

TOWN OF PORTERFIELD
Annual Electors' Meeting

TUESDAY, April 18, 2023

Chairperson Dennis Bergeson called the annual meeting to order at 6:00 PM with 23 in attendance. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. The past minutes from April 19, 2022 were read. Ken Brissette made a motion to approve the minutes as read. It was seconded by Dan Peterson. All were in favor, no one opposed – minutes approved.

Residents reviewed the Town of Porterfield 2022 financial statement. Total income for 2022 was \$2,388,259.24. Ray Carviou made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Margaret Breacher seconded the motion. All were in favor, no one opposed - report approved.

Rob Hanneman gave the 2022 financials for the Grover-Porterfield Fire Department. Total income was \$667,045.69 and total expenses were \$718,262.23. They were able to receive their brand-new truck a year early, and it is housed at the Harmony Station. They have 9 trucks now as opposed to 11 two years ago. The trucks are now multipurpose. The department has 43 members and 1 cadet. The department responded to 148 in 2022 with the majority EMS related along with MABAS calls helping other departments.

Supervisor I, Audrey Guseck, wrote up a recap of the projects from 2022, which includes the following:

Six new homes for 2022.

Dan Klimek was sworn in as the new Fire Chief.

Sue Bayer stepped down from the coordinator position at the Recycling Center. Jeff Grabowski was hired to fill the position. When Jeff moved from the town, Diane Mans was hired to replace him and is doing a really good job.

Karen Prange stepped down as Chief Election Inspector and Abigail Nygren was hired to replace her.

A donation of \$7,551.73 was given to the Grover Porterfield Fire Department from the River Road Tree Preservation.

A 2016 International Truck was purchased for \$58,450.00. Each town paid \$26,725.00 and the Fire Department paid \$5,000.00. The truck will be a replacement chassis for their tender from 1992. The new fire department truck came in a year early. The town's share was \$172,260.00.

With the retirement of Wayne Reichel as our building inspector, Bryan Lauritzn was hired.

Town and Country Tree Service was hired to clean up roadsides from damage left from the snow and wind storms.

River Drive, Peters and Sequin Roads were scarified, graveled, graded, shouldered, and paved. Northeast Asphalt paved River Drive for \$133,125.70. Scott Construction was hired to put cold mix on Sequin Road for \$131,360.00. Northeast Asphalt was hired to pave a portion of Peters Road for \$128,962.60. West Winesville was scarified, graveled and graded. It will be paved when funds are available.

Trees for the Winesville Cemetery were donated by Dave and Kim Witte and Bill and Joyce Sporrer. Kim Witte, Karen Prange, and Ken Vista turned in their letter of resignation. A big thank you went out to the committee for their dedication and hard work. Ron Harrison volunteered to be on the Cemetery committee.

Various town roads will be getting street lights for the safety of the fire department. They are Panske, Sequin roads. Twin Creek at Highway 180, the fire pond on Miles Road and the recycling center.

AARPA FUNDS Purchased an air conditioner for the Town hall from GPS for \$4,586.00 (3-14-2022)

Purchased a Generac generator for the Town hall from Graese Electric for \$8,800.00 (3-14-2022)

Chassis for the Fire Department's 2016 International truck for \$26,725.00 (4-19-2022) Chassis for the

Fire Department's Freightliner for \$46,896.50 (12-14-2022) The balance of \$118,241.91 went into the

road budget to reconstruct town roads Total ARAP funds: \$205,150.36

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

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

Someone asked if we had a five-year plan and

yes, we do. We have some of those roads done as of now, but the list does keep getting bigger.

River Drive	Sequin Road	Jacobson Road	Winesville Road West
Peters Road	Anderson Road	Willow Heights	Sandberg Road
Vista Drive	Deer Lane		

This year 2023 Nettleton Road West will be reconstructed 7500 feet of it. We will start where the blacktop begins at Hwy 180 and pulverize, grade, gravel, put hot-mix down, compact to 2 inches or more and will shoulder the road. Also, will re-gravel the rest of the road roughly 3800 feet west and grade. If any culverts need to be replaced, we will do so. Cost is approximately \$240,000.00.

Jacobson Road will pulverize and add gravel and grade. We will leave both of these roads in gravel until we can afford to double seal coat or pave. Cost approximate \$75,000.00

Roads that we will re-gravel and grade need roughly 8200 tons.

Ebner Road	Blueberry Lane	Potato Rapids	Portion of Ross Lane
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Approximate cost is \$110,000.00.

All gravel roads will be graded and if gravel is needed it will be added.

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

Road patching will be on-going this summer and fall.

Crews will look for missing signs and replace where needed. If you know or see a missing sign please call the Board or Clerk to get it replaced.

Will continue to plow our roads in the winter and also sand and salt our roads as needed. I feel the crew did a good job this past winter keeping the roads plowed.

There are some roads that need some crack sealing and some could be chip seal coated.

I also feel that we are very aggressive with the road work that was done this past year. We will continue to be very aggressive with keeping our roads in good shape.

Like I said at the beginning we cannot make everyone happy. It depends on how far the money will go.

There was discussion on roads and weight limits.

Dave Overman made a motion to hold the 2024 Annual Meeting on the third Tuesday in April which is April 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM. Wade Larsen seconded the motion. All in favor, no one opposed – motion approved.

Dan Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. Ray Carviou seconded the motion. All in favor, no one opposed – meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Linstad, Clerk