

TOWN OF PORTLAND BOARD MEETING
MAY 13, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.
PORTLAND TOWN HALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel Schrantz	Supervisor
Jerry Boltz	Councilman
Gary Miller	Councilman
Al Valentin	Councilman
Rick Manzella	Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ann Belcher	Reporter
Ron Delcamp	Highway Superintendent
Lori Foster	
Jack and Josh Patsch	
Robert Koszarek	KLW Municipal Inc.
Roxane Sobecki	Town Clerk
Joel Seachrist	Attorney

Supervisor Schrantz opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.
Supervisor Schrantz welcomed the Town's new attorney Joel Seachrist.

MINUTES

05-44-15

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

Nays 0

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board approves the Minutes as presented.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

05-45-15

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

Nays 0

RESOLVED to accept the Departmental Reports as presented:

- Assessor's Office
- Dog Control
- Town Clerk
- Justice-\$12,294.00 for Judge Delcamp \$ \$13,939.00 for Judge Craig

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TREASURY REPORT

05-46-15

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

Nays 0

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board accepts the Treasury's Report as presented by the Supervisor.

KLW-Data Collection:

Robert Koszarek gave the Board an update on the progress of the Data Collection being done within the Town of Portland/Village of Brocton. He stated everything is going well. They have two crews out and will be wrapping up the Village soon.

Supervisor Schrantz stated the backup data base information he requested for the Concerned Residents of Portland could not be opened. Mr. Koszarek said he followed NYS foil and took out personal information. He stated he is not sure what information is personal or public and does not what to give something they may not be entitled too. Councilman Manzella asked who is paying for this. Supervisor Schrantz stated he Okayed this and would pay the fee if necessary. It was stated that the residents requesting information said they would pay any cost associated with their request. Mr. Koszarek told the board there is instructions on how to open this file and would forward these on. Attorney Seachrist stated the board has gone above and beyond saying you do not have to create a file that does not exist. After discussion on the cost the following was decided:

05-47-15

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

Nays 0

RESOLVED the Town Board agrees the Town of Portland will not pay cost associated with request from residents for data information and that all charges for the information that was requested shall be billed to the appropriate persons.

Supervisor Schrantz thanked Mr. Koszarek for coming.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- NYMER Ins. Co.
- CHIPS-Increase due to extreme winter conditions.
- Assessor-decrease in gas well assessments, this is due to the price NYS allows and also production is down. 2014 total gas well assessment was \$739,468; this year's total is \$286,585.

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PUBIC COMMENT:

Josh Patsch of 8830 Thayer Road, Portland addressed the board regarding code enforcement officer Signe Rominger. He stated he has one signed complaint letter from Jerry Speelburg regarding Ms. Rominger. Mr. Patsch told the Board he had other residents who were not happy with Ms. Rominger but would not sign their name to a letter for fear of ramifications in the future if they where to do a building project. The Board stated there are complaint forms available but they would have to be signed before the board could entertain the complaint. The Board stated they have addressed Mr. Patsch's issue; the problem has been rectified and moving forward. After an extensive discussion the Board stated they will address any issue people may have but they need to come forward with their problem.

HIGHWAY GARAGE:

Supervisor Schrantz informed the Board he has reviewed all files from start to finish with Attorney Brautigam regarding the Highway Garage Floor. Attorney Brautigam will be putting together an approach the Town should take. Councilman Miller said he thought it was going to arbitration, Supervisor Schrantz replied Attorney Loveland did not have this scheduled at the time of his death. Supervisor Schrantz stated he will see if Urban Engineers will give an opinion on the floor depending on the cost.

CHADWICK BAY/NORTH COUNTY WATER PROJECTS:

Supervisor Schrantz stated the inter-municipal agreements are almost done for regional water. The next meeting is scheduled for May 14th.

PEERLESS STREET BRIDGE:

Supervisor Schrantz stated that he has found an equipment operator who has done work for the Village in the past who could do this project. This person and his equipment would be rented; the operator would work under the supervision of Highway Superintendent Delcamp. Supervisor Schrantz and Superintendent Delcamp will be contacting all parties involved so the project can move forward.

AUDITS:

Councilman Manzella stated the Tax Collector's audit has been done with everything in order. The only audit left to do is the Supervisor's.

NEW BUSINESS:

ROAD/ZONING TOUR:

Supervisor Schrantz has scheduled a road/zoning tour for June 13th, the board and zoning officer will meet at 8:00 a.m.

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MARMADUKE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Valentin and Boltz stated they will be working with a local videographer for an up and coming fundraiser. Councilman Valentin informed the Board the postmaster of Brocton is working on a postage stamp to honor the works of Brad Anderson and the Marmaduke cartoon.

MUSEUM:

Councilman Valentin stated the Museum will open on June 6 for the season with limited hours. He told the Board he had received one quote for the painting of the Museum of \$7,000. He said he may do just patch work this year.

DOG CONTROL:

A rabies clinic will be held at the Brocton Fire Hall on June 18th from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Councilman Miller suggested putting a time frame on individuals to speak at meetings to 3 to 5 minutes. After some discussion it was decided to put a limit of 3 minutes and list on agenda.

Councilman Valentin requested Executive Session regarding personal with Code Enforcement Officer Signe Rominger.

Councilman Manzella encouraged residents to donate to the Cemetery Association.

Councilman Manzella stated he would like to address the water situation/ice jams regarding the Town entering onto private property in Greencrest. Mr. Manzella stated he found no place in the minute books that there was an agreement for the Town to enter onto private property. Mr. Manzella told the Board that is why there are easements, contracts and right-a-ways. Supervisor Schrantz stated the only way to rectify the problem would be to create a drainage district. Late attorney Loveland's opinion was that water would have had to be encroaching on town highways, not personal property or homes. Attorney Seachrist agreed adding if the town highway was impaired somehow than the Town would have the right to go onto private property. Councilman Manzella stated this situation is not unique. Highway Superintendent Delcamp told the Board last winter's circumstance, the roadways were not affected.

Supervisor Schrantz asked Attorney Seachrist to join them on the road tour in June.

WATER:

Clerk Sobecki told the Board the owner of Ellicott Estates has asked to be billed every month instead of the quarterly bills the Town currently does. After some discussion it was decided to keep the billing as it is currently.

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Highway Superintendent Delcamp told the Board that large trash day was very successful.

PAY BILLS

05-48-15

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

Nays 0

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board authorizes the Bills for May 2015 be paid.

GENERAL FUND	\$14,297.10
TOWN OUTSIDE VILLAGE	\$475.26
HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE	\$1,928.73
HIGHWAY OUTSIDE VILLAGE	\$11,301.90
LIGHT	\$653.03
WATER	\$2,020.09
BRIDGE PROJECT	\$288.00

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion of Councilman Manzella, seconded by Councilman Valentin the Board moved into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. by request of the Board to discuss personal involving the Code Enforcement Officer Signe Rominger.

On a motion of Councilman Boltz, seconded by Councilman Miller the Board returned to Regular Session at 8:45 p.m.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Valentin, seconded by Councilman Manzella the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Roxane Sobecki
Town Clerk