



# Town of Porter

## Town Board Meeting

~ Minutes ~

3265 Creek Road  
Youngstown, NY 14174

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Gail Zachary

Monday, June 11, 2012

7:00 PM

Town Hall Auditorium

### I. Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on June 11, 2012 at Town Hall Auditorium, 3265 Creek Rd., Youngstown, NY.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Mert Wiepert	Town of Porter	Supervisor	Present	
Thomas Baia	Town of Porter	Deputy Supervisor	Present	
Larry White	Town of Porter	Councilman	Present	
Jeff Baker	Town of Porter	Councilman	Present	
Joe Fleckenstein	Town of Porter	Councilman	Present	
Scott Hillman	Town of Porter	Highway Superintendent	Absent	
Gail Zachary	Town of Porter	Town Clerk	Present	
Dave Britton	Town of Porter	Engineer	Present	
Roy Rogers	Town of Porter	Code Enforcement Officer	Present	
Mike Dowd	Town of Porter	Attorney	Present	
Norm Ault	Town of Porter	Bookkeeper	Absent	
Bernie Rotella	Town of Porter	Grantwriter	Present	
Susan Driscoll	Town of Porter	R.P. Appraiser Tech	Present	

### II. Public Portion

### III. Reports/Resolutions

#### 1. Report 2012-90

#### Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REPORT ISSUED</b>
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#### 2. Report 2012-98

#### Founders' Day Celebration Weekend

TO: Supervisor Mert Weipert, Porter Town Board Trustees, Gail Zachary,  
Town Clerk

FROM: Suzanne Simon Dietz, Town Historian

DATE: June 11, 2012

RE: Founders' Day Weekend

If it pleases the Board I request that the following be read into the official minutes of the June 11, 2012, to remain for posterity.

After months and months, countless formal and informal meetings, emails, telephone calls, and historic effort of the Bicentennial Committee of Richard Allen, Michael Blenk, Carol Burmaster, Paul Casseri, J. Anthony Collard, Susan Driscoll, Millie Hillman, Marilyn Harbison, Joe Lauzonis, Karen Noonan, Belinda Patterson, Jennifer Pauly, Suzanne Raby, Peggy Shear, William Siddall, Mert Weipert, and co-chairs: Norman Ault and Suzanne Dietz, the Founders' Day Weekend, in commemoration of the 200th Birthday of the Town of Porter, took place at Porter-on-the-Lake Park on Dietz Road during wind, cold, occasional rain and sun.

During the course of the preparations, several citizens came for a meeting or two to give input, as well as in the coffee shops.

For months, "Save the Date" postcards were distributed throughout the town, in local businesses, post offices, restaurants, to members of the Lower Niagara River Chamber of Commerce, the Niagara County municipal historians and Fort Niagara. Posters with the schedule were displayed around the town. The postcards, posters, programs and playbills were designed and printed by BeauDesigns, Amy Freiermuth (owner and town resident). Numerous edits and design work went well beyond the "non-profit rate" for design and printing.

Solicitations for sponsorship went throughout the local and neighboring enterprises. The *Niagara Gazette* and *Sentinel* featured front-page photos and extensive news articles about the events for the weekend. The *Buffalo News* had the three-day event listed under community events.

Norm Ault and I appeared on Lori Caso's television program to talk about the weekend, and to give some history. This required me to make two apple crisps with apples courtesy of Senek Farms and delivered by Bill Tower. The show aired for a week.

The main sponsors were Waste Management and the Town of Porter. Major sponsors were: Bandana's Bar and Grill, First Niagara Bank, CRA Infrastructure & Engineering, Crown Benefits Group, Inc., Mark Cerrone, Inc., Mike Dowd, Attorney, Modern Disposal, Niagara County and Sentrex Security.

Augustus Porter Sponsors (\$250) were:

BeauDesigns, Brown & Co, CPA's, D T Truesdell Trucking, Dan & Lucy Wilson Realty, Hardison Funeral Home, Inc., J F Machine Co., Inc., Ken Young Paving, Ki-Po Chevrolet, Lewiston Computer Services, Lions Clubs of Youngstown and Ransomville, St. John Lutheran Church, VFW Post 313, and Wendel Companies.

John Lloyd sponsors (\$100) were:

O'Connor Family Greenhouses, Operating Engineers Local 463, Ray's Tavern & Restaurant, Saint Bernard's R. C. Church, and Victoria's Family Hair Care.

Gideon Curtiss sponsors (\$50) were:

Casey's Malt Shoppe, Dave Webb Concrete, Inc., Jay Electric, Inc., Lawntree Landscaping, Ransomville Business Lines, Inc., Ransomville Preservation Room, Ransomville Manor, RCR Yachts, Inc., and Porter Historical Society. Ashker's provided free ice cream to the winners of the children's games.

