

TOWN OF PORTLAND BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2015
PORTLAND TOWN HALL – 7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel Schrantz	Supervisor
Jerry Boltz	Councilman
Gary Miller	Councilman
Al Valentin	Councilman
Rick Manzella	Councilman-entered the meeting at 7:26

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ann Belcher	Reporter
Ron Delcamp	Highway Superintendent
Dave Hazelton	Brocton Mayor
Residents Jack and Josh Patsch	
Roxane Sobecki	Town Clerk

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

MINUTES

02-08-15

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

Nays 0

Absent 1 Valentin

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board accepts the Minutes as presented.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

02-09-15

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

Nays 0

Absent 1 Valentin

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board approved the following reports for January 2015:

- Town Clerks
- Code Enforcement
- Dog Control
- Town Justice
- Tax Collector
- Assessor

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TREASURY REPORT

02-10-15

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

Nays 0

Absent 1 Valentin

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board approves the Treasury Report as presented by the Supervisor

CORRESPONDENCE:

- K LW-Data Collection-working on Highland and Old Mill Road
- Library-younger patrons of the Library gave Board Members Valentine's Cards.
- Town Hall Meeting with Congressman Reed-February 21st-12:30 p.m.
- JCAP Grant-awarded to the Court in the amount of \$1,695.
- Association of Towns meeting February 15th-17th.
- Delta Dental
- NYS Department of Health-Board needs to fill out forms regarding the Town of Portland Ambulance Service.
- Southern Tier West Membership

02-11-15

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

Nays 0

Absent 1 Valentin

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board approves the 2015 Municipal Basic Membership to Southern Tier West Regional Planning and Development in the amount of \$150.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jack and Josh Patsch of 8083 Thayer Road addressed the board with some of their concerns regarding Code Enforcement Officer Signe Rominger.

Josh addressed the board stating they filed for a permit to put a new roof on their home in September 2014. He said two months later the zoning officer presented them with a stop work order saying the work they were doing was not what she understood it to be. Jack and Josh Patsch said they wish she would have contacted them sooner to resolve this issue, stating they feel there is a miscommunication. Councilman Manzella asked what the status of the project is at this time. Mr. Patsch stated they are working things out; they are waiting on an engineer's opinion. Josh and Jack Patsch asked to discuss this further with the board to avoid this situation from happening in the future.

Supervisor Schrantz scheduled a meeting for February 23rd at 8:00a.m. with the building committee, Councilman Valentin and Manzella and all parties involved to discuss the Patsch's building project.

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Village Mayor Hazelton entered the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Councilman Valentin entered the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Mayor Hazelton addressed the board stating he has been working on the ambulance district recertification updates, which has to be renewed every two years. All information has to be submitted by March 1st. Mayor Hazelton stated a check for \$1,500 made out to REMAC will be needed with the application. He suggested the Town supply the check and have the Town bill the fire department and Village for their portion.

02-12-15

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

Nays 0

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board agrees to issue a check in the amount of \$1,500 to REMAC . This bill will be split between the Town, Portland Fire Department and the Village of Brocton.

OLD BUSINESS:

VILLAGE/TOWN REPRESENTATIVES:

Supervisor Schrantz and Councilman Valentin attended the last Village Board Meeting; they reported to the board the following:

- Joint Court/Judge between the Village and Town-Village would like to wait to review this saying there is not enough time. This would have to be put on a ballot in March and there is no Village election. The next Village election would be the following March and that is the year the Judge runs for office.
- Changing Election date for the Village to November-not at this time.
- Joint Building Code Officer for the Village and Town-Councilman Valentin will be scheduling a meeting with representatives from the Village and Town Boards, Village Code Officer and the Town's Code Officer.

TOWN HIGHWAY GARAGE:

No news to report at this time. Supervisor Schrantz stated the Town will proceed forward with an arbitrator. Both parties have to agree on an arbitrator, their decision is final.

CHADWICK BAY/NORTH COUNTY WATER PROJECTS:

Supervisor Schrantz updated the Board stating Chadwick Bay had a meeting on January 15th with the election of officers. Supervisor Schrantz read the list of officers. Regional Water rates were discussed. Next water agency meeting is scheduled for February 12th, Fireside Manor.

The next meeting for Chautauqua County Water Agency Meeting-February 24th, 6:30 at SUNY Fredonia, they will be reviewing rate structures and implementing a water plan.

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PEERLESS STREET BRIDGE:

Supervisor Schrantz stated he has been in contact with the engineer on the progress of the Bridge. Plans have been approved and the Bridge construction will begin. Supervisor Schrantz said he will be talking with the County Executive to make sure the Town is on the list for the foundation to be put in.

UNION:

Supervisor Schrantz requested to go into Executive Session regarding litigation with union negotiations.

WATER/DISTRICT 2 PUMP STATION/TOWER:

Supervisor Schrantz told the Board the Health Department has approved plans to install pumps to automatically fill the tower from the Village of Brocton. Supervisor Schrantz read a letter from City of Dunkirk Director of Public Works Anthony Gugino. Mr. Gugino stated some of the cities concerns regarding the pump station being non-operational, fire protection issues and the Town's water service agreement with the City. Supervisor Schrantz stated all necessary departments and police agencies have been notified in case of a fire. If the Board proceeds forward with the automatic pumps the Tower will not have to be manually filled. Supervisor Schrantz stated he has a statement from the engineer that this is not a fire issue and the Health Department is satisfied with this response. Supervisor Schrantz reiterated he will not put money into the pump station which may not be used if Regional Water becomes a reality. Supervisor Schrantz recommend to the Board to move forward with the 2 inch meter pit. Councilman Miller reviewed with the board the high cost of operating the pump station. Supervisor Schrantz stated the contract the Town has with the City of Dunkirk dates back to 1972 or 73. After some discussion the board moved forward with the following:

02-13-15

On a motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Boltz the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 5 Schrantz, Miller, Boltz, Manzella, Valentin
Nays 0

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board authorizes the Water Supervisor to purchase the necessary equipment to automatically fill the water tower from the Village of Brocton.

COURT AUDIT

02-14-15

On a motion of Councilman Manzella, seconded by Councilman Boltz the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 5 Schrantz, Manzella, Boltz, Valentin, Miller
Nays 0

RESOLVED that an audit of the Portland Town Court was conducted on January 26, 2015 by the Portland Town Board Audit Committee, all records were in order.

Supervisor Schrantz scheduled at workshop on February 19th with Jay Warner (LWRP) and to

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discuss the proposed equalization rate, which is estimated to stay the same.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Councilman Valentin informed the Board a \$500.00 donation was made to the Portland Museum. The donor would like to remain anonymous.

PAY BILLS

02-15-15

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

Nays 0

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board approves the bills for February 2015.

GENERAL FUND	\$19,052.37
TOWN OUTSIDE VILLAGE	\$244.69
HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE	\$20,778.57
HIGHWAY OUTSIDE VILLAGE	\$2,917.44
LIGHT	\$1,625.29
LIBRARY	\$1,964.92
WATER	\$4,179.62
PEERLESS STREET BRIDGE PORJECT	\$672.00

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion of Councilman Manzella, seconded by Councilman Miller the Board moved into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. by request of the Supervisor to discuss litigation with the Union.

On a motion of Councilman Boltz, seconded by Councilman Miller the Board returned to Regular Session at 8:30 p.m.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Valentin, seconded by Councilman Manzella the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Roxane Sobecki
Town Clerk