

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ARKPORT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
*****January 21, 2025 *****
6 Park Ave., Arkport, NY

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Pledge to the Flag:

Roll Call: Mayor George Prete Trustee Mike Brewer Trustee Patricia Amidon

Absent Call: Trustee Ryan Beers, Trustee Ezra Geist

Others Present: Bonnie Dungan, Deputy Clerk; Patty Lupo, Treasurer; Bill Rusby, Code Officer, Tom Hunt, Cemetery Supervisor

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Arkport was called to order by Mayor George Prete.

Approval of Minutes: No corrections or additions made to the minutes of the December 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

M46 Motion made by Trustee Brewer, seconded by Trustee Amidon, to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting as read. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cemetery Report: Tom Hunt shared statistics for his Annual Report indicating 9 lots were sold (all to non-residents); 20 burials (11 cremations) took place and 1 deed transfer is in process.

Code Enforcement Officer: Bill Rusby, (CEO), reviewed his monthly report for December which included his “End of the Year 2024 Summary.” He will use these numbers for his Annual Report. He also shared that Code School will be taking place in March; cost around \$400.00 for his attendance.

DPW/Water Department: Joe Demick, Supervisor submitted a written report that was shared with the Trustees.

- No issues with plowing and salting operations; salt usage is about average in comparison to prior years. Plow cutting edges were changed, will need to order more in the coming weeks.
- Analysis of state funded reimbursement is almost complete and there is over \$171,000 in funding to be used for road projects. Requesting Board input on what streets they feel are a priority for repair; discussion ensued and one street was mentioned; Davenport Street. Trustee Brewer will give this item more thought and share thoughts with DPW staff.

Water:

- 4 meters were changed this month, no customer issues at this time.
- Hornellsville booster pump swapped due to leaking seal (up on Alger Road), will take pump to get rebuilt. The bill for the rebuild will go to Town of Hornellsville.
- Contacting contractors to come in and repair some small items on the 2nd line in the spring house.
- Meter reading for the quarter will take place week of 1/21-24/2025.
- 2024 Water Withdrawal report was sent into the DEC, still working on the Annual Quality Water Report for the DOH.

Treasurer: Patricia Lupo – Profit and loss reports for December 2024. General Fund income was \$5,587.09 and expenses were \$32,258.46. Water Fund income was \$25,552.00 and expenses were \$54,080.21.

M47 Motion made by Trustee Brewer, seconded by Trustee Amidon to approve the Treasurer’s Profit and Loss reports for December 2024 for the General Fund and Water Fund as distributed. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

Abstract #7 Expenses for December 2024:

General Fund	\$32,258.46	Vouchers and PR	#105 thru 128
Water Fund	\$54,080.21	Vouchers and PR	# 52 thru 63

Abstract #7 Totals \$86,338.67

M48 Motion made by Trustee Amidon, seconded by Trustee Brewer, to approve ratification of Abstract #7 as presented. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Old Business & Tabled Items:

- Caucus Dates – Republican – January 22, 2025, 5 PM; Democratic – January 23, 2024, 6 PM
- Spectrum Agreement – Mayor Prete indicated that Tom Augustini submitted the Franchise Agreement with Spectrum at the 5% of Gross Profits and it is now in the hands of our Attorney, John Vogel. Mayor will update when this has been finalized.
- Health Insurance – Mayor read the motion to approve, on a one-year trial basis, to deviate from the Arkport Village's (revised and approved on 11-21-23) Policy & Procedures relating to employee health insurance. The deviation allows the Village to give a cash payment to the employees amounting to 75% of the Excellus policy premium. The 75% premium cost will be reduced by the employer FICA payment which will make the effective rate of 67.94% of the premium cost.

M49 Motion made by Trustee Brewer, seconded by Trustee Amidon, to approve a one-year deviation (on a trial basis) of the Arkport Village's Policy & Procedures relating to Health Insurance, allowing the Village to pay 67.94% of premium cost and full-time staff will acquire their own health insurance. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

Confirmation of cancellation of Excellus has been received and copies provided to DPW full time staff so they are now able to look for their own health coverage.

New Business:

- Trustee Brewer brought up that there is a new Dog Control Officer hired by the Town of Hornellsville. Deputy Clerk Dungan will contact the Town of Hornellsville for information and will add it to the upcoming Newsletter coming out with the February water bill.
- Tom Hunt asked for guidance on committee membership for both the Planning and Zoning Boards; specifically, could there be an alternate should a member or two not be available but still need quorum. Mayor Prete indicated he will look into the specific parameters of each Boards' memberships to see if this is possible.

Committee Reports:

- Finance & Streets – Trustee Brewer – nothing new to report
- Cemetery - Trustee Geist – absent
- Park – Trustee Amidon – Still looking into Pickle Ball
- Water – Trustee Beers – absent

Next Board Meeting Date: February 18, 2025

M50 Motion made by Trustee Brewer, seconded by Trustee Amidon to adjourn, at 7:37 pm. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie Dungan
Village Deputy Clerk