated. Mrs. Kalet handed Mayor Wilson her resume for reference but stated she graduated Union Springs in 1995.

OIC Bacon stated that Mrs. Kalet has had a career at Auburn Police Department and Mrs. Kalet explained that she will be retiring on Friday. OIC Bacon suggested that the position as OIC be filled by someone

that is retired and can focus on the department. Trustee Jump stated that she has worked with Mrs. Kalet when police have been needed to conduct her job with the county.  
Motion to hire Meagan Kalet as OIC at the current rate of \$22.50/hour made by Trustee Girvin.  
Motion was seconded by Trustee Jump.  
All in favor: 5-0

At 7:49 OIC Bacon and Meagan Kalet exited the Village Board Meeting.

Mayor Wilson explained that one possible candidate did submit an application of interest for the part time DPW position.  
Mayor Wilson communicated that his name is Steve Orchard, looks to retire from his full-time job and is looking for something part time to keep him busy.  
Motion to hire Steve Orchard for the part time laborer position at \$16/hour made by Trustee Girvin.  
Motion was seconded by Trustee Emerson.  
All in favor: 5-0

Mayor Wilson communicated that the tree in the municipal lot was taken care of by MEO Applebee, even though he was told not to do it alone.  
Trustee Fenton suggested sending letters to residents to emphasize that they are their tree's if they fall, but the Village is going to cut branches on Village Property.  
Mayor Wilson to discuss calling Cranebrook Tree Company with Superintendent Sims for an estimate on the cutting back of mentioned trees.

Mayor Wilson presented a draft of a proposed amendment to the Animal Local Law, as he believes the current law is unclear. Due to recent chicken requests, feels the need to review the law.  
Motion to accept the presented draft and schedule a public hearing for September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 made by Trustee Girvin.  
Motion was seconded by Trustee Emerson.  
All in favor 5-0  
Clerk Bacon to advertise for a public hearing for September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regarding the amendment to the Local Law regarding animals.

Mayor Wilson presented a request made by the Cayuga County Veteran's Memorial Committee to write a letter of support to allow a motorcade through the Village on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020.  
Motion to allow the motorcade through the Village on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 by written support made by Trustee Girvin.  
Motion was seconded by Trustee Emerson.  
All in favor: 5-0  
Clerk Bacon to send letter of support.

Mayor Wilson moved to reports.

The DPW report, submitted by Superintendent Sims. Report was reviewed. No questions arose.

The Code Enforcement Officer report, submitted by CEO Tanner, was read aloud. No questions arose. It was noted that and OTR was given to the household with the Rooster.

The Treasurer's report, submitted by Treasurer Huband, was reviewed. No questions arose.

Motion to accept all reports, as presented, made by Trustee Girvin.  
Motion was seconded by Trustee Fenton.  
All in favor: 5-0

Mayor Wilson communicated a request for the August CCAV dinner by Union Springs. It was asked if the dinner were at Yawger Brook Campground, per social distancing guidelines, if people would attend. It was communicated that there might be four total people from Port Byron to attend.  
Clerk Bacon to follow up with Union Springs.

Mayor Wilson communicated that the Village Office has received the check for the Montezuma Ambulance Contract, without the penalty and no signed contract returned. Discussion was had regarding the issue of services with no contract. Clerk Bacon to communicate this issue to Chief Rooker. Contract for 2021 to be discussed at September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Board Meeting.

Mayor Wilson communicated that Village Elections are currently still scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and gave update after communication with the Cayuga County Board of Elections.  
Mayor Wilson communicated that the letter was sent to the DEC regarding the waste permit.

Mayor Wilson communicated that a change order was completed for work on King Street by Vitale Paving. Mayor Wilson stated that there was enough money in CHIPS to cover the approximate \$8,000 charge.

Mayor Wilson presented a proposal from Usherwood regarding the copier in the office, as the lease ends on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Clerk Bacon did communicate proposals were asked of multiple agencies, but only one has responded. Clerk Bacon to continuing working on proposals.

Mayor Wilson asked if the Village Board had reviewed the meeting minutes from July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. After reviewing the minutes, it was noted by the Village Board the following be corrected:

Several grammatical typos were pointed out.

One word, first page regarding the Justice audit, should read accepted, not excepted.

Mayor Wilson wanted clarification reported that Diana Warren was taking meeting minutes, the entire meeting; Mrs. Bacon was only present during her request of a paid medical leave and that, after the resolution to deny the request, Mrs. Bacon exited.

One vote was recorded as 4-0-1, first page, resolution to hire Ashley Huband, should read 4-0.

Mayor Wilson asked if there was a motion to accept the meeting minutes from prior Village Board meeting, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, to be approved, with noted corrections.

Motion to accept meeting minutes, with clarification changes, by Trustee Girvin.

Motion was seconded by Trustee Fenton.

All in Favor: 4-0-1

Trustee Emerson abstained due to absence from said Board Meeting.

Pre-audited bills and audit remaining bills:

Abstract #3- fiscal year 2020-2021

General Fund: 428-453 \$14,507.11

Water Fund: 481-491 \$115,917.50

Sewer Fund: 584-594 \$10,167.54

T&A Fund: 7-8 346.99

Total: \$140,939.14

Trustee Girvin questioned the telescopic lights for the fire department, Trustee Emerson explained that it was lights for the new trailer.

Motion to pay Abstract #3, of unaudited vouchers, made by Trustee Girvin.

Motion was seconded by Trustee Emerson.

All in favor: 5-0

The Village Board discussed the schedule for the future Board meetings. The next Village Board meeting is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, unless an emergency arises for August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Mayor Wilson communicated that the NYCOM Fall Training School has been cancelled for in-person but will be available by online learning.

Motion to close the Public Hearing regarding the 2020 Community Development Block Program at 8:40 PM.

Mayor Wilson questioned the Board if there was anything else to discuss. Nothing else to discuss.

Motion to adjourn the scheduled Village Board Meeting of August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 made by Trustee Girvin.

All in favor 5-0

Meeting Adjourned: 8:42 PM

Village Clerk Bacon