

TOWN OF PORTERFIELD
Annual Electors' Meeting

TUESDAY, April 16, 2024

Chairperson Dennis Bergeson called the annual meeting to order at 6:00 PM with 15 in attendance. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. The past minutes from April 18, 2023 were read. Scott Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes as read. It was seconded by Tom Buelteman. All were in favor, no one opposed – minutes approved.

Residents reviewed the Town of Porterfield 2023 financial statement. Total income for 2023 was \$1,292,678.21. Wade Larsen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Scott Anderson seconded the motion. All were in favor, no one opposed - report approved.

Rob Hanneman gave the 2023 financials for the Grover-Porterfield Fire Department. Total income was \$208,399.63 and total expenses were \$185,361.63. There were 19 fire related calls, 2 false alarms, 20 non fire hazmat calls, and 38 medicals
45 current members, 9 trucks, and 3 stations with 2 townships.

Supervisor I, Audrey Guseck, wrote up a recap of the projects from 2023, which includes the following:

Five new homes for 2023

Ron Harrison was appointed to the Cemetery Board

Ron Harrison and Paeton Mech were hired as town employees

Rain jackets and a mini fridge were purchased for the Recycling/Sanitation Center

Bryan Lauritzen from Pro Check Inspections was hired as the town building inspector

Nettleton and Mudbrook Roads have had new culverts and were blacktopped

Jacobson, Phillips, and Schwalla Roads have been pulverized and graveled. They will remain graveled until funds are available

The Town purchased a blacktop patch machine (\$34,450.00)

Popple Road was discontinued and the deed of easement was given to the current property owner

Amy, Don, and Audrey met the mandatory training requirement for BOR

The Town has had growth this past year with \$2,702,600 for residential. Commercial increased \$67,700 and farms increased in value by \$83,400 for a total of \$2,853,700

The Town has been out of compliance for 2022 and 2023. There is no need for a reval unless we are out of compliance for 3 years in a row. We could be looking at a reval in 2025 or 2026 if the market continues as is. Our last reval was in 2010

Mark Diercks stepped down as a member of the Fire Commission. Chris Rohde was sworn in as a Fire Commission member taking the job as secretary-treasurer.

The Town will rent a John Deere Tractor from Riesterer and Schnell for 1 year for the down payment of \$7,950.00 with a brush mower plus \$35.00 an hour in use with the option to purchase at the end of 2024.

Two thousand six hundred forty feet of the west end of Willow Heights has been scarified, graveled, graded and compacted

Town workers received a \$2.00 raise across the board.

Thank you, Supervisor 1, Audrey Guseck

Supervisor II, Don Limberg, gave a summary of possible future projects for 2023-2024, which are as follows:

Some time back when Eugene LaCombe was our Town Chair, we asked for a tax increase for our tax levy. The people of Porterfield voted to raise it \$300,000 as long as the Board used it for roads. We have kept your will and will continue to do so. We might not make everyone happy, but we do try our best to do so.

Someone asked if we had a 5-year plan and yes, we do. I feel each member of the Board has a plan and we will work together to get what we feel are the bad roads and go from there.

This year 2024, we will do **Jacobson Road**. We will shape, pave, shoulder and put down 2 inches of HMA. Rough cost of this is \$115,000 give or take a little.

Anderson Road about 3100 feet, the first part of the road pavement replacement and shoulder, we will use 3 inches of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch limestone and lay 2 inches of HMA. Then the rest of the road roughly 2100 feet we will chipseal. Total cost, give or take is \$97,860. First part cost \$82,360 and second part \$15,500.

Schacht Road pavement replacement – add 3 inches of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch limestone and lay 2 inches of HMA. (5800 feet). Rough cost of this project is \$142,960.

Deer Lane – pulverize and 2 inches of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch limestone and leave for the winter. Cost \$19,000.

Sequin Road – Wedge portions and chipseal. Cost is \$50,000.

Our road crews will look for missing signs and replace where needed.

Road patching will be ongoing this summer and fall when needed.

The town employees will brush cut our town roads and mow the grass as needed.

Gravel roads will be graded and gravel added if needed.

There are some roads that may need some crack sealing. We will have to see if there is any money left.

We will plow our roads in the winter. This last winter has been pretty mild as we did not have that much snow.

We will sell our tractor as we put a lot of money into it. We will rent one to do our brush cutting and mowing the grass.

Total cost of these projects is \$424, 820. Like I said at the beginning, we cannot make everyone happy.

It depends on how far the money will go. Thank you, Supervisor 2, Don Limberg

Tom Buelteman made a motion to hold the 2025 Annual Meeting on the third Tuesday in April which is April 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM. Ken Brissette seconded the motion. All in favor, no one opposed – motion approved.

Wade Larsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 PM. Scott Anderson seconded the motion. All in favor, no one opposed – meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Linstad, Clerk