The Lewiston-Porter High School, under the direction of Principal Paul Casseri and High School Social Studies teacher Joe Lauzonis, coordinated the LP Air Force Junior ROTC Honor Guard, 4th grade Scavenger Hunt, singers for the Star-Spangled Banner, and student volunteers to help with the children's

games. Art teacher Cindy Sanchez coordinated the T-shirt Art Contest. The committee chose High School student Allison Brock's design.

Scott Hillman, Town of Porter Highway Superintendent, had generators on site as well as marking out the locations for the vendors. During the course of the weekend he repaired a picnic table bench, which had collapsed and also remedied an electric issue for the "Bounce House." The highway public works department did diligent preparatory work in getting the park ready; painting the layout for the crafters and fixing the holes in the driveway.

On Wednesday, May 30, 2012, scavenger hunt materials were distributed to the W. H. Stevenson Elementary and Lewiston-Porter Elementary 4th grade students. Additional materials were available at the Town Hall. A third grader also took advantage of the opportunity. Five teams picked up geocaching materials.

On Friday, June 1, 2012, at 5:00 p.m., the Porter-on-the-Lake Park opened. Bandana's Bar & Grill served a variety of foods and spirits. The Celtic Circle Ceilidh Band and several MacKenzie Highlanders performed at the main pavilion.

Throughout the weekend, the Boy Scouts, under the direction of Bill Baird, directed the parking of cars, handed out programs, emptied garbage cans and shuttled people who needed assistance in golf carts from the parking area to the pavilion. Bill also helped with other details during the weekend.

At 7:00 p.m., the United States of America flag, which flew over the Capitol building, obtained through the office of U.S. Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, was raised by representatives of the United States Coast Guard Station Niagara with the Lewiston-Porter Air Force Junior ROTC honor guard while the Star Spangled Banner was sung by town residents Jacey Diez and Kate Mieth, Lewiston-Porter High School students. The Coast Guard led the community in the Pledge to the Flag.

An Invocation was given by Msgr. J. Thomas Moran, the Pastor of St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church, as a representative of the religious denomination with the oldest existing structure that was used for religious services, the Jesuit Chapel in the French Castle of Old Fort Niagara, built in 1726. Suzanne Dietz welcomed the community.

On the dais were the following: Supervisor Mert Wiepert, Msgr. J. Thomas Moran, New York State Senator George Maziarz, Niagara County Legislator Clyde Burmaster, Town of Board Member Tom Baia, Town Clerk Gail Zachary, Mayor of Youngstown Raleigh Reynolds, Deputy Mayor Tim Adamson and his wife Lori, Youngstown Board Members Beverly Van Deusen and Tim Lockhart, Town of Porter Historical Society President Toby Jewett, War of 1812 bi-national Legacy Council representative Tom Scofield (a town resident), Town Historian Suzanne Dietz, Lewiston-Porter students Jacey Diez and Kate Mieth, and the Tuscarora Social Dancers. Brian Merritt, Director of 1812 Legacy Council, attended later in the evening.

Letters of invitation had been sent, months in advance, to United States President and Mrs. Barack Obama and his family, also New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo, Superintendent of Lew-Port Schools Chris Roeser, High School Principal Paul Casseri, Chief Leo Henry, United States Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Niagara County Legislator Clyde Burmaster, Niagara County Legislative Chairman William Ross, United States Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, New York State Senator George Maziarz, New York State Assemblyman John Certetto, Director of Old Fort Niagara Robert Emerson, Niagara County Historian Catherine Emerson, President of Porter Historical Society Toby Jewett, Town of Porter Board and Town Clerk, Town of Lewiston Supervisor Steven Reiter, Village of Lewiston Mayor Terry Collesano, Town of Lewiston Board and Town Clerk, Mayor of Youngstown Raleigh Reynolds, Village of Youngstown Board and Village Clerk, Town of Wilson Supervisor Joseph Jastremski, Town of Wilson Board and Town Clerk, Town of Newfane Supervisor Timothy Horanburg, Town of Newfane Board and Town Clerk, Town of Cambria Supervisor Wright Ellis, Town of Cambria Board and Town Clerk, W. H. Stevenson Elementary School Principal Michael Cancilla, Porter Historical Society Board, Niagara County 1812 Representatives Neil Nolf and Kathryn Vedder, Executive Director of the 1812 bi-national Legacy Council Brian Merritt, Consulate General of France Philippe Lalliot, British

Consul-General New York Danny Lopez, Governor General of Canada, Hon. David Johnston, and military representatives; Commander of the 914th Airlift Wing Allan L. Swartzmiller, Col. James McCreedy 107 AWCC, Commander of the US Marine Corps Reserve Center, US Naval Reserve Lt. Commander James Morton, Lt. Col. Deanna Miller of the 107th and a Village of Youngstown resident, Chief Petty Officer Robert Snow of the USCG Station Niagara, Commander Ralph Borelli of the VFW Post 313, Adjutant General of the State of New York Maj. Gen. Patrick Murphy, Commander of the American Legion O. Leo Curtiss Post 830.

