

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 5, 2022

PRESIDING OFFICER, THOMAS J. GARDNER, MAYOR

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Joe Bourne, Ed Steffek, Nate Penrod, Brandie Bourne, John Little

ABSENT: Steve Adams

OTHER ATTENDEES: Rick Swiger, Jeff Stearns, DJ Meek

VISITORS: Nancy Bourne, Jacquie Price, Craig Mann

PLEDGE

The meeting was opened with The Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Gardner.

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Nate Penrod to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes from regular meeting held March 15, 2022. All council members present were in favor.

VISITORS

*Jacquie Price inquired about the date of the Spring Clean Up (April 23 & 24th) and rather scrap metal would be taken. Mayor Gardner indicated that scrap metal would be collected by John Stull.

*Price addressed the administration concerning the start up of a community center in the village. Price and two others are forming a board to oversee the community center. Price invited Mayor Gardner to greet visitors at a meeting that will be held on April 22nd from 2-5pm. This meeting will include speakers from Rural Action, Orvis Campbell, Big Brother Organization, church pastors and state and local representatives. The community center will be available for after school reading programs, party rental events, yoga classes, and other faith base content classes. The Grand Opening for the public will be held on May 21st.

PAY BILLS

***Motion made by Brandie Bourne** and seconded by Nate Penrod to pay bills from respective funds. All council members present were in favor.

FISCAL OFFICER

*Heard that the mowing ordinance will be published in the local newspaper as required by the village mowing ordinance.

POLICE

*Chief Stearns reported 19 calls for March with the village handling 11 of the 19.

*Councilman Penrod indicated there are safety traffic issues at the elementary school and inquired whether the village could patrol more for the morning hours to ensure safety issues are covered during school hours. Chief Stearns will try to schedule such hours are covered.

STREET

*Heard that Supervisor Swiger will remove the grit from the roadway once weather turns. The sweeper is ready for grit removal.

*Heard that Swiger will need help in resetting a stone at the cemetery.

***Motion made by Joe Bourne and seconded by Ed Steffek** to proceed with installing LED lighting in the Street Maintenance Garage. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor.

*Was reported that George Herbert fixed the storm sewer drain at the post office for a fee of \$450.

ZONING

*Reported that Tom Mansfield has picked up an application for a new building and fencing.

COCHRAN

*No Reporting – Absent

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR

*No Reporting – Absent

MAYOR

***Motion made by Joe Bourne and seconded by Nate Penrod** to donate \$1000 to the Port Washington Baseball League to be used for the special dirt on the ballfield. Total cost was \$1600. Roll Call taken and all council members present were in favor.

*Heard that the porta john has been delivered to Bates Ballfield.

*Reported that Rick Swiger, DJ Meek and Mayor Gardner trimmed trees from Rt. 36 to High Street. There had been an issue of limbs hitting the school buses.

*Heard that council member John Little repaired a broken line at Belden Park.

*Was reported that Mayor Gardner spoke with Scott Reynolds of the T.C. Community Regional Commission concerning the demolish program for vacant housing. The village has acquired a home located at 113 High St which is beyond repair. Reynolds advised the village to wait for the demolishing of the home on High Street; as there is a demolishing program available and the village may be able to apply for funding for that project .

*Heard that the cost of the two roll offs for spring clean up day will be \$994.

*Discussed the wiring project at the cemetery. **Ed Steffek made a motion with Brandie Bourne seconding the motion** to contract out the digging for a fee of \$400 (contractor-McDonald). Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor.

JOE BOURNE

*Heard that Bourne followed up with Newton Asphalt to ensure that the approval agreement for the paving project was received. Newton Asphalt confirmed that they have received the signed agreement for paving 1st, 2nd, Camby and Cornet Streets.

*Council approved Bourne to purchase bags of mulch for the Belden Park from Tony Mart.

*3 calls were reported for the Delaware Fire Dept. for the month of March.

STEVE ADAMS

*No Reporting - Absent

NATE PENROD

*Discussed the high electric bill at the Historical Society Building and who should be responsible for the heating bill. The building is owned by the village; therefore, the responsibility lays on the village. The building has two gas furnaces as well as a heating unit. Council member John Little indicated that work is being done daily in the building which is driving the heating bills up.

BRANDIE BOURNE

*Heard that Contractor Seth Moore will be doing the concrete work at the front of village hall sometime in mid April. John Bourne will dig out and prepare the area for the concrete work.

*Bourne received a quote of \$5820 for sidewalks (Type C concrete) to run in the front of the village hall and along the Bates Metal side (106ft x 86ft x 5ft) of the Fire Dept. No action was taken as the village would like to research getting grant funding for sidewalks through the village.

JOHN LITTLE

*No Reporting

ED STEFFEK

*Heard that Steffek is researching for information as to when President Lincoln came through Port Washington.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting will be April 19, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Thomas J. Gardner, Mayor

Date

Darissa R. Lute, Fiscal Officer

Date