



Village of Port Dickinson

April, 2005

Important Telephone Numbers:

Village Hall Business – 771-8233
Building Inspector & Code Officer 771-8233
Police – 722-1255
Police & Fire Emergency – 911

Mayor: Kevin M. Burke – 723-5674

BUILDING PERMITS are REQUIRED for VIRTUALLY ALL CONSTRUCTION, POOLS & REMODELING. PLEASE CALL THE BUILDING INSPECTOR @ 771-8233 WITH ANY QUESTIONS PRIOR TO INITIATING YOUR PROJECT TO AVOID DELAYS & LITIGATION.

Please allow time for the Inspector to return your call. You can pick up permit applications at the Village Hall.

From the Mayor...

With great diligence on the part of your Board we have been successful in keeping expenditures down and at the same time continuing in a positive manner toward Village projects. The proposed tax rate for the Village will be \$7.19 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. This is a 3.75% increase and amounts to an annual increase of approximately \$18.00 on a home assessed at \$70,000. Within this budget we are budgeting moneys for future capital projects in order to offset loans and steep tax increases. We will continue to use our NYS CHIPS revenue in a pro-active manner for street repaving and upgrades. I would like to thank our Board for the attention they paid to their respective administrations and for preparing a budget that is practical and at the same time addresses the needs of our community.

SEWER RATES: We are attempting to stay current with the Binghamton Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Plant and the increasing Sewer Rates they assess on us. We have been advised that these rates will increase by up to 40% over the next several years. This is due to the improvements they are implementing which will also increase capacity. Trustee Ed Corcoran is continually monitoring the increases to avoid the need for a sudden drastic increase. As a result of current charges there will be an increase of 20 cents (\$.20) for a total of \$3.05 per 100 Cubic Feet. This is effective in April but you will not see the increase on the Sewer portion of the Water Bill until October 2005.

WELCOME: To Jim DeGennaro as he assumes the Administration Trustee post of Trustee Kears. With a unanimous decision the Board appointed Jim to take over these duties. Due to Jim's previous experience on the Board he has been able to hit the ground running and provide a great amount of assistance to the Village. Jim will also serve as the liaison to the Community Association.

TRUSTEES:

Administration: James DeGennaro 773-8078
Parks, Water & Sewer: Edward Corcoran 724-1965
Public Safety: Richard Felo 724-4170
Public Works: Steven Horoschak 772-0573

YARD WASTE PICKUP- Lawn debris pickup will be Mondays and begin April 4. All debris must be in containers (Max. 50lbs.) Branches must be tied in 4 ft lengths. NO PLASTIC BAGS or TRASH. Place containers or bundles between the sidewalk and the curb.

Regarding Vendor Trash Pickup. Put containers out only the evening before and remove them from the curb as soon as possible after pickup.

Please help keep Port Dickinson beautiful by not leaving containers at the curb.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Your Police Department asks everyone to please call them if you see anything suspicious in your neighborhood. If you have any concerns, no matter how trivial they may seem, please call and ask to speak to an officer, you can call anonymously.

Remember to Lock your Car Doors!

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The Village has ordered a new Fire Engine (Pumper/Tanker) with an expected delivery near the end of 2005. The bulk of the revenue for this purchase came from the FEMA Grant that the Fire Department members strived for and obtained last year. This engine will replace our 30 year old Engine. Our sincere thanks to our Volunteer Fire Department for there dedication and on-going commitment to our safety.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS ... Are always needed and especially during the day hours and around the clock for our Fire Police Division. Call the Village Hall 771-8833, leave your name and a member will call you back.

THANKS & HAPPY RETIREMENT: Please join the Village Board in wishing our former Trustee Patrick Kears the very best in his recent retirement. After serving the Village on the Planning Board and as a Trustee for a combined 28 years Patrick retired in December and has sought the winter warmth of Florida with his wife Christine. We all have fond memories of Patrick and thank him for his wisdom, dedication and friendship.

HISTORIAN: The Village is looking for a Historian who would be able to take over from our long time Historian Catherine McNally who recently moved from the Village. If you may be interested, call the Village Hall, leave your name and we will contact you.

PORT DICKINSON COMMUNITY ASSN- For information on youth recreation programs for Village residents please call 723-0167.

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There is a grave need to upgrade the facilities for our youth. The Community Association has prepared a comprehensive improvement plan to address this. We have approached Senator Tom Libous for some assistance on this project and are awaiting information from him along with potential other sources of revenue.

CANADIAN GEESE: All attempts at using Border Collies and “Goose Chase” Applications have proven fruitless. We are constantly monitoring new procedures to divert the geese from the Community Park. As the County Parks Department is the lead agency in this issue, we are staying in contact with them in hopes of some relief.

NEW LOCAL LAWS:

Additional Parking: has been added on Chenango Street between Phelps St and King Ave.

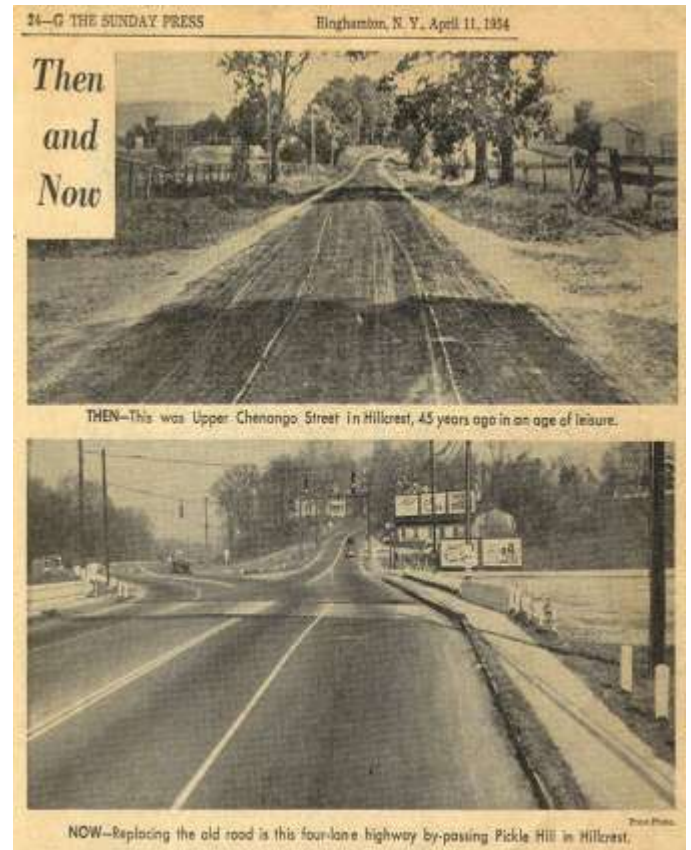
Water Meter Tampering: Persons who tamper with village water meters are now subject to both criminal penalties and imposition of a \$400. charge for installing a new meter.

DROP BOX: Use the drop box for your water readings and tax payments in order to save postage.



Drop Box Location

A LITTLE HISTORY....



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