Supervisor Mert Wiepert read the Town's Official Proclamation.

The young Tuscarora Social Dancers performed under the direction and drumbeat of Jordan Smith and were a delight to the audience. While performing the Friendship Dance the community members were invited to join (several did) and the children danced around the chairs shaking hands.

The government officials were recognized. Clyde Burmaster read and presented a proclamation to the supervisor and likewise George Maziarz on behalf of himself, the governor, and NYS Assembly members John Ceretto and Jane Corwin. Dietz read a letter of congratulations offered by U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. Gail Zachary read the earliest surviving minutes of the 1815 Board meeting. Following a short explanation of the Old Fort Niagara Fife and Drum Music contingent the cannon was fired towards Lake Ontario concluding the formal ceremony.

Following the ceremony, [200th] birthday cakes were served to the community by Margaret Diez, Nancy Diez Orsi, Mary Ann Rolland, Marn Weld, and Carol Burmaster (Cake was also served by Carol Burmaster, Marilyn Harbison & Peggy Shear through the day on Saturday and all was eaten!).

From 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. the *Rzepakowskis* called family square dancing.

On Saturday, June 2, 2012, the park opened for the "Taste of Porter." North Country Catering and Bandana's sold food for the patrons and spirits (Bandana's). The Ransomville Fire Company provided an ambulance and EMTs for the entire day.

At 12:30 p.m., the opening ceremony welcomed everyone and introduced the senior members of the community c. 90 years plus. Invitations were sent to the following with a set of the Town of Porter Historic Postcards to: Betty Ames, Grace Baker, Edward Brown, Martha Clark, Eleanor and Kenneth Diez, Lawrence Grimm, Helen Hardy, Howard Hill, Carl Jealous, Ruth Kennedy, John Lymburner, John MacArthur, Laurence Neumann, Lillian Neumann, Ethel Owler, John Printup, Marie Scaletta, Marge Stratton, Margaret Tower, Roderick Tower, Cleland and Mildred Truesdale, Olga Wermuth (100 yrs.), and Gladys Woodbury (100 yrs.). At the ceremony all names were read and comments given about each. Ethel Owler (93), Ruth Kennedy (about to turn 99), and Marge Stratton (89) were present on the dais.

The Lewiston Choraleers gave their opening season performance at 1:00 p.m. The group had been on Buffalo Channel 7 news the previous day and had told about the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.

Bill Siddall coordinated with Scott Hillman the setting up at the park through the weekend. Bill did a yeoman's job of numerous details and effort, before and during the events that made the weekend run smoothly.

Crafters began arriving about 9:30 a.m. to set up for the noon - 7:00 p.m. time slot. Ray Dietz helped to set up chairs on Friday, situate the crafters on Saturday, run errands for the historian (the entire weekend) and picked up papers, bottles & cans throughout the weekend.

The premier performance of 200 Years of Porter's History, a historical pageant, began at 2:00 p.m., written and directed by Karen Noonan. Narrators were Suzanne Dietz, Peggy Shear and Ann Johnston. Costume consultant was Catherine Emerson; Theatrical Consultant, Joanne Kinney; Performers were Karen Noonan as Mrs. John (Coty) Young, Sue Collyer as Mrs. Robert (Agnes) Greensitt, Toby Jewett as Gilbert Curtiss, Doug Diez as Jehiel Clark Ransom, O.C. Allen interpreter of Sgt. Lewis Leffman, Suzannah Emerson & Lauren Agnello as two teenage girls, Tony Collard as an Army sergeant, Bill Siddall as Rod Tower, Peter (Butch) Johnston as Dan Wilson, and Donna Huggins as Iney Wallens.

Following the performance Peggy Shear conducted children's games for an hour followed by another hour by Belinda Patterson and Jordan Smith with Tuscarora games. Ice cream gift certificates were prizes for the winners. From 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. there was a petting zoo, bounce house, pony rides, Youngstown Fire Truck, ice cream social provided by Ashker's, and DJ music by Nichols Sound.

