

**Village of Port Dickinson
Monthly Board Meeting
February 26, 2019
Port Dickinson Village Hall**

Officers Present:	Mayor	Kevin M. Burke
	Trustees	Michael Cashman
		James DeGennaro
		Charles Harding
	Treasurer	Sandra Reifler
Absent:	Trustee	Robert Aagre
	Clerk	Susan Fox

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Kevin Burke

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF THE YEAR 2019: A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C

Mayor Burke explained that NYS is considering eliminating about \$23,000 of aid (income) to the Village as part of the NYS Budget. The Governor is proposing to tax internet sales, with a portion of that money coming back to the Village, to make up the difference. Mayor Burke explained that it is unknown how much the sales tax return would be and it is hoped that the Governor will change his proposal.

Motion by Trustee Harding, seconded by Trustee Cashman, for a resolution to close the Public Hearing

AYE TRUSTEES: CASHMAN, DEGENNARO, HARDING
NAY NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Question regarding hiring of Fred Akshar. Trustee Cashman responded that there was a need for additional part-time Police Officers and he was hired in that capacity. He makes the same hourly rate as other officers and works on an as-needed basis. The Department policy is to hire part-time officers who have retired from other agencies to benefit from their vast experience. His employment was reviewed by the NYS Ethics Board and no conflict of interest was found. He has participated in in-service training but has not yet worked.

Question regarding bricks from damage of front of building. Mayor Burke reported that the bricks were saved for use when the building is repaired.

AUDIT AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS: Abstract #14 (2018-2019)

Motion by Trustee Harding seconded by Trustee Cashman, to pay claims as listed on the Abstract of Unaudited Vouchers for the General Fund for \$12,611.00

AYE TRUSTEES: CASHMAN, DEGENNARO, HARDING
NAY NONE

Motion by Trustee Harding, seconded by Trustee Harding, to pay claims as listed on the Abstract of Unaudited Vouchers for the Water Fund for \$79.75

AYE TRUSTEES: CASHMAN, DEGENNARO, HARDING
NAY NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Motion by Trustee DeGennaro, seconded by Trustee Harding, for a resolution sponsoring Jared Dischinger for the part-time Police Academy in Oneonta starting in the Spring of 2019

AYE TRUSTEES: CASHMAN, DEGENNARO, HARDING
NAY NONE

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mayor Burke reported that he is composing a letter to residents whose sewer flows to the Kirkwood Ave pump station. The pump is getting plugged on a frequent basis and sewage could start backing up in basements.
- Auditor has reduced his price to \$1800.
- Marilyn Verrastro called to compliment DPW regarding their attention to a recent issue.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Cashman, seconded by Trustee Harding, for a motion to adjourn at 5:30 PM.

AYE TRUSTEES: CASHMAN, DEGENNARO, HARDING

NAY NONE

Respectfully submitted,
Susan E. Fox, Village Clerk