

**Village of Port Dickinson  
Monthly Board Meeting  
March 23, 2021  
Meeting ID: 874 6589 6725  
Passcode: 413329**

**Officers Present:**

**Mayor  
Trustees**

**Kevin M. Burke  
Michael Cashman  
James DeGennaro  
Charles Harding  
Robert Moss  
Susan Fox  
Sandra Reifler**

**Clerk  
Treasurer**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- 1. Proposed Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan  
Motion by Trustee Cashman, seconded by Trustee DeGennaro, to close the Public Hearing  
AYE TRUSTEES: CASHMAN, DEGENNARO, HARDING, MOSS  
NAY NONE
  
- 2. Proposed Local Law 2-2021 "A Local Law Amending Chapter 60 of the Village Code entitled 'Vehicles and Traffic'  
Motion by Trustee Harding, seconded by Trustee DeGennaro, to close the Public Hearing  
AYE TRUSTEES: CASHMAN, DEGENNARO, HARDING, MOSS  
NAY NONE

**AUDIT AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS: Abstract #15 (2020-2021)**

Motion by Trustee Harding, seconded by Trustee Moss, to pay claims as listed on the Abstract of Unaudited Vouchers for the General Fund for \$12,913.23

AYE TRUSTEES: CASHMAN, DEGENNARO, HARDING, MOSS  
NAY NONE

Motion by Trustee Cashman, seconded by Trustee Harding, to pay claims as listed on the Abstract of Unaudited Vouchers for the Water Fund for \$85.59

AYE TRUSTEES: CASHMAN, DEGENNARO, HARDING, MOSS  
NAY NONE

Motion by Trustee Harding, seconded by Trustee Moss, to pay claims as listed on the Abstract of Unaudited Vouchers for the Sewer Fund for \$916.00

AYE TRUSTEES: CASHMAN, DEGENNARO, HARDING, MOSS  
NAY NONE

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- 1. Motion by Trustee Harding, seconded by Trustee DeGennaro, for a Resolution as follows:

**VILLAGE OF PORT DICKINSON  
RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICE REFORM PLAN**

At a regular meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Port Dickinson, held on the 23rd day of March, 2021, the following resolution was offered and seconded:

**WHEREAS**, on June 12, 2020, the Governor signed Executive Order 203 initiating the New York State

Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative requiring municipalities that have a police agency to perform a comprehensive review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, and develop a plan to improve them; and

**WHEREAS**, each of those local governments is required under Executive Order 203 to convene the head of the police agency and stakeholders in the community to develop a Police Reform Plan, to offer such Plan for public comment, and then to submit such Plan to the local legislative body for ratification or adoption. A public hearing was scheduled for March 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., and notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Village and posted on the Village Clerk’s signboard; and

**WHEREAS**, said public hearing was duly held on the 23rd day of March, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. and all parties attending were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said Police Reform Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, it has been determined by the Village Board that adoption of the proposed Police Reform Plan constitutes a Type II Action as defined under 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(26) and (33); and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Village to adopt the Police Reform Plan attached hereto.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village Board of the Village of Port Dickinson hereby adopts the attached Police Reform Plan as set forth herein; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor will submit certification of adoption of the attached Police Reform Plan to the State Budget Director on or before April 1, 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution will take effect immediately

AYE TRUSTEES: CASHMAN, DEGENNARO, HARDING, MOSS  
NAY NONE

- 2. Motion by Trustee Harding, seconded by Trustee Moss, for a Resolution approving Local Law 2-2021 as follows:  
**VILLAGE OF PORT DICKINSON**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2021**

At a regular meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Port Dickinson, held on the 23rd day of March, 2021, the following resolution was offered and seconded:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the extension of an Emergency Order of the Governor of the State of New York, notice was given that the Village Board will hold a public hearing on March 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom Video Conference for Local Law No. 2 of the year 2021 entitled “A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-C”; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Village, and posted on the Village Clerk’s signboard; and

**WHEREAS**, said public hearing was duly held March 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. and all parties attending the videoconference were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law or any part thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), it has been determined by the Village Board that adoption of the proposed Local Law does not constitute an action as defined and could be considered without further regard to SEQRA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Village to adopt said local law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village Board of the Village of Port Dickinson hereby adopts said local law as Local Law No. 2 of 2021 entitled “A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-C” a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and it is further

**RESOLVED** that the Village Clerk be and hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and to enter said Local Law in the Local Law Book of the Village of Port Dickinson, and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State; and it is further

**RESOLVED** that this resolution will take effect immediately upon filing with the Department of State.

**VILLAGE OF PORT DICKINSON  
LOCAL LAW NO. 2 FOR THE YEAR 2021**

**LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT  
ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C**

Be it enacted by the Village Board of the Village of Port Dickinson as follows:

**Section 1. Legislative Intent.**

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Village of Port Dickinson pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Village of Port Dickinson to adopt a budget for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2021 and ending May 31, 2022 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

**Section 2. Authority.**

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Village Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of at least sixty percent (60%) of the Village Board.

**Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override.**

The Village Board of the Village of Port Dickinson, County of Broome is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the 2021/2022 fiscal year that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

**Section 4. Remainder**

Except as hereinabove amended, the remainder of the Code of the Village of Port Dickinson shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 5. Separability**

The provisions of this Local Law are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words, or parts of this local law or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this local law would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and as if such person or circumstance, to which the local law or part thereof is held inapplicable, had been specifically exempt therefrom.

**Section 6. Effective Date**

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

AYE TRUSTEES: CASHMAN, DEGENNARO, HARDING, MOSS  
NAY NONE

- 3. Motion by Trustee Cashman, seconded by Trustee Harding, for a Resolution approving hiring of Edward Sakowsky as a part-time Police Officer effective 3/29/2021 at a rate of \$16.25/hr.

AYE TRUSTEES: CASHMAN, DEGENNARO, HARDING, MOSS  
NAY NONE

- 4. Motion by Trustee DeGennaro, seconded by Trustee Harding, for a Resolution scheduling a Public Hearing on 4/13/2021 on proposed Local Law 3-2021, amending Chapter 60 of the Village Code entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”  
 AYE TRUSTEES: CASHMAN, DEGENNARO, HARDING, MOSS  
 NAY NONE
  
- 5. Motion by Trustee Cashman, seconded by Trustee Moss, for a Resolution authorizing DPW purchase of a heavy duty Ford F350 truck per attached specs under NYS contract pricing.  
 AYE TRUSTEES: CASHMAN, DEGENNARO, HARDING, MOSS  
 NAY NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Mayor Burke will be consulting with the Broome County Health Dept regarding resuming in-person meetings in April.
- 2. Police & Fire Depts will be having an Open House on 4/17/2021 from 1:00-5:00PM at Village Hall
- 3. Front hallway painting has started
- 4. Mayor Burke thanked Chief Pipher and Sgt McDonald for their work on the Police Reform Plan
- 5. Approximately \$300,000 is supposed to be coming to the Village as part of the COVID relief package. That money will go to NYS for distribution an may take up to 2 years to reach the Village.
- 6. DPW is concerned about the compost area getting full. Trustee Cashman will review other options for dumping yard waste.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 5:20PM by Trustee Harding, seconded by Trustee DeGennaro  
 AYE TRUSTEES: CASHMAN, DEGENNARO, HARDING, MOSS  
 NAY NONE