

**Village of Port Dickinson  
Monthly Board Meeting  
February 12, 2013  
Port Dickinson Elementary School**

<b>Officers Present:</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	<b>Kevin M. Burke</b>
	<b>Trustees</b>	<b>Robert Aagre Michael Blakeslee Richard Felo</b>
	<b>Attorney</b>	<b>Herbert Kline</b>
	<b>Clerk</b>	<b>Susan Fox</b>
	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Cheryl Miller</b>
<b>Absent</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Michael Cashman</b>

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Kevin Burke

Motion by Trustee Felo, seconded by Trustee Blakeslee, for approval of the minutes of the January 8, 2013 meeting.

AYE TRUSTEES AAGRE, BLAKESLEE, FELO  
NAY NONE

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Written report on file with the Village Clerk.

**AUDIT AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:**

Motion by Trustee Felo, seconded by Trustee Blakeslee, to pay claims No. 1-32 as listed on the Abstract of Unaudited Vouchers for the General Fund for \$23,090.03

AYE TRUSTEES AAGRE, BLAKESLEE, FELO  
NAY NONE

Motion by Trustee Aagre, seconded by Trustee Blakeslee, to pay claims No. 36-38 as listed on the Abstract of Unaudited Vouchers for the Water Fund for \$23,000.34

AYE TRUSTEES AAGRE, BLAKESLEE, FELO  
NAY NONE

Motion by Trustee Aagre, seconded by Trustee Blakeslee, to pay claims No. 10, 33-35 as listed on the Abstract of Unaudited Vouchers for the Sewer Fund for \$1,123.66

AYE TRUSTEES AAGRE, BLAKESLEE, FELO  
NAY NONE

Motion by Trustee Felo, seconded by Trustee Blakeslee, to pay claim No. 1 as listed on the Abstract of Unaudited Vouchers for the Capital Projects Elevator for \$87,341.98

AYE TRUSTEES AAGRE, BLAKESLEE, FELO  
NAY NONE

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Insurance Certificate received from American Window & Floor Cleaning Co of Binghamton Inc
2. Insurance Certificate received from Beau Beckwith d/b/a Beckwith Construction & Remodeling

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administration/Community Association:** Written report on file with the Village Clerk.

**Parks/Water/Sewer:** Written report on file with the Village Clerk.

**Planning Board:** None

**Public Safety:** No report

**Public Works:** Written report on file with the Village Clerk.

**Zoning:** None

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT:**

1. Notice to Remedy was served on Andrea Rutherford, owner of 805 Chenango St for failure to complete painting of the property by 8/31/12. She had 20 days to file an Answer, and did so with the Court but not the Village or Village Attorney. Attorney Kline made a Motion for Default Judgement, as he was unaware that an Answer had been filed. He has been in touch with Ms. Rutherford and prepared a Settlement Stipulation which she had agreed to sign, but then did not show up to sign. Attorney Kline will now move for Summary Judgement. He has also been made aware that Chase Manhattan Bank is foreclosing on the property.
2. There will be a Conference for Municipal Officials at Attorney Kline's Office on 3/16/13 from 9-11:30

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Motion by Trustee Aagre, seconded by Trustee Felo, for a resolution approving the Mayor's appointment of Trustee Michael Blakeslee as Fair Housing Officer  
 AYE TRUSTEES AAGRE, BLAKESLEE, FELO  
 NAY NONE
2. Motion by Trustee Aagre, seconded by Trustee Felo, for a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Sewer Agreement with the Town of Dickinson  
 AYE TRUSTEES AAGRE, BLAKESLEE, FELO  
 NAY NONE
3. Motion by Trustee Blakeslee, seconded by Trustee Felo, for a Resolution pursuant to Section 27-1 of the Building Code of the Village of Port Dickinson Amending Subsection A-11 thereof  
 AYE TRUSTEES AAGRE, BLAKESLEE, FELO  
 NAY NONE
4. Motion by Trustee Aagre, seconded by Trustee Felo, for a ratifying the Mayor's January 2, 2013 response to Frank Evangelisti, Broome County Planning, in support of the proposed Broome County Land Bank  
 AYE TRUSTEES AAGRE, BLAKESLEE, FELO  
 NAY NONE
5. Motion by Trustee Felo, seconded by Trustee Blakeslee, for a Resolution adopting the attached Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for the NYS Retirement System for Mayor Burke, Clerk Fox and Treasurer Miller  
 AYE TRUSTEES AAGRE, BLAKESLEE, FELO  
 NAY NONE
6. Motion by Trustee Aagre, seconded by Trustee Blakeslee, for a Resolution authorizing the Village Engineer to prepare specifications and publish a Notice to Bidders on the rebuilding of land at Wayne Avenue with bids returnable 1 week before the Village Board meeting at which bid is to be awarded  
 AYE TRUSTEES AAGRE, BLAKESLEE, FELO  
 NAY NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Trustee Felo, seconded by Trustee Aagre, for a resolution opposing the elimination of Federal funding for gauges to measure the height of bodies of water, streams and rivers.

