

TOWN OF PORTLAND BOARD MEETING
PORTLAND TOWN HALL
JULY 10, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel Schrantz	Supervisor
Jerry Boltz	Council
Gary Miller	Council
Patti Farrell	Council
Rick Manzella	Council

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ken Becker	Highway Superintendent
Eric Holton	EWT Direct Drive Wind Turbines
Approximately 15 to 20 residents	
Roxane Sobecki	Clerk

Supervisor Schrantz opened the Board Meeting at 7:05 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

MINUTES

55-19

On a motion of Council Miller, seconded by Council Farrell the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 4 Schrantz, Boltz, Farrell, Manzella, Miller

Nays 0

RESOLVED The Portland Town Board approves the Minutes from the June 12th, 26 and July 1st 2019 board meetings.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

56-19

On a motion of Council Manzella, seconded by Council Boltz the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 4 Schrantz, Boltz, Farrell, Manzella, Miller

Nays 0

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board approves the Departmental Reports as presented:

Monthly reports received and filed:

- Assessor
- Code Enforcement
- Town Clerk
- Town Justice
- Dog Control

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TREASURY REPORT

57-19

On a motion of Council Boltz, seconded by Council Farrell the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 5 Schrantz, Boltz, Miller, Farrell, Manzella

Nays 0

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board approves the Treasury Report for June 2019 as presented by the Supervisor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Schrantz read the following:

- Darren Manzella-Lapeira Memorial Run-July 27th, proceeds from the fun run will be distributed through the Darren Manzella-Lapeira Veterans Assistance Fund providing financial assistance to veterans for immediate needs.
- Fuel Depot meeting-July 18th, 1:00 at the school.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Doug Walter represented a group of Portland Citizens; he addressed the board with their concerns of Wind Turbines in the hamlet of Portland. He told the board he is not anti-wind turbines, but not a good idea in the hamlet. Some of the concerns stated were setback, sound, and shadow flicker. Mr. Walter stated the current wind law the town has in place (2008) does not protect the residents of Portland. He asked the moratorium on wind be extended from 6 to 12 months. He also suggested a wind advisory committee be formed. He told the board petitions will be presented to the board soon. Eric Holton of EWT Turbines told the board and residents they are working on a view shed assessment, this will show where the turbines will be, what will be visible. Mr. Holton also stated EWT is proposing ten locations, EWT does not expect to install all ten turbines, EWT is open to feedback on the locations for the town to comment on what is appropriate or not. Mr. Holton stated during the moratorium EWT hopes that it will be an open process so they can participate in if an advisory committee is formed. Supervisor Schrantz stated the board is reviewing local laws from other communities, they have not decided on the creation of an advisory board at this time. He thanked everyone for their comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

VILLAGE/TOWN REPRESENTATIVES:

Council Miller told the board he attended the last Village of Brocton board meeting. They discussed zoning and the highway departments.

TOWN HIGHWAY GARAGE:

Supervisor Schrantz stated the engineer has the bid spec's 95% complete to go out to bid for the garage floor.

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CHADWICK BAY/NORTH COUNTY WATER PROJECTS:

Chadwick Bay is researching grants to review a sewer district.

North County Water's second phase is completed, the water from the Town of Sheridan to the Village line of Silver Creek. The next phase is installing the master meters, which will be sometime in August.

Council Miller asked if the Town of Pomfret has paid Portland for their water usage before CBI took over, Supervisor Schrantz told him that is being reviewed, but the town needs to meet with the City of Dunkirk and the Town of Pomfret. He stated he will investigate this.

GREENCREST/VBP DRAINAGE:

Supervisor Schrantz stated he has asked Paul Parker of Urban Engineers to review the pumping issue at the point.

WATER DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

Supervisor Schrantz stated the whole water system is going to be re-built. An estimated 140 easement's is needed for this project. A meeting with the Supervisor and Engineer is scheduled for July 20th, 10:00 a.m. at the VBP club house for residents' input on the project and to review easements that are needed. Supervisor Schrantz told residents in attendance at this time the project is scheduled to go out to bid in the spring of 2020, with the work for VBP in the fall of 2020 after their summer season.

