

TOWN OF PORTLAND BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.
PORTLAND TOWN HALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel Schrantz	Supervisor
Jerry Boltz	Council
Gary Miller	Council
Patti Farrell	Council
Rick Manzella	Council

OTHERS PRESENT:

Drew Smith	Water Supervisor
Ron Delcamp	Highway Superintendent
Ann Belcher	Reporter
Clarence Grover	Dog Control
Roxane Sobeki	Town Clerk

Approximately 7 or 8 Portland Residents

Supervisor Schrantz opened the Board Meeting at 7:02 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

MINUTES

12-124-16

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Schrantz, Miller, Boltz, Farrell, Manzella
Nays 0

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board approved the Minutes for November 9, 2016 as presented.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

12-125-16

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Schrantz, Miller, Boltz, Farrell, Manzella
Nays 0

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

TREASURY REPORT

12-126-16

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Schrantz, Miller, Boltz, Farrell, Manzella
Nays 0

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Schrantz read the following correspondence:

- NYMER-risk management service class was held October 26, Portland Highway crew attended.
- Gift Barrel is out at the Town Hall, taking donations for the food pantry.
- Town Christmas Party-December 20th at the Highway Barns, bring a dish to pass.
- Lakeview SICF-meeting December 12th, code officer attended.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Several residents of the Greencrest area addressed the Board with concerns of an abandoned dog. They stated this has been an ongoing problem and the police have been called many times. Clarence Grover (Dog Control Officer) reviewed the case with the Board and residents. He stated he cannot enforce animal cruelty laws. A lengthy conversation followed with the Board, Dog Control Officer and residents.

OLD BUSINESS:

VILLAGE/TOWN REPRESENTATIVE:

Councilman Miller attended the last Village of Brocton Board Meeting. He told the Board he thanked the Village for changing their election date to November. Also discussed was the Village Justice position.

TOWN HIGHWAY GARAGE:

Supervisor Schrantz told the Board the attorney is still trying to find an arbitrator that both sides can agree on. Supervisor Schrantz said he feels if an arbitrator is not agreed upon by the next board meeting he would like to take this to a jury trial.

12-127-16

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Schrantz, Miller, Boltz, Farrell, Manzella

Nays 0

RESOLVED If an arbitrator is not picked by the January Town Board Meeting the Portland Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to have the Highway Floor Litigation go to a jury trial.

CHADWICK BAY:

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Supervisor Schrantz told the Board Chadwick Bay meant with the different Fire Departments within the North County Water Project to review standardizing fire hydrants. There will be a meeting on December 16th to review the Health Care Consortium.

NORTH COUNTY WATER PROJECT:

There will be a meeting on December 15th, Supervisor Schrantz told the Board he will have more information on to when the project will go out to bid.

WATER DISTRICT 8:

No news to report.

O.A.G. DEMOLITION FUNDS:

Supervisor Schrantz stated all paperwork with the Land Bank has been filed, demolition on the Pecor Street Property will be on December 21st. The County received the low bid from contractor H.H. Rauh for \$8,500. This will become a County property.

GREENCREST DRAINAGE:

Supervisor Schrantz stated the engineer is currently working on Water District 2 improvement project which may help with some of the drainage issues in the Greencrest/Van Buren Bay area.

WATER DISTRICT 2-IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

Supervisor Schrantz reviewed the map plan report with the Board. All paperwork has been sent to Rural Development for their review. He explained to the residents in attendance on the process of funding this project and paid for by the tax payers in this district.

DATA COLLECTION-KLW:

The assessor is still updating records and working with KLW, when completed property cards will be sent to all homeowners for their review.

CONSOLIDATING FUND GRANT:

Supervisor Schrantz told the Board a grant was awarded for the North County Water District to create a joint water billing/ maintenance program. Municipalities involved are Portland, Village of Brocton, Town of Dunkirk, Pomfret and Sheridan.

