

TOWN OF PORTLAND BOARD MEETING
PORTLAND TOWN HALL
SEPTEMBER 08, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Patti Farrell	Council
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OTHERS PRESENT:

Ken Becker	Highway Superintendent
Roxane Sobecki	Town Clerk
Joel Seachrist	Attorney
3 Members of the public	

MINUTES

77-21

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

Nay 0

Absent 1 Farrell

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board approves the Minutes from the previous meeting as presented.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

78-21

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

Nay 0

Absent 1 Farrell

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

Monthly reports received and filed:

- Town Clerk
- Code Office
- Assessor
- Justice

TREASURY REPORT

79-21

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

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ADOPTED Aye 4 Schrantz, Boltz, Manzella, Miller

Nay 0

Absent 1 Farrell

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board approves the Treasury Report for August 2021 as presented by the Supervisor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Schrantz read the following correspondence:

- Chautauqua County Land Fill credits.

OLD BUSINESS:

WIND/SOLAR:

Attorney Seachrist told board members the Planning Board had a Public Hearing at their last meeting on the Solar Liberty Project, Planning Board will continue with the process. The Board will wait for the Planning Board's recommendation. No news on the Omni Navitas solar project (Felton Road).

VILLAGE/TOWN

Supervisor Schrantz gave board members a rough draft of the intermunicipal agreement (Highway) between the Town/Village for their review.

CHADWICK BAY/NORTH COUNTY WATER:

Supervisor Schrantz told board members at the last North County Water Meeting a list of concerns and issues where made with possible solutions regarding CBI water. A letter addressed to CBI Water, drafted by the Supervisor and Attorney was given to the board for their review and input. The Board agreed to send the letter. Supervisor Schrantz will give a copy to the Village of Brocton for their review. Next meeting for North County Water is September 9th, 4:00 at the Fireside.

GREENCREST/VAN BUREN POINT DRAINAGE:

Supervisor Schrantz reviewed Greencrest area with the Engineer. The Attorney is working on an Easement next to the Greencrest right-a-way on Tastor/Patterson. The homeowner has given the Town permission for an Easement to install a pipe in the future. Highway Superintendent Becker said this is a step-in getting access to the lake. Currently there is only a 12-inch pipe. Mr. Becker said he wants to review with the engineer to make sure the correct pipe is installed for the acreage and water running. Supervisor Schrantz said this project may fall under the funds the Town is receiving from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). A resident of Greencrest (Wilson Blvd.) asked why Tastor Lane is being looked at when for the past 19 years residents of Wilson and Patterson have asked for assistants and showed pictures regarding flooding, asking how is this prioritizing. She stated they have asked repeatedly for help. Mr. Becker stated the pipe on Patterson/Wilson was increased. It was questioned why the pipe on Tastor was just replaced. Mr. Becker stated he is redoing the road on Tastor and the pipe had to be

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replaced before he can fix the road, the old pipe was galvanized with no bottom. Attorney Seachrist said there is a distinction on how money can be spent on Highway improvements vs. Drainage improvements. The Town can spend Highway funds if a pipe is deteriorating and impinging on town roads. The Town does not have general authority to correct drainage issues, the only way is to create a drainage district. The residents would have to petition the town for a drainage district, which people in that district would be willing to pay for. It was asked at this time “is there no pipe going in for drainage between the Coon resident and the old Doc. Mosier’s place going down to the lake”. Mr. Becker said not at this time, he said we are just getting the easement in place. The Town is working on drainage to drain Town Roads. Supervisor Schrantz reiterated the only thing the town is doing right now is obtaining an easement, if the ARPA money can be used we will go forward with an engineer study. Mr. Becker stated he wants to make it the best he can, that is why he has asked for a study. Supervisor Schrantz said the town will try to put adequate drainage to the lake to drain town roads, this will not stop flooding on people’s property, a drainage district would have to be formed. Mr. Becker said there is a large culvert that crosses Route 5, which runs through a 36-inch pipe, Greencrest is below. He said we have to figure out what to do with all this water. Supervisor Schrantz has been in contact with the County Water & Soil who suggested he call the DEC regarding the landfill off of Route 5.

WATER DISTRICT 2 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

Attorney Seachrist stated he will have the easement finished by mid-October. The Engineer’s will be requesting a year extension on the project.

WATER DISTRICT 8:

Supervisor Schrantz said the pin will be replaced at the cemetery. The remaining grant funds were used to reimburse residents that purchased a meter pit. Supervisor Schrantz said this project is complete.

BUDGET 2022/FIRE CONTRACTS:

Special meeting will be held on October 5, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to present the Tentative Budget.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT:

Supervisor Schrantz gave the board a list of projects that could possibly fall under what the funds could be used for. He asked the board to review and add ideas too.

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW:

Supervisor Schrantz stated there is still a vacancy on the Board of Assessment and Review.

DOG CONTROL:

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Supervisor Schrantz stated he has had a lot of issues and calls regarding dogs on Peerless Street. He has tried contacting the dog control officer. He asked the Dog Committee to contact the dog control officer to review this and a possible rabies clinic stating this issue needs to be addressed. Council Boltz stated he has left messages regarding the fence around the dog pound. Attorney Seachrist stated if a resident feel threaten they can go directly to the court under section 123 of Ag & Mkts.

HIGHWAY:

Superintendent Becker told the board he has finished blacktopping Webster Road. He will start working on Tastor Lane weather permitting.

PAY BILLS

80-21

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

Nay 0

Absent 1 Farrell

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board approves the bills paid for September 2021.

GENERAL FUND	\$9,529.53
TOWN OUTSIDE VILLAGE	\$208.08
HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE	\$155.22
HIGHWAY OUTSIDE VILLAGE	\$189,124.23
LIGHT	\$406.47

With no further business, on a motion of Council Miller, seconded by Council Manzella the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Roxane Sobecki-Town Clerk