

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ARKPORT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
*****October 15, 2024 *****
6 Park Ave., Arkport, NY

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call: Mayor George Prete
Trustee Ezra Geist

Trustee Ryan Beers
Trustee Patricia Amidon

Trustee Mike Brewer

Absent Call: Theo Holder, Clerk

Others Present: Patricia Lupo, Treasurer, Bonnie Dungan, Deputy Clerk; Bill Rusby, CEO; Joe Demick, DPW/Water Supervisor; Robin Rink, Lou Nasca

Approval of Minutes: Board members received the September 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes to review prior to meeting. Mayor Prete asked if anyone had any changes or corrections. There being none Mayor Prete asked for a motion to accept the minutes as submitted.

M28: A motion was made by Trustee Brewer, seconded by Trustee Geist, to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting as submitted. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Code Enforcement Officer: Bill Rusby

CEO (Code Enforcement Officer) Rusby reported that the HP Hood project is coming along well. He was given a tour of the project area and HP Hood appears to be on schedule. The Hornellsville Apartments are cleaning up and installing windows. Discussion ensued with regards to flood zone updates. CEO Rusby explained the process and what would be needed if they wanted to pursue a rezoning for their property.

DPW/Water Department: DPW/Water Department Supervisor, Joe Demick

- Majority of discussion was with regards to brush pick-up. The current location for drop-off (Lawrence property on Oak Hill) is full and no longer able to take any more brush leaving us with the need to find another location if we are to continue providing this service. Discussion ensued and a question was asked about a possibility of a “controlled burn” by the fire department. Mayor Prete will have a discussion with the Fire Chief regarding this possibility. Also agreed to put up concrete barriers to close brush drop-off location Saturdays and Sundays.
- Park, Little League and Cemetery water has been shut off and winterized for the year.
- Leaf pick-up will begin this week and continue until the snow falls.
- Paving took place at the far end of Northridge to put a top coat on the end of the road. Approximately 20 tons of blacktop was put in place by Fred Johnson & Sons.
- All repairs to the water pump house are now complete and all invoices have been sent to the Ryan Agency insurance company. Notification has been received that the Ryan Agency will be sending out a check soon for reimbursement of damages.
- Water Department staff are preparing for quarterly meter reads; this should happen the week of October 21-25.
- The fire hydrants are scheduled to be flushed first week of November, weather dependent. This information will go into the newsletter which will be mailed out the end of October with the water bills to notify residents.
- Lead service line inventory was sent in on October 15, 2024. While it is not 100% complete, the Health Department will work with us as to where we go from here (we are missing information for ~40-50 residences.) Also, it is required that this inventory be available to the public, per New York State, therefore it was suggested to have the information on the Village’s website and in the Office for inquiries.

Treasurer: Treasurer Lupo read the Profit and loss reports for September 2024. General Fund income was \$11,909.06 and expenses were \$20,310.15. Water Fund income was \$10,744.35 and expenses were \$10,692.08

M29: Motion to approve Treasurer’s Profit and Loss reports for September 2024 for the General Fund, Water Fund as distributed and reviewed was made by Trustee Geist, seconded by Trustee Beers. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

Abstract #4 Expenses for September 2024:

General Fund	\$20,310.15	Vouchers and PR	#47 thru 67
Water Fund	\$10,692.08	Vouchers and PR	#25 thru 32

Abstract #4 Total \$31,002.23

M30: Motion made by Trustee Beers, seconded by Trustee Amidon, to approve ratification of Abstract #4 as presented. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Robin Rink updated the board on the “Field of Honor” project. She distributed the flyer and order form and indicated that once they know how many flags have been ordered, they will then determine whether the use of solar or electric will be used to illuminate the flags. They will work with DPW and if they have a large turnout of flags, the plan is to tap into pole across the street as it has an outlet already on it and run an extension cord across the road (per DPW Supervisor). There should not be a problem due to the low traffic on that strip of road. Robin also asked if the village was going to host a Christmas Parade (per rumor she heard) and if not, they are hoping to plan for a “tree lighting ceremony” and possibly a town parade. Mayor Prete responded that the village is not sponsoring a Christmas Parade but was not opposed to having one if the Auxiliary wanted to host one.

Treasurer Lupo asked when it was planned to take down the Home Town Hero flags and DPW Supervisor Demick indicated that they will be taken down after Veterans Day, weather dependent.

Old Business:

Mayor Prete updated the board members with regards to the Volunteer Fire Department Work Exemption and stated that most, if not all current volunteers take the exemption on their income taxes and that they could not do both. No one currently is opting for this exemption so there is no need for a motion at this time.

New Business:

Mayor Prete began the discussion referencing the email he sent to the board members regarding full-time employees opting to obtain their own health insurance and the village giving them a lump sum payment instead of going through the village for health insurance. Discussion ensued with pros and cons of this and it was agreed that if this is what the employee wants, the board will vote/agree to it.

Community Room Usage - it was agreed that the Community Room close at 9:00 pm. This will be added to the application.

Trick-or-Treat day and hours will be October 31, 2024, 6:00-8:00 pm.

Next Board Meeting date: **November 19, 2024.**

M31: Motion made by Trustee Amidon, seconded by Trustee Brewer to adjourn at 7:38 pm. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie Dungan
Arkport Village Deputy Clerk