REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 2026

PRESIDING OFFICER, THOMAS J. GARDNER, MAYOR

ROLL CALL:
PRESENT: Joe Bourne, Brandie Bourne, John Little, Jeff Gardner, Jeff McDonald, Steve Adams
OTHER ATTENDEES: DJ Meek (Zoning/Mayor's Asst), Tim Bryant (Street Supervisor)
VISITORS: Nancy Bourne & John Bourne

MOMENT OF SILENCE/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 Jeff Gardner to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes from regular meeting held February 3, 2026. All council members present were in favor.

VISITORS
* No Reporting

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

POLICE
*No Reporting - Absent

STREET
*Heard that two windows have been repaired at the park.
*Street Supervisor Tim Bryant indicated that parts are being ordered for a "recall" on the Village Dump Truck. The truck will be scheduled for service once the parts arrived.
*Bryant is still checking on prices for a salt spreader and blade for the gator.

SOLICITOR MARK PERLAKY
*No Reporting – Absent – Perlaky emailed proposed Ordinance # 2026-4 establishing a social media policy. The ordinance was distributed to village council for review. (see more information under Mayor)

ZONING/MAYOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
*No Reporting for zoning issues.
*DJ Meek (Mayor's Asst) updated the sidewalk project as follows: estimated construction date is June 15, 2026 and estimated ending date will be October 31, 2026. The final cost to the project is $977, 000.
*Meek indicated that the traffic light/generator project at the town square will most likely begin as soon as the weather breaks. This project will consist of tying the traffic light (located at the square on St. Rt. 36/Main St.) into the powered generator at the Fire Dept. This will eliminate any outage of power to the traffic light on St. Rt 36/Main Street.

ZONING/MAYOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-CONT'D
*Meek contacted the Tusc. Cty Water and Sewer Dept. to check the sewer lines at the village hall/fire dept. There has been an on-going issue of slow/plugged drainage issues. The county department check all lines that they would be responsible for and everything was clear.
Motion was made by John Little and seconded by Jeff McDonald to contact Jim McDonnell Excavating to further check the portion of the sewer lines that the village is responsible for. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor.

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR
No Reporting-Absent

MAYOR
*Mayor distributed a quote from Yoder Roofing for $1450.00 to reinstall the down spout that needs fastened back up on the Historical Society Building. A lift will be needed in order for the job to be completed. No action was taken; as DJ Meek (Mayor's Asst) indicated that the village may be able to handle the repair (down spout) for the Historical Society. The village will have access to a lift when the Traffic Light Project is being completed. If the two projects can be coordinated – the village will not have to contract out for the down spout project.
*Mayor Gardner distributed Ordinance # 2026-04 establishing a social media policy for the Village of Port Washington. Council was instructed to review the ordinance. This meeting will constitute as the first of three readings for Ordinance #2026-04.
*Mayor Gardner presented a quote from GameTime Playground Co. for $335.00. The quote is for a spring replacement on a piece of playground equipment at Belden Park.
Motion was made by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Jeff Gardner to proceed with the purchase of the spring from GameTime Playground. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor.

JOE BOURNE
*Bourne inquired whether the tenants had vacated the village owned property on Main Street as instructed (deadline for vacation was Feb. 12, 2026). Mayor Gardner indicated that the village solicitor should be consulted before the village takes steps to enter the residence and remove any belongings on the property or shut off utilities. Gardner will contact Solicitor Perlaky.

BRANDIE BOURNE
*Heard that the 10th Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on March 15, 2026 from 12-3pm at the Delaware Valley Joint Fire District. This will be a free will donation event hosted by the Fire Dept. Spaghetti w/sauce, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and drink will be provided.
*Heard that there was an excellent turn out for the February Fire Dept. Breakfast.
*Other events for the Fire Dept are as follows: Currently holding -Gun Raffle – anyone wishing to purchase tickets should contact one of the fire fighters from the department. In May there will be the Annual Memorial Day BBQ Chicken Dinner event.

STEVE ADAMS
*No Reporting

JOHN LITTLE
*No Reporting

JEFF MCDONALD
*No Reporting

JEFF GARDNER
*No Reporting

FISCAL OFFICER
*No Reporting

Next meeting will be held on March 3, 2026 at 7:00pm.
Meeting Adjourned

_____ _____Date
Thomas J. Gardner, Mayor

_____ _____Date
Darissa R. Lute, Fiscal Officer

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

Heard first reading on **Ordinance #2026-04** for establishing a social media policy for the Village of Port Washington. The seconded reading for this Ordinance will be held on March 3, 2026 and the third reading will be held on March 17, 2026.