

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ARKPORT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
*****November 19, 2024 *****
6 Park Ave., Arkport, NY

Call to order: 7:00pm

Pledge to the Flag:

Roll Call: Mayor George Prete Trustee Ryan Beers Trustee Mike Brewer
Trustee Ezra Geist Trustee Patricia Amidon

Absent Call:

Others Present: Theo Holder, Clerk; Patty Lupo, Treasurer; Joe Demick, DPW; Bill Rusby, Code Officer, Robin Rink

Approval of Minutes: No corrections or additions made to the minutes of the October 15, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

M31 Motion made by Trustee Brewer, seconded by Trustee Geist, to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2024 Regular Board Meeting as read. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Code Enforcement Officer: Bill Rusby - One building permit for the month of October. Work on the Historical Society building is in progress on the deck and ramp. The Variance for Robert Dickinson was approved with some setback modifications. Seven Certificate of Compliance were signed. Crowley will continue to work on improvements on the inside during cold weather.

DPW/Water Department: **DPW** Joe said that leaf pickup will end this week; leaf box will be coming out of the truck today/tomorrow. Leaf machine will need new hoses before next year due to excessive wear, 10 years old. New leaf box will need to be made/bought. Joe will get quotes for premade steel box as that will have longevity over a wood one. Truck will be outfitted for winter operations this week as the weather turns cold. Home Town Hero Banners will be down today. 2019 Ferris mower caught fire while mowing leaves in the park, waiting to hear from insurance company on payment, one quote from Olivers for a new mower for \$10,955. Trustee Brewer asked how the mower caught on fire. Joe said that he wasn't sure what made the mower catch on fire. The mower is a total loss.

Joe is checking on a price from Blades for cold patch so Joe and Dustin can patch any pot holes throughout the winter.

Water: Half of the hydrants were flushed, will plan to do them all in the spring. No discrepancies were noted. Working with Health Department on the notification process for lead or unknown service lines, we should be in full compliance until the next step of the process. Will begin seething out non read water meters in the coming weeks. Water distribution inventory was completed, order was placed with TI sales at the lowest bid and delivery was made to ensure we are ready for any water distribution related issues in the future.

A water line on West Avenue blew up while testing the water pressure from a hydrant, most of the lines were put in the 1960's. Will need to budget money for new hydrants in the 2025-2026 budget.

Treasurer: Patricia Lupo – Profit and loss reports for October 2024. General Fund income was \$36,617.35 and expenses were \$23,865.72. Water Fund income was \$513.43 and expenses were \$7,635.14.

M32 Motion to approve Treasurer's Profit and Loss reports for October 2024 for the General Fund, Water Fund as distributed and reviewed was made by Trustee Beers, seconded by Trustee Brewer. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

Abstract #5 Expenses for October 2024:

General Fund	\$23,865.72	Vouchers and PR	#68 thru 87
Water Fund	\$ 7,635.14	Vouchers and PR	#33 thru 42

Abstract #5 Totals \$31,500.86

M33 Motion made by Trustee Geist, seconded by Trustee Brewer, to approve ratification of Abstract #5 as presented. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Robin Rink reported that the American Flags would be coming down and will be replaced with a Christmas tree and lights. A Christmas Parade will be held on December 7, 2024 at 5:00 pm. The Parade will start on East Avenue and end at the Village Park. This spring the ladies from the American Legion would also like to plant flowers and bulbs by the Arkport Village sign. Board members agreed that it would be a great improvement to the Village.

Old Business & Tabled Items:

Health Insurance: Treasurer Patty Lupo spoke about the options the Village has for obtaining Health Insurance for the two DPW employees. The Excellus Plan will expire on December 2024 and no decision has been made at this time.

Law enforcement: Mayor Prete will call Hornell Mayor Buckley and ask about a part time officer for the Village of Arkport.

Mayor Prete said that Tom Augostini, is still working on the Village's Cable Franchise Agreement with Time Warner/Spectrum.

New Business:

Resolution in support of continued and increased State Aid for local governments has been signed and sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Carl Heastie and the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM). By signing this Resolution, the Village is joining in with other local governments to continue/increase AIM payments.

M34 Motion made by Trustee Geist, seconded by Trustee Brewer to, approve the Resolution in support of continued and increased State aid for local governments. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fee charge on late key pickups for the Community Room and Village Park will be \$50.00. The new fee will appear on the rental form in **Bold** letters and numbers effective January 1,2025.

M35 Motion made by Trustee Amidon, seconded by Trustee Beers to, approve the fee charges on late pickups for the Community Room and Village Park will be \$50.00 in **Bold** letters and numbers on the rental forms. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion on the present rent for the Village Park for outside use will be raised to \$65.00.

M36 Motion made by Trustee Geist, seconded by Trustee Brewer to, approve the fee charge of \$65.00 for only outside Village users to \$65.00. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting Date: December 17, 2024

M37 Motion made by Trustee Amidon, seconded by Trustee Geist to adjourn, at 7:51 pm. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theo Jane Holder
Village Clerk

