REGULAR MEETING APRIL 7, 2026

PRESIDING OFFICER, THOMAS J. GARDNER, MAYOR

ROLL CALL:
PRESENT: Joe Bourne, Steve Adams, John Little, Jeff Gardner, Jeff McDonald
ABSENT: Brandie Bourne
OTHER ATTENDEES: N/A
VISITORS: Nancy Bourne, Jacquie Price, Jody Boring, Austin Menefee, Paitra Menefee, Wendy Fillman

MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE
The meeting was opened with The Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Gardner.

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES
Motion was made by Joe Bourne and seconded by Steve Adams to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes from regular meeting held March 17, 2026. All council members present were in favor.

VISITORS
* Heard from Baseball League Representatives (Austin & Paitra Menefee and Wendy Fillman). League Representatives addressed issues with neighbors adjacent to the Bates T-Ball Field. Discussion took place-concerning raising the fencing up 10 ft to block out the residential area on the left side of the ball field. League Representative Austin Menefee will obtain pricing and present quote to council for installation of additional fencing at Bates T-Ball Field.
*Council approved purchasing paint for the concession stand at the ballfield.
*Visitor/Resident Jacquie Price & Jody Boring informed council that the Farmer's Market at the Community Center will open on Thursday - June 4th (6-8pm). The Farmer's Market will be held every Thursday thereafter from 6-8pm.
*Price announced that there will be an event on May 9th from 9am – 1pm at the Community Center for anyone wishing to purchase plants. Vegetables, Herbs, Flowers, Hanging Baskets will be available to purchase.
*Price asked the council to reconsider Ordinance # 2025-4 banning village residents from having chickens within the corporation limits. Price inquired to revising the ordinance and inserting language in the ordinance with restrictions. Price stated that there are many benefits to having chickens other than just meat & eggs. Chickens will eat food scrapes, ticks, etc. Solicitor Mark Perlaky indicated that he will draft a revised ordinance if council wishes. More on this issue to follow in future meetings.

PAY BILLS
***Motion made by Joe Bourne** and seconded by John Little to pay bills from respective funds. Roll call as follows: Joe Bourne yay, Steve Adams yay, Jeff Gardner yay, Jeff McDonald yay, John Little yay.

POLICE
*No Reporting - Absent

STREET
*Tim Bryant (Street Commissioner) was absent from the meeting – however Mayor Gardner presented the Street Dept Report.
* It was reported that Joe Bourne and Tim Bryant distributed gravel on all alleys in the village which were in need of gravel.
*Heard that Steve Adams and Tim Bryant worked on plumbing issues at the park.
*Was reported that Jeff McDonald and Tim Bryant distributed gravel on the parking lot at Belden Park.
*Reported that Mayor Gardner and Street Commissioner Tim Bryant have been keeping up with the mowing – Ball fields, Cemetery and other village owned properties.

SOLICITOR MARK PERLAKY
*No Reporting

ZONING/MAYOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
*No Reporting – Absent

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR
No Reporting - Absent

MAYOR
*Reminder – Spring Clean up will be April 17-19. Two roll off dumpsters will be brought in for the clean-up weekend. Refuse containers will be located at 105 W Main Street Rear - in the lot behind what was once known as the Old Ugly Mug. No tires or hazardous waste will be accepted.
*Heard that the Porta John has been delivered to the Bates Ballfield.
*Was reported that a stop sign will be installed at the intersection of N. High Ext and Wolfe Road.
*Reviewed a quote for the paving of Dichler Lane (between Church Street to Glasgow Road) at a cost of $16,800.00 from Newton Asphalt.
Motion made by Jeff McDonald and seconded by Jeff Gardner to approve and proceed with the paving project as stated. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor.

JOE BOURNE
*Distributed the March - Delaware Volunteer Fire Dept Report with 11 calls being handled. 2-Auto Accidents, 4-Brush Fires, 1-downed lines, 2-Brush Fire Investigations and 2 odor investigations.

BRANDIE BOURNE
*Bourne was absent from meeting but had requested (through the Fiscal Officer) permission to purchase filters for the Fire Dept. Station. All council members present were in favor.

STEVE ADAMS
*No Reporting

JOHN LITTLE
*No Reporting

JEFF GARDNER
*Gardner reported viewing a video of an incident in which a 5th grader was attacked by a high school student recently near the Baseball Field on Arch St. Other students were video taping the incident. It is unknown whether any law enforcement agency was contacted. Gardner inquired whether village police could monitor the walking path after school.

JEFF MCDONALD
*McDonald also inquired to whether the village could hire some temporary staff to patrol the ballfields and school for more security. Mayor Gardner indicated that the village had hired additional patrolman, but due to their full-time employment – very little patrolling was given to Port Washington. Gardner indicated that there is a shortage for law enforcement applicants and it is not likely that the village would be able to find additional help. Gardner issued a reminder – residents should always call into 911. 911 will dispatch either a Port Washington Officer or a County Sheriff Officer.

FISCAL OFFICER
*No Reporting

TREASURER'S REPORT
* **Motion made by Joe Bourne** and seconded by Steve Adams to accept the March 2026 Treasurer's report with the following: $445,549.11 General Fund, $ 49,128.20 Street Construction, $524.28 State Highway, $1.60 Cemetery Fund, $15,926.37 Permissive Vehicle Tax, $3012.63 Capital Project. With a total of all funds $514,142.19. Reports included the Bank Reconciliation Report, bank statements, payment listing, receipt detail report, fund status report, appropriation status report. All council members present were in favor.

Next meeting will be held on April 21, 2026 at 7:00pm.
Meeting Adjourned

_____ _____Date
Thomas J. Gardner, Mayor

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Darissa R. Lute, Fiscal Officer