



TOWN OF PORTLAND SPECIAL MEETING  
PROPOSED WIND ENERGY PROJECTS/TOWN & VILLAGE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
PORTLAND TOWN HALL  
JANUARY 29, 2018 - 1:00 P.M.

The town board reviewed the zoning ordinance which stated all turbines must have 1,200-foot setback of neighboring property lines with no more than 50 decibels for six minutes in any given hour. To protect the town a \$100,000 performance bond is required.

The town, planning board and residents discussed and asked many questions regarding the size, noise, property value, flicker effect of the turbine, water flow impact, why not buy made in America turbines, recycling material once the turbines become obsolete, building lots, and how birds and bats will be affected. Mr. Karustis and Kevin Powell who's land the turbines will be located on answered questions.

The Town Board did not discuss in favor or opposing this project.

Supervisor Schrantz thanked everyone for attending.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT VILLAGE/TOWN:**

Village Trustees Carol Horlacher and Art Miller discussed with the board and Highway Superintendent Becker the Village Highway situation. Discussion was on having Portland Highway Superintendent Becker oversee the two village highway employees after village superintendent Allan retires this spring. It was stated the two employees do not want the village superintendent's position. The village would pay the town a stipend for this service, it was discussed possibly half of Mr. Allan's salary. Portland Superintendent and highway secretary would receive a stipend for their work. Mr. Becker stated this would be a learning curve, but anything can work if you want it to. He told the village trustees he would keep a daily log of work done and report to the village at their board meetings. He also recommended one of the village employees becoming a deputy village highway superintendent. The Portland Town Board were all in favor of trying this. Supervisor Schrantz stated he will have the town attorney draft a contract for the village and town boards to review. The boards also agreed if this were to become a reality this would have to be revisited in 3 to 6 months.

With no further business, on a motion of Council Boltz, seconded by Council Manzella the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Roxane Sobecki-Town Clerk