

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ARKPORT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
*****December 20, 2022 *****
6 Park Ave., Arkport, NY

Call to order: 7:00pm

Pledge to the Flag:

Roll Call: Mayor George Prete Trustee Alan Matthews Trustee Mike Brewer
Trustee Ezra Geist Trustee Patricia Amidon

Absent Call: Ezra Geist, Trustee

Others Present: Theo Holder, Clerk; Patty Lupo, Treasurer; Bill Rusby, Code Enforcement Officer; Shuan Freeland, Meggan Freeland and Kristin Willis.

Approval of Minutes: No corrections or additions to the minutes of the November 15, 2022 Regular Board Meeting, as written.

M35 Motion made by Trustee Patricia Amidon, seconded by Trustee Mike Brewer, to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2022 Regular Board Meeting as written. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Code Enforcement Officer- William Rusby – Blue report

Bill said that he would add a signature line on his billing statements for fire inspections.

Bill reported that his official date for retirement to NYS Retirement System will be January 5th 2023 and he will need to be reinstated back to work for the Village on January 9th 2023.

M36 Motion was made by Trustee Alan Matthew, seconded by Trustee Michael Brewer to except the resignation of Code Enforcement Officer William Rusby for January 5, 2023.

M37 Motion was made by Trustee Patricia Amidon, seconded by Trustee Michael Brewer to approve the reinstatement of hiring Bill Rusby back to work on January 9, 2023. His position would stay the same, part time Code Enforcement Officer for the Village of Arkport. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bill has signed up for code school in March to keep his certification updated.

Discussion followed on the updating of the rest rooms to be ADA compliant. The Village will need to hire an engineer to plan the rest room so that it will meet the requirements to be compliant. Trustee Amidon will contact Hager Engineering and Treasurer Lupo will call Jimmy Joe Carl.

HP Hood are going through an audit and needed information on projects that were completed. Bill said that he submitted everything that they requested on the projects.

DPW–Water -Logan Sliter - Absent

Mayor Prete mentioned that a new roof on the well house had been installed. The well house pump motor will need to be pulled and worked on in the future.

Trustee Amidon checked into leasing of the village trucks with Jason Emo, Town of Hornellsville Superintendent of Highway. The Town of Hornellsville and the Village of North Hornell have a system of replacing trucks every two years. Mayor Prete is willing to talk to Rich Scavo, Superintendent of Public works and Trustee Amidon will talk to Joseph Ingalls about how they set up a plan for replacing their trucks for the Village of North Hornell.

Treasurer – Patricia Lupo – Profit and loss reports for November 2022. General Fund income was \$1,572.47 and expenses were \$25,938.93 Water Fund income was \$50,535.64 and expenses were \$11,621.55.

M38 Motion to approve Treasurer’s Profit and Loss reports for November 2022 for the General Fund and Water Fund as distributed and reviewed was made by Trustee Matthews, seconded by Trustee Brewer. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

Abstract #6 Expenses for November 2022:

General Fund	\$25,938.93	Vouchers and PR	#106 thru 128
Water Fund	\$11,621.55	Vouchers and PR	# 57 thru 66
Total	\$37,560.48		

M39 Motion made by Trustee Brewer, seconded by Trustee Matthews, to approve ratification of Abstract #6 for November 2022 as presented. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Shaun Freeland and Meggan Freeland addressed Mayor Prete and the Board of Trustee’s with a formal complaint about the frequent speeders heading out of town (west), and coming into town (east) not slowing down to the 30mph speed limit until the RR tracks. They have reached out to both local law enforcement (Steuben County Sheriff), and State Law Enforcement (NYS Police), on multiple occasions in the past regarding issues that they have personally experienced. Shaun and Meggan Freeland would both like to request increased traffic patrol or a radar trailer for West Ave. (St. Rt. 961F) in Arkport.

On November 9, 2022 a witness Kristen Willis saw a car passing a stopped school bus at 60mph. Bill Rusby said that he would check with the School Bus Garage and see if the bus drivers are reporting drivers passing stopped school buses. Trustee Amidon stated that the street is a State Highway, if called, they may be able to help to improve the safety on West Avenue.

Old Business & Tabled Items:

A memorandum of Understanding was sent to the Town of Hornellsville for the court rental agreement between the Village and Town. This agreement has been signed. Also, a Memorandum of Understanding was sent to Arkport Central School by Mayor Prete for the cost of salt, labor and equipment.

Mayor Prete said that he has been trying several times to call-NYSEG about the on-demand gas meter but he has been on hold for 30 mins or longer waiting for someone to answer.

New Business:

The gas stove in the kitchen has 9 pilot lights for the top burners and 2 more for the oven that need to be lit every time the stove is being used. Patricia Lupo said that it really needs to be replaced, it really is too big and a waste of gas using 11 pilot lights at a time. The carpet needs to be replaced and the chairs need to be reupholstered with new material and foam or replaced.

M40 Motion made by Trustee Amidon, seconded by Trustee Brewer to raise the Community Room rent for residents to \$75.00 and outside residents to \$100.00 starting January 1,2023. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

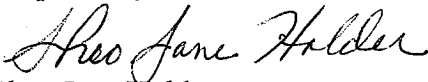
M41 Motion made by Trustee Brewer, seconded by Trustee Matthews to raise the Community Room Deposit to reserve the use of hall/kitchen to \$50.00 begin January 1, 2023. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

M42 Motion made by Trustee Amidon, seconded by Trustee Matthews to start a new Asset Reserve Account for replacement of any damage or repairs needed for the hall/kitchen.

Next Board Meeting Date January 17,2023

M43 Motion made by Trustee Amidon, seconded by Trustee Brewer to adjourn, at 8:30. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

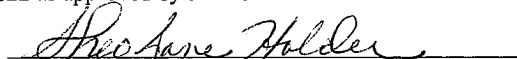


Theo Jane Holder
Village Clerk

STATE OF NEW YORK }
COUNTY OF STEUBEN }

I, Theo Jane Holder, the undersigned clerk of the Village of Arkport, do hereby certify as follows:

1. A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Arkport, Steuben County, State of New York, was held on December 20, 2022 and said meeting has been duly recorded in the Minutes Book kept by me in accordance with law for the purpose of recording the minutes of meetings of said Village Board.
2. Said Minutes correctly state the time and place when said Meeting was convened and the Board Members present.
3. Public notice of the time and place of said Meeting was duly posted and duly given to the public and the news media in accordance with the Open Meeting Law, constituting Chapter 511 of the Laws of 1976 of the State of New York, and that all members of said Village Board had due notice of said Meetings and that the Meeting was in all respects duly held and a quorum was present and acted throughout.
4. In WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have affixed the corporate seal of the Village of Arkport this day of December 20, 2022 as approved by the Board.


Arkport Village Clerk