Meeting Minutes: December 14, 2020

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 Emerson

 Trustee: Patrick Fenton

 Trustee: Mary Jump

Village Clerk: Sandy Hall

Treasurer: Ashley Huband

OIC: Meagan Kalet

Public Present: Mr. Mullins

Absent: Jeff Girvin

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 discussed the possibility of future board meeting may be done through zoom. Trustee Fenton stated that with being a small village, is it necessary to do the meeting through zoom. Mayor Wilson said that it all depends on what the executive order says.

OIC Kalet discussed the police reform program. She said that it is a long project that is being worked on. The purpose of this was to get the input of citizens about the police force by April. She stated that they are trying to get this done with low cost. There are a few ideas in mind. One idea was to send out flyers along with the water bills. The only concern with this was that it may not go to the person that lives at that resident, but to the owner. The other suggestion was to do an online service, this would only cost around $100. The only concern with this is that older people may not know how to do this online. Trustee Fenton stated what if they did a public hearing to get the news out there, like in the newspaper. Mayor Wilson suggested that maybe it will be worth it to just send out separate letter to the resident from the water bill. OIC Kalet and Treasurer Huband said that they did investigate the cost of this. To get envelopes with stamps already on them, it would cost about $350. There was a discussion around the possibility of posting it on Facebook. OIC Kalet stated that the goal was to have this done by the end of January. OIC Kalet also stated that they are going through the policy and procedure to redo and update them. The police are not supposed to lead the reform, but several places do not have the people to do so. A Discussion was held in the possibility of doing both calls and letter. OIC Kalet stated that there is a community event, one which will be held on 12/15/2020, there will be a link talking about how to fix things. OIC Kalet said that her being in these meeting was a good thing. OIC Kalet also stated that Blanchfield would like to work here. He is retiring in January, and he said that he would like to retire first, then get hired working here. OIC Kalet said that Blanchfield has 22 years of experience and is a very good candidate to work here. There was a discussion held weather we could hire Blanchfield provisional.

First motion to hire Blanchfeild provisional made by Trustee Jump.

Second motion made by Trustee Emerson.

All in favor: 4-0

OIC Kalet discussed that they are attempting to re-certify expired police certification for Josh Middleton but are running into difficult issues. There needs to be a school director, that would need to be hired and go through a course. OIC Kalet asked if she could be the school director but has not gotten a response yet.

OIC Kalet discussed the possibility of shift differential working nights/weekends for higher pay than working days. If you worked days, you would get your normal pay. If anyone is willing to work nights and/or weekends, you would get a higher pay. Trustee Emerson stated that we do in fact need to do something. Trusted Emerson also stated that people are avoiding toll dues because it will be going to ez pass. OIC Kalet stated that she is not looking to increase the budget this year but would like to fill the time that people are not working.

Mayor Wilson moved onto a discussion about the department of transportation shared vehicle agreement. Trustee Fenton stated that it was not a good idea. Trustee Jump mentioned that it was a good thought in theory, but it is a poor time to do a shared vehicle.

Mayor Wilson moved to reports.

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

The police department report, summitted by OIC Kalet has already been reviewed.

The FD Report, submitted by Chief Corey Rooker, was reviewed. Question arose regarding what Chief Corey Rooker wrote in his report. He stated that he was offended that his integrity was question about a purchase of a new truck and trading a village owned light bar installed on it to make it seem more valuable for trade. Chief Corey Rooker also stated in his report that the light bar has not been installed on the vehicle since March of 2017.

The Code Enforcement report, submitted by CEO Tanner, was reviewed. Questions regarding 78 Rochester Street were addressed. There were court appearance tickets that was issued to the owner Steve Chapman and David Dymock, who is currently living in this house. A return receipt has come back to us showing that Dymock did in fact receive that letter. Steve Chapman stopped by the office to pick his letter up.

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

First motion to accept reports as presented made by Trustee Fenton.

Second motion made by Trustee Jump.

All in favor: 4-0

Mayor Wilson moved onto the resolution to transfer $2500 from contingent account A1990.4 to law contractual A1420.4 to cover invoices for lawyer.

First motion to make transfer made by Trustee Emerson.

Second motion made by Trustee Jump.

All in favor: 4-0

Mayor Wilson discussed the email that we received from Corey about the Montezuma ambulance coverage. It stated that the Port Byron Fire Department will no longer be the primary ambulance, the Montezuma board of fire commissioners is aware that this will be taking place. They can still be dispatched as a secondary ambulance in a multiple patient situation.

Mayor Wilson discussed that we switched back to TDS from spectrum. Since we moved to Spectrum, it has been a nightmare and so many issues with them. They did not port the number over correctly causing half our services not working. Treasurer Huband saved $1800 from spectrum and $450 from TDS. Mayor Wilson also stated that the old printer is finally gone and has been picked up.

Mayor Wilson stated that there were 2 sets of minutes to review. He stated due to the new hire of Clerk Hall and being new at doing the minutes.

First motion to accept the October 19th and November 16th Minutes made by Trustee Fenton.

Second motion made by Trustee Jump.

All in favor: 4-0

Mayor Wilson asked if there were any questions on the audit bills that needs to be paid.

No questions arose.

First motion to pay bills made by Trustee Emerson.

Second motion made by Trustee Jump.

All in favor 4-0

Mayor Wilson questioned the Board if there was anything else to discuss. Nothing else to discuss. Motion to adjourn the scheduled Village Board Meeting on December 14, 2020 made by

Trustee Emerson.

Second motion made by Trustee Jump.

All in favor 4-0

Meeting Adjourned: 8:03PM

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