WATER DISTRICT 8:

Supervisor Schrantz said work on this project is scheduled to start late August/September. The contractor J.D. Northrup will start on Highland Ave., they will test lines as they go so residents can hook in as the project moves forward.

CODE OFFICE:

Council Miller and Boltz stated they will be talking with the code officer, Signe Rominger to review the office workload and get her input on what is needed for the office.

TOWN HALL SECURITY SYSTEM

58-19

On a motion of Council Boltz, seconded by Council Farrell the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Schrantz, Boltz, Miller, Farrell, Manzella

Nays 0

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board authorizes the Supervisor purchase and install from DFT an updated Security System for the Town Hall at a cost of \$699.00, also purchase 5 wireless panic buttons at a cost of \$80.00 each.

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MARMADUKE COMMITTEE:

Council Boltz told the board the State has installed the signs for Marmaduke. The board thanked Council Farrell for the flowers she put by the statue.

DOG CONTROL:

Supervisor Schrantz read a letter for Deputy Dog Control Officer Diane Grover stating she will be doing a dog enumeration for 1/3 of the town and asked if her daughter can volunteer. The board discussed her daughter having the required shots and if she would be covered under the town's insurance. Supervisor Schrantz asked the Dog Control Committee to investigate this.

59-19

On a motion of Council Miller, seconded by Council Boltz the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Schrantz, Boltz, Miller, Farrell, Manzella

Nays 0

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board agrees to have the Deputy Dog Control Officer and her daughter perform the dog enumeration pending the dog control committee's findings regarding insurance and shots.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Council Manzella and Farrell meant with the Justice Department at their request regarding a raise for the Deputy Justice Clerk. The following recommendations were made to the board by Council Manzella:

- The board appreciates the work the clerk's do, especially with the added work from the Village of Brocton Court, but the budget will not allow for any wage increase at this time.
- Stated the pay is low and recommended the pay be raised to \$15.00 per hour, either in 2020 or over two years, at the Supervisor's discretion.
- The increase in hours to four per day, plus covering Jan/Feb/March should be addressed in the Justice budget for 2020.

Supervisor Schrantz stated this will be reviewed a budget time.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Highway Superintendent told the board the boarder around the playground at the park needs to be replaced, the cost would be \$1056.00 with the highway crew doing the work. He stated a new load of chips are also needed; he will get the cost for the next meeting. The roof on the footbridge needs to be replaced, will get quotes. He thanked the board for his new truck and asked what they would like to do with the old one, that is unlicensed and parked in the garage. The Supervisor discussed with the board the possibility of CBI Water purchasing the truck, but they do not need it until fall.

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AUCTION TRUCK

60-19

On a motion of Council Manzella, seconded by Council Boltz the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 5 Schrantz, Boltz, Miller, Farrell, Manzella

Nays 0

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board authorizes the Highway Superintendent to advertise on Auction International the 2015 F-250 with plow.

Superintendent Becker told the board the 2005 International has over 168,000 miles, it just cost close to \$4,000 to fix. He stated he has put a lot of money into the truck. He asked the board to re-visit purchasing a new ten-wheeler at a cost of just over \$224,000 with a seven-year, 100,000-mile bumper to bumper warranty. Clerk Sobbecki stated there is no grant money available thru USDA until possibly October. Supervisor Schrantz told Mr. Becker he will look at the budget and talk with the accountant. The highway department will start paving next week, starting on Thayer Hill Road.

The Museum is open for the season.

PAY BILLS

61-19

On a motion of Council Boltz, seconded by Council Miller the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 5 Schrantz, Boltz, Miller, Farrell, Manzella

Nays 0

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board approves the bills for July 2019 be paid.

GENERAL	\$13,976.88
TOWN OUTSIDE VILLAGE	\$4,756.42
HIGHWAY OUTSIDE VILLAGE	\$63,525.37
LIGHT	\$421.59
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$3,088.80
TRUST & AGENCY	\$69.98

With no further business, on a motion of Council Manzella, seconded by Council Miller the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,