

PUBLIC HEARING – SOLAR PROJECT
TOWN OF PORTLAND BOARD MEETING
PORTLAND TOWN HALL
DECEMBER 8, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel Schrantz	Supervisor
Jerry Boltz	Council
Patti Farrell	Council

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rick Manzella	Council
Gary Miller	Council Phone Conference

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ken Becker	Highway Superintendent
Roxane Sobecki	Town Clerk
Barb Smith	Deputy Town Clerk

12 Members of the public

Supervisor Schrantz called meeting to order at 7:05pm with Pledge to the flag.

Supervisor Schrantz Postpone Public Hearing on Solar Project until January 12th Board Meeting

MINUTES

107-21

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

ADOPTED Aye 3 Schrantz, Boltz, Farrell

Nay 0

Absent 2 Miller, Manzella

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

108-21

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

ADOPTED Aye 3 Schrantz, Boltz, Farrell

Nay 0

Absent 2 Miller, Manzella

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

Monthly reports received and filed:

- Town Clerk
- Code Office
- Assessor

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- Justice
- Dog Control

TREASURY REPORT

109-21

On a motion of Council Boltz, seconded by Council Farrell the following resolution was ADOPTED Aye 3 Schrantz, Boltz, Farrell

Nay 0

Absent 2 Miller, Manzella

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board approves the Treasury Reports for November 2021 as presented by the Supervisor.

PUBLIC COMMENT/SOLAR

Solar Energy representative Adam Rizzo spoke on Boards concern for wildlife at Solar Project. Rizzo said Solar Energy will make adjustments to the fence for wildlife to pass under fence six inches from bottom. Solar Energy will alter for wildlife if Board feels this is acceptable.

Several members from the community spoke in favor of the Solar Project. Community Members stated how beneficial the Solar Project would be for our Community and encouraged Town to take advantage of this opportunity. Town may lose the opportunity because project could go to another Town. We need to take advantage of this opportunity so we have a say on location, because the State may decide where the Solar Project will be installed.

Another community member asked the Board what does the town going to do to improve Our town? Town has lost many businesses.

One community member said he has them at his house and aesthetically you really don't notice they are there.

Kevin Powell stated there was already a Solar Law in place and that the board voted for this law.

A couple of the planning board members shared they worked very hard, with time and effort working with Solar Energy with this project, for the community. They stated the Solar Energy went above and beyond to comply to meet all the guidelines requested of them. Solar Energy was very nice to work with. Also mentioned, was the price of electricity in future years and the loss of fossil fuel should be a concern.

Solar Energy representative Rizzo stated he lives in the area and wanted to make sure everything was done correctly. Solar Energy will address any issues needed in the future. There will not be a lot of activity during the year just the maintenance needed for Solar Units.

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Supervisor Schrantz stated his personal opinion was this project is a very good idea.

Community members wanted Board to introduce newly elected Town persons and Thank Board members and Town Clerk for their years of service and dedication to their positions.

Board Members and Town Clerk responded with many thanks and enjoyed their years of service.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Village/Town Representatives
- Wind/Solar
- Chadwick Bay/North County Water Projects
 - Rich -There will be a Meeting on 12/9/21 at Fireside.
- Greencrest/Van Buren Point Drainage
 - Pipe is installed at seawall per Highway Superintendent
- Water District 2 – improvement project
- Proposed Water District 9
 - On hold per Town Supervisor
 - Per planning Board Member Bob Patterson Sr. community has expressed Interest in in Water District 9 to Westfield Route 5.
- Audits – need to audit clerk by end of year
 - Schedule on December 30th before Board Meeting.
- Museum
 - Nothing to report.
- Union negotiations
 - Tentative Contracts
 - Per Town Supervisor there needs to be an insurance Meeting with Union Members to discuss Insurance Plans prior to insurance renewals.
- American Recue Plan Act
 - Nothing to report
- Board of Assessment and Review – Vacancy
 - Town Clerk has asked people and position is still vacant

NEW BUSINESS:

BUDGET TRANSFERS

110-21

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

Aye 3 Schrantz, Boltz, Farrell

Nay 0

Absent 2 Miller, Manzella

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RESOLVED the Portland Town Board approves the budget Transfers for December 2021.

GENERAL FUND TOWNWIDE

\$1,000 FROM A1990.4 Contingent Account
TO A1420.4 Attorney Contractual

\$1,000 FROM A1620.2 Buildings Equipment
TO A1620.4 Buildings Contractual

\$ 500 FROM A5410.4 Sidewalks Contractual
TO A7110.4 Parks Contractual

GENERAL FUND OUTSIDE VILLAGE

\$2,400 FROM B7310.4 Youth Program Contractual
TO B9010.8 Employee Benefits State Retirement

HIGHWAY FUND TOWNWIDE

\$3,600 FROM DA5120.4 Bridges Contractual
TO DA9010.8 Employee Benefits State Retirement

HIGHWAY FUND OUTSIDE VILLAGE

\$4,100 FROM DB9050.8 Employee Benefits Unemployment
TO DB9010.8 Employee Benefits State Retirement

\$ 900 FROM DB9060.8 Employee Benefits Hospital & Medical
TO DB9010.8 Employee Benefits State Retirement

DATE OF END YEAR MEETING

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Nay 0

Absent 2 Miller, Manzella

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board end of year meeting on December 30, 2021 at 6:00pm

INSURANCE BUY OUT'S

112-21

On a motion of Council Boltz, seconded by Council Farrell the following resolution was ADOPTED Aye 3 Schrantz, Boltz, Farrell

Nay 0

Absent 2 Miller, Manzella

RESOLVED the following Town of Portland Employees will accept the 30% Annual buy Out Health Insurance Option for 2022, Barbara Smith, Seth Patterson, Craig Comstock, Wendy Spinuzza and Herbert McIntyre.

ASSOCIATION OF TOWN MEETING FEB 20-23

Supervisor Schrantz asked if there was any interest for newly elected official to attend the Association of Town Meeting scheduled in February 20-23 in NYC.

VIRTUAL TRAINING FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

113-21

On a motion of Council Boltz, seconded by Council Farrell the following resolution was ADOPTED Aye 3 Schrantz, Boltz, Farrell

Nay 0

Absent 2 Miller, Manzella

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board approves Barb Smith and Tammy Thompson to attend the 2022 virtual training for newly elected town officials on January 6th and 7th.

BOARD MEMBERS/TOWN CLERK

114-21

On a motion of Council Farrell, seconded by Council Boltz the following resolution was ADOPTED Aye 3 Shrantz, Boltz, Farrell

Nay 0

Absent 2 Miller, Manzella

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board approves new elected Town Supervisor Richard Lewis To clean Town Offices at \$300 by weekly.

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Council Farrell stated it was a pleasure working with Board Member Dan, Jerry and Town Clerk Roxanne.

DOG CONTROL

Council Farrell reached out to Craig Miller Village Trustee, Miller was out of town, to set up meeting with Town's Dog Control, Clarence and Diana Grover.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Ken Becker, Highway Superintendent stated he would like Village and Town member is be aware of winter hours and parking on the street.

No other information to report. Everything is going smooth.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

114-21

On a motion of Council Boltz, seconded by Council Farrell the following resolution was
ADOPTED Aye 3 Schrantz, Boltz, Farrell

Nay 0

Absent 2 Miller, Manzella

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board approves monthly bills be paid for November 2021.

With no further business, on a motion of Council Boltz, seconded by Council Farrell the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Barb Smith
Deputy Town Clerk