

TOWN OF PORTLAND BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 09, 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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ann Belcher	Reporter
Ron Delcamp	Highway Superintendent
Roxane Sobecki	Clerk

Portland Residents-Nick Rizzo, Michele Harriger, Deb Harriger, Diane Ringer, Shirley Cash, Jack Patsch

Supervisor Schrantz opened the Board Meeting at 7:04 p.m. with the pledge to the flag, followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of Brad Anderson a former Portland resident who created the comic strip Marmaduke.

MINUTES

09-79-15

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

Nays 0

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board approves the Minutes of August 12th and 26 as presented.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

09-80-15

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 the Portland Town Board approves the Departmental Reports as presented.

TREASURY REPORT

09-81-15

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

Nays 0

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Schrantz read the following correspondence:

- Community Foundation yearly report.
- Large Trash Day-September 12th at the Village Tool House, 9-12

CHAUTAUQUA LAKE SNOWMOBILE CLUB

09-82-15

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 authorizes the Supervisor to sign the agreement with the Chautauqua Lake Snowmobile Club.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Portland resident Nick Rizzo addressed the Board with concerns of violations and deteriorating properties within the hamlet of Portland. Mr. Rizzo presented the Board with several pictures of property with violations. The Board reviewed the pictures as Mr. Rizzo read several New York State Codes that properties were in violation of. Mr. Rizzo stated nothing has been done and no tickets have ever been issued. After some discussion Supervisor Schrantz thanked Mr. Rizzo and told him they will be reviewing these issues.

Portland resident Diane Ringer addressed the Board with concerns from the July flood. She stated her well and others have been contaminated with e-coli and coliform from the storm. She stated they have not been able to use their water at all. Other residents expressed the same concerns. Ms. Ringer stated out of 20 wells tested 16 were contaminated. Supervisor Schrantz stated he has reviewed this with Engineers Clark/Patterson about the possibility of residents from Highland Ave /Webster Road to Church Street hooking into municipal water. USDA has emergency grant money that the Town may be eligible for. He stated the first step would be for a petition to be passed to residents to sign for a water district. Supervisor Schrantz thanked the residents and stated he will be reviewing this issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

TOWN HIGHWAY GARAGE:

Supervisor Schrantz told the Board Paul Parker of Urban Engineers has finished the final draft regarding their recommendations on the garage floor. He said this has to be reviewed by their material engineer and then will be sent to the Town.

CHADWICK BAY/NORTH COUNTY WATER PROJECTS:

Supervisor Schrantz asked the Board to review the updated Water Purchase Supply Agreement for Regional Water. He stated he will be meeting with the Attorney and the other Town's involved to review the contract together.

Supervisor Schrantz stated Chadwick Bay is reviewing joint health insurance and will be meeting with officials from Tompkins County who have this in place.

PEERLESS STREET BRIDGE:

Supervisor Schrantz stated everything is set to go and should be moving forward in a few weeks.

AUDITS:

The audit committee will be auditing the Supervisor next week.

Supervisor Schrantz told the Board the audit of the Town's water will start mid October.

BUDGET 2016:

The Board will hold a special meeting October 5, 2015 at 3:00pm; the clerk will present the Tentative Budget.

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW

09-83-15

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 the Portland Town Board re-appoints Tom Webb to the Board of Assessment and Review commencing October 01, 2015 thru September 30, 2020.

EMERGENCY WATER GRANT-USDA

09-84-15

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 authorizes the Supervisor sign a letter asking USDA Rural Development for Emergency Grant Money for proposed Water District 8.

JCAP GRANT

09-85-15

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

Nays 0

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board supports the Portland Justice Court to apply for the 2015-2016 Justice Court Assistance Program (JACP) Grant.

MARMADUKE COMMITTEE:

Supervisor Schrantz discussed the recent passing of Brad Anderson. He said channel 8 and the paper have been getting the word out regarding the statue and raising funds. Councilman Boltz stated the family may do a memorial service in the spring.

Councilman Valentin stated the committee is working with a videographer to video his friends and classmates for an internet fundraiser.

MUSEUM:

Councilman Valentin told the Board the Museum is closed for the season.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Councilman Valentin stated he will be attending the October 7th Village Board Meeting and asked the Board if there was any issues they would like him to ask. The Board asked Councilman Valentin to ask the following:

- Joint justice court
- Changing the Village election to November
- Joint zoning

WATER DEPARTMENT:

Supervisor Schrantz stated the water department will be flushing hydrants.

HIGHWAY:

Highway Superintendent Delcamp told the Board he and his crew have been busy since the July 14th storm. They are still working on Woleben Road, but it should be open soon.

Supervisor Schrantz thanked Delcamp and his crew for all their work.

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PAY BILLS

09-86-15

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

Nays 0

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

GENERAL FUND	\$22,149.87
TOWN OUTSIDE VILLAGE	\$254.04
HIGHWAY OUTSIDE VILLAGE	\$14,410.40
LIGHT	\$524.60
WATER	\$4,899.78
PEERLESS STREET BRIDGE PROJECT	\$110.00

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion of Councilman Manzella, seconded by Councilman Miller the Board moved into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. by request of the Supervisor 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 8:20 p.m.

On the Boards recommendations the new hours for the Code Enforcements Officers secretary will be Tuesday 8-12, Wednesday 12-4 and Thursday 8-12.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Valentin, seconded by Councilman Boltz the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Roxane Sobecki
Town Clerk