During the day, T-shirts were sold. Quilting squares for the bicentennial quilt (also on Friday evening) were also sold. Marilyn Harbison (the quilter) and Carol Burmaster spent many hours over the weekend at this station. Peggy Shear, Mary Grace Baker, and Joan & George Spira also helped.

From 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Mike Blenk accepted and judged the geocaching materials. Collin Kemeny and Zack Hayes, high school students, under the supervision and assistance of Joe Lauzonis and Peggy Shear, checked the scavenger hunt answers. There were ties in both events and a name was drawn for the winner.

There were three teams which had perfect scores (i.e. found all 10 geocaches,) in the Founders Day contest. They were:

- 1) The Robinson Family
  - Carolyn Robinson
  - Seth Robinson
  - John Robinson
  - John Collyer
  - Sue Collyer

- 2) Team Carbaty
  - Caroline Carbaty
  - Steve Carbaty

- 3) Team Grebke
  - David Ekberg
  - Sandi Ekberg
  - Jason Ekberg
  - Jen Ekberg
  - Tori Utz

The Robinson family name was drawn and they won the GPS. A Kindle was the prize for the scavenger hunt and the other students who tied were given free ice cream. Mike Blenk created a new cache "Cora's cache" in memory and honor of our long time historian Cora Gushee.

The Jerry Andres Band entertained the community beginning at 8:00 p.m. At 9:40 p.m., the most spectacular fireworks display took place as families sat on the hillside outside the pavilion. The Coast Guard boat was off shore to keep boaters away from the fireworks. The grand finale of fireworks entertained until 10:05 p.m. It was a clear night and certainly they could have been seen for miles. We cleaned up the tables and the band packed up at 11:00 p.m. leaving Sentrex Security on the property for the second night.

Sunday, June 3, at 8:00 a.m., was the Ecumenical prayer service led by Rev. Rex T. Stewart of the First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown, with Rev. Charles Lamb, Rev. Anne Cole, Pastor Richard Gorrow, Jr. and Rev. Matt Worley. Rev. Stewart gave a well researched homily on "Challenges to Faith Then and Now" with history of churches in our community and the role the church played in the early development of the country. Claudia Andres played the keyboard for the singing. About 112 people attended the service.

At 9:00 a.m. a wonderful free community breakfast was prepared and served by the Lion's Clubs of Youngstown and Ransomville to more than 200 people and food was sent to the Coast Guard Station. Ralph Borelli of the Youngstown VFW Post retired the flag assisted by Tony Collard and Chris Collins. From 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. the Porter Museum in Youngstown and the Ransomville Preservation Room were open, as well as the First Presbyterian Church, St. John Lutheran, Fillmore Chapel United Methodist and Ransomville Baptist Church. At 2:00 p.m. a guided walking tour took place in Youngstown and near the

end, rain and thunder prohibited the walking tour of Ransomville.

I believe that all who attended any or all of the events had a historic time!

**Councilman Baia resolved that this *Founders' Day Weekend* record of events be entered into the Town of Porter minutes as an historical document. It was seconded by Councilman White; all ayes, unanimously.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REPORT ISSUED</b>
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### 3. Resolution 2012-70

#### Minutes Approval

Resolution to approve the minutes of the May14, 2012 regular Town Board meeting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Thomas Baia, Deputy Supervisor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeff Baker, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Wiepert, Baia, White, Baker, Fleckenstein

### 4. Resolution 2012-71

#### Audited Vouchers

Resolution to approve the vouchers, as audited.

#### TOWN OF PORTER

**WARRANT: POST AUDIT - MAY, 2012 5/31/12**

<b>FUND 01</b>	7,673.89
<b>FUND 02</b>	32.21
<b>FUND 04</b>	978.76
<b>FUND 06</b>	417.18
<b>FUND 07</b>	1,306.97
<b>FUND 33</b>	137.78
<b>FUND 35</b>	5,492.68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>16,039.47</u></b>

**VOUCHER 'S 16784 THRU 16815**

**WARRANT: # 6 JUNE, 2012 6/11/12**

<b>FUND 01</b>	32,944.49
<b>FUND 02</b>	32,071.09

<b>FUND</b>	<b>04</b>	34,542.82
<b>FUND</b>	<b>06</b>	2,760.27
<b>FUND</b>	<b>07</b>	1,449.47
<b>FUND</b>	<b>10</b>	757.79
<b>FUND</b>	<b>33</b>	510.87
<b>FUND</b>	<b>35</b>	3,793.62
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>108,830.42</u></b>

**VOUCHER 'S**      **16816**    **THRU**    **16918**

**TOTAL**      **124,869.89**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Baker, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Joe Fleckenstein, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Wiepert, Baia, White, Baker, Fleckenstein