EXCAVATOR GRANT:

Supervisor Schrantz told the Board the Town Clerk and himself meant with Tom Becker on December 12th to close the grant/loan with USDA for the new Excavator. The Town received a grant in the amount of \$40,000.

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Supervisor Schrantz stated the Town is looking for members to serve on a committee to start implementing different aspects of the Comprehensive Plan with possibly having a meeting in January.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUDGET TRANSFERS

12-128-16

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Schrantz, Miller, Boltz, Farrell, Manzella

Nays 0

General Fund Townwide

\$1,500	From	A1990.4	Contingent Account
	To	A3650.4	Unsafe Building Demolition Contractual
\$300	From	A1990.4	Contingent Account
	To	A5010.1	Supt. Highways-Clerk

Highway Fund Townwide

\$19,000	From	DA5120.1	Bridges Personal Services
	To	DA5142.1	Snow Removal Personal Services

Water District 2

\$3,000	From	SW8320.4	Source Supply Contractual
	To	SW8320.1	Source Supply Personal Services
\$94	From	SW9060.8	Employee Benefits Hospital & Medical
	To	SW9010.8	Employee Benefits State Retirement

Water District 7

\$300	From	SW8340.4	Transmission & Distribution Contractual
	To	SW8340.1	Transmission & Distribution Personal Services
\$30	From	SW9060.8	Employee Benefits Hospital & Medical Ins.
	To	SW9030.8	Employee Benefits Social Security

ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS MEETING:

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The Board discussed who would be attending the Association of Towns Meeting in February.

YEAR END MEETING:

The Year End Meeting is scheduled for December 29th, 3:30pm at the Town Hall.

AUDIT:

Supervisor Schrantz informed the Board the State Comptroller's Office will be auditing the Water Department.

Supervisor Schrantz read the following proclamation commemorating January 22-28, 2017 as Town of Portland School Choice Week:

WHEREAS all children in Town of Portland should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and,

WHEREAS Town of Portland recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in Town of Portland to be successful adults; and,

WHEREAS quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of Town of Portland; and,

WHEREAS Town of Portland is home to a multitude of excellent education options from which parents can choose for their children; and,

WHEREAS, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and,

WHEREAS our area has many high-quality teaching professionals who are committed to educating our children; and,

WHEREAS, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel Schrantz do hereby recognize January 22-28, 2017 as **Town of Portland SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

**MORATORIUM SOLAR SYSTEMS
12-129-16**

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

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Nays 0

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board will impose a 6-month moratorium on the installation of all solar systems (commercial and private) within the Town of Portland.

PLANNING BOARD

12-130-16

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Schrantz, Miller, Boltz, Farrell, Manzella

Nays 0

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board appoints Harold Smith as Chairman of the Planning Board and Daniel Thompson as Co-Chairman.

DOG CONTROL:

Dog Control officer Clarence Grover reviewed some of the dog cases with the Board. He also informed them he will be doing a Dog Enumeration this summer.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Councilman Manzella stated he felt nothing has been done within the Town since the Board took a road tour with the Zoning Officer.

Supervisor Schrantz asked the reporter to put in the paper the Town will be taking a more aggressive approach regarding property maintenance.

Board Members wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

WATER DEPARTMENT:

Water Supervisor Drew Smith informed the Board there was a water leak at the park last week.

Supervisor Schrantz gave the Board a copy of the water contract with the Town of Pomfret for their review. He stated we will be billing Pomfret for their water usage.

The Supervisor gave the Board a list of water shut offs for their review.

PAY BILLS

12-131-16

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

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Nays 0

RESOLVED the Portland Town Board approves the bills for December 2016.

GENERAL FUND	\$16,109.76
TOWN OUTSIDE VILLAGE	\$8,252.34
HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE	\$6,228.55
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LIGHT	\$543.17
WATER	\$12,724.56
HIGHWAY GARAGE PROJECT	\$192.00

With no further business, on a motion of Council Miller, seconded by Council Boltz the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by, Roxane Sobbecki-Town Clerk