AYE TRUSTEES AAGRE, BLAKESLEE, FELO  
NAY NONE

Mayor Burke attended a Flood Task Force meeting:

- Reform Act of 2012 will do away with the ability of purchasers to assume the premium afforded to previous homeowners covered by flood insurance.
- Village will have to re-certify the levee – without certification, homeowners can't get flood insurance
- DEC is working with Delta Engineers, subcontracting with White Engineering, to determine the volume of water that needs to pass through the levee, which will then determine a plan for remediation.

Mayor Burke is working with the Deputy County Executive and DPW Commissioner for Broome County regarding the section of Chenango Street between the bridge over Rte 7 and the Town of Fenton line. The County maintains the street in the Town of Fenton and is receptive to discussion regarding taking over the section in the Village.

Motion by Trustee Felo, seconded by Trustee Aagre, to adjourn at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Fox

## **Monthly Report for Administration**

**February 12, 2013**

**Administration:** I met with John Condon from Brown & Brown. John brought copies of pertinent information in regards to our current liability, vehicle, and property insurance policies, and went over the coverage we have on everything. He also brought a new copy of a CD with our insurance policies on them as well. I will be making a copy of this disc for myself, and placing the original in our safe at Village Hall.

**Code Enforcement:** Code enforcement has again been relatively quiet for the month. The police have been notified of warning notices issued to several residents in regards to garbage cans being placed out too early, or not taken back in in a timely manner.

There were two follow ups on two violation notices issued.

☐ One at 855 Chenango Street for dumping garbage over the embankment, which John Broughton will be following up with this resident to see if they have cleaned up the garbage.

☐ The other at 10 Beacon Street for their landscaping encroaching too close to the road causing a potential traffic/pedestrian hazard. This was to be handed over to Attorney Klein, who has notified me that he has not received this. I will check back with Mr. Broughton to make sure this gets turned over.

**Community Association:** Nothing to report.

**Village of Port Dickinson**

**Resolution to Support Susquehanna River Rain and Stream Gages**

The Village Board (hereinafter "Board") of the Village of Port Dickinson (hereinafter "Village"), duly convened in regular session at Port Dickinson Elementary School, does hereby resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village of Port Dickinson is located within Broome County;

WHEREAS, there are currently a series of sixteen rain gages and eighteen stream gages in the Susquehanna River Basin all of which are Federally funded;

WHEREAS, one of the rain gages and three of the stream gages are in Broome County;

WHEREAS, the stream and river gages are maintained and operated by the US Geological Survey and generate real-time data needed by the National Weather Service to forecast river levels and to issue timely, accurate early flood warnings;

WHEREAS, this information is used by emergency managers, local officials, and citizens to make critical decision to protect life and property;

WHEREAS, the Susquehanna River is one of the most flood prone portions of the country, with more than 80 percent of the over 1,400 municipalities in the region including areas that are flood prone;

WHEREAS, Broome County was subject to a devastating record flood in 2006;

WHEREAS, the 2011 flood event alone caused hundreds of millions in damage due to property loss, economic impacts, and infrastructure damage;

WHEREAS, the community is still recovering from the 2011 flood;

WHEREAS, we were fortunate not to have experienced loss of life during the 2011 flooding, due in substantial part to have sufficient advance warning to allow for orderly evacuations;

WHEREAS, according to our recently drafted Hazard Mitigation Plan there is the potential for \$1 billion in damage in Broome County alone from a future flood event;

WHEREAS, the annual cost to the Federal government to maintain this vital gage system for the entire Susquehanna River is approximately \$215,000;

WHEREAS, the funding of this vital gages is uncertain from year to year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the undersigned, urgently call for the Federal government make a firm, long-term commitment to funding this critical rain and stream gage system.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is requested that the Clerk send a certified copy of the resolution to:

Frank Evangelisti, Chief Planner  
County Department of Planning  
Broome  
PO Box 1766  
Binghamton, NY 13902

LASTLY IT BE RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Trustee Felo, Seconded by Trustee Aagre

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Aagre – AYE

Trustee Blakeslee – AYE

Trustee Felo – AYE

Motion passed unanimously.

Susan E. Fox, clerk of the governing board of the Village of Port Dickinson, of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board, at a legally convened meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and \_\_\_\_\_ that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
Set my hand and the seal of the Village of  
Port Dickinson

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