

TOWN OF PORTLAND PUBLIC HEARING  
BUDGET/FIRE CONTRACTS FOR 2016  
NOVEMBER 04, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.  
PORTLAND TOWN HALL

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Rick Manzella	Councilman
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**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Diane Hofner	Solar Chautauqua Project Manager
Roxane Sobeki	Town Clerk

Supervisor Schrantz opened the Public Hearing's at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Supervisor Schrantz stated the Affidavit of Publication for the Budget and Fire Contracts were posted in the Dunkirk Observer.

**FIRE CONTRACTS 2016:**

Supervisor Schrantz reviewed the following fire contracts:

Services for Village and Fire District shall be paid the following:

1. Village of Brocton shall be paid the sum of \$57,882.00 to provide such services to Portland Fire Protection District No. 1 for the year 2016.
2. Portland Fire District No. 1 shall be paid the sum of \$19,000.00 for providing services to Portland Fire Protection District No. 2 for the year 2016.

There were no questions from the Board.

**BUDGET 2016**

The following was reviewed:

Townwide Total Assessed Taxable Value	\$117,120.955
Total Assessed Taxable Value	\$90,940,469

2016 Budget

General	\$307,294
Highway	\$218,113
Library	\$78,030

Supervisor Schrantz stated the Town is under the 2%tax cap, with a .07 cent increase per 1,000. The additional funding may go for a Reval or to pay down the Highway Garage note. The increase from 2015 to 2016 is 0.068233.

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With a motion of Councilman Boltz, seconded by Councilman Valentin the Public Hearings closed at 7:20 p.m.

Supervisor Schrantz opened the Regular Meeting at 7:21 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Diane Hofner addressed the Board asking the Board to sign a letter of support of the Community Solar NY application to NYSERDA for approval and funding to launch a Solar Chautauqua campaign for 2016.

**HIGHWAY GARAGE:**

Supervisor Schrantz stated he has received a letter from Attorney Brautigam regarding the garage floor. He stated he expects to make substantial progress within the next weeks.

**PEERLESS STREET BRIDGE:**

Supervisor Schrantz told the Board the Bridge has been set. There will be a site review on the bridge and discussion on the wing walls November 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.

**ADOPT FIRE CONTRACTS FOR 2016**

**11-95-15**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Schrantz, Miller, Valentin, Boltz

Nays 0

Absent 1 Manzella

RESOLVED the Town of Portland Board authorizes the Supervisor to execute the Fire Contracts for General Ambulance/Fire Protection Service for the year 2016 for Portland Fire Protection District No. 1 in the sum of \$57,882.00 and Portland Fire District No. 1 in the sum of \$19,000.00 for Fire Protection District No. 2.

**BUDGET 2016**

**11-96-15**

On a motion of Councilman Boltz, seconded by Councilman Valentin the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Schrantz, Miller, Valentin, Boltz

Nays 0

Absent 1 Manzella

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board approves the Budget for 2016 as presented.

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**EXCESS SALES TAX**

**11-97-15**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Schrantz, Miller, Valentin, Boltz

Nays 0

Absent 1 Manzella

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board agrees to apply the Town of Portland's excess sales tax for Part-Town Property Residents up to \$50,000.00.

**HEALTH INSURANCE OPTION**

**11-98-15**

On a motion of Councilman Boltz, seconded by Councilman Valentin the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Schrantz, Miller, Valentin, Boltz

Nays 0

Absent 1 Manzella

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Town of Portland Employees will accept the 24% Annual Buyout Health Insurance Option based on the current plan with the Union for 2016, Roxane Sobecki.

**LETTER OF SUPPORT**

**11-99-15**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Schrantz, Miller, Valentin, Boltz

Nays 0

Absent 1 Manzella

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board agrees to send a letter of support regarding the Coalition to Solarize Chautauqua County.

**LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEE**

**11-100-15**

On a motion of Councilman Boltz, seconded by Councilman Valentin the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Schrantz, Miller, Valentin, Boltz

Nays 0

Absent 1 Manzella

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RESOLVED under the recommendation of the Library Board the Portland Town Board approves Charles Kohler to fill the vacancy left by Martha Smith as Trustee on the Library Board.

**DARREN MANZELLA-LAPEIRA RUN**

**11-101-15**

On a motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Valentin the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Schrantz, Miller, Valentin, Boltz

Nays 0

Absent 1 Manzella

RESOLVED the Portland Board approves the date change to July 30, 2016 for the Darren Manzella-Lapeira Run.

**BOARD APPROVAL TO SIGN WATER AGREEMENT**

**11-102-15**

On a motion of Councilman Boltz, seconded by Councilman Valentin the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Schrantz, Miller, Valentin, Boltz

Nays 0

Absent 1 Manzella

RESOLVED The Portland Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the North Chautauqua County Regional Water District Inter-Municipal Agreement after the contracts have been approved by the attorney and final wording is in place.

Supervisor Schrantz informed the Board that he has meant with Tom Becker of USDA Rural Development regarding a possible new water district. He said due to the flooding and wells being contaminated the project looks favorable. The first step to move this along would be to have a public hearing. There may also be more funds to extend the district along Webster Road to Prospect Station Road; the Town should hear something soon.

Supervisor Schrantz told the Board USDA has a program with grant money for equipment; he said he will be reviewing this.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Boltz the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Carried unanimously.

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Respectfully Submitted by,

Roxane Sobecki  
Town Clerk