**5. Report 2012-97**

**Town Clerk**

License and Fees	\$ 819.69
Water	\$20,239.32
Sewer	\$12,806.62

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REPORT ISSUED</b>
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**6. Resolution 2012-72**

**Acceptance of Supervisor's Report**

Resolution to approve the May 2012 Supervisor's Report.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Larry White, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Thomas Baia, Deputy Supervisor
<b>AYES:</b>	Wiepert, Baia, White, Baker, Fleckenstein

**7. Report 2012-93****Supervisor**

- Supervisor's Monthly Report for May, 2012 was distributed to all Town Board members.
- Resolution to accept the Supervisor's Monthly Report for May, 2012.
- April Sales Tax \$90,011.12, up from 2011 \$9,111.80 year to date.

Supervisor Wiepert read the Proclamation which officially recognizes

**June 18, 2012 as the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812**

"Whereas, the Bicentennial of the War of 1812, sometimes referred to as *The Second War for American Independence*, officially begins on June 18, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices by those soldiers, citizens and their families that fought in the War of 1812, further defended the liberties previously won in the American Revolution, and

WHEREAS, those sacrifices would include heroic efforts by Dolly Madison to save some of our National treasures from destruction during the burning of the White House by the British in 1814; and

WHEREAS, the conflict and bravery shown would inspire Francis Scott Key to write a poem describing the bombardment of Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor, and the said writings would become our country's National Anthem, known as the *Star Spangled Banner*, and

WHEREAS, General Andrew Jackson helped win a stunning victory over the British in the *Battle of New Orleans*, on January 8th, 1815; and

WHEREAS, the War of 1812 further solidified the United States independence from Great Britain; and

WHEREAS, descendants of veterans of the War of 1812 are members of the Niagara Frontier Chapter of the United States Daughters of 1812 whose primary purpose is to promote a more general awareness of the history of the said war throughout this state and among the citizens of this nation;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Merton K. Wiepert, Supervisor of the Town of Porter, do hereby recognize and proclaim June 18th, 2012 as the 200 Anniversary of the Beginning of the War of 1812 and urge all citizens to become more knowledgeable of the role the War of 1812 played in the history of our great nation and the State of New York.

FURTHERMORE, I encourage all citizens of the Town of Porter, and beyond, to observe a Moment of Remembrance on this anniversary and to ask the citizens to fly their United States flag on this day.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office this eleventh day of June 2012.

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Merton K. Wiepert  
Town of Porter Town Supervisor

Attest:

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Gail A. Zachary  
Porter Town Clerk

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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REPORT ISSUED</b>
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**8. Resolution 2012-69**

**Audit/Financial Reports/Changes (Town Clerk/Justice/Tax Collector)**

Resolution to acknowledge that the that Statement of Changes in Cash Balances and Statements of Cash Receipts of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Town Justices, as of December 31, 2011, have been examined by the Town Board, and have been audited by Brown & Company, LLP, Certified Public Accountants. After approval by the Town Board these will be sent to the State Comptroller and the Unified Court System by the Town Clerk.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Thomas Baia, Deputy Supervisor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Larry White, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Wiepert, Baia, White, Baker, Fleckenstein

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**9. Report 2012-83**

**Bookkeeper**

Bookkeeper's Monthly Report - **May, 2012**

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Completed processing all May 2012 Vouchers & Journal Entries.

Prepared Supervisor's Monthly Report for May 2012 and distributed it to the Supervisor & Town Board members.

Completed bi-weekly & monthly payrolls.

Completed check registers for all check payments.

Continued maintaining the town web page.

Worked on Founders' Day celebration

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REPORT ISSUED</b>
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**10. Report 2012-84****Assessor**

Barbara J. Oaks  
Acting Assessor May, 2012

1. Completed monthly field inspections for verification of sales and completion of all building projects.
2. Processed monthly sales transfers and splits.
3. Held discussions with local legislators regarding simplifying exemption process.
4. Held informal hearings with homeowners discussing changes of assessment.
5. Prepared-- both in field and office-- all information to be presented to Board of Assessment Review
6. Board of Assessment Review met on May 22, 2012 (only a few challenges) .
7. Presently working on finishing 2012...and starting on 2013 roll
8. Continuing to train Susan in all aspects of assessing

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REPORT ISSUED</b>
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**11. Report 2012-91****Highway****Monthly Report for May 2012****Highway Department:**

1. Completed monthly brush pick up.
2. Completed 2 cross culvert replacement projects. 1 on Dansworth Road and 1 on Reece Court.
3. Completed site work excavation for town hall solar project.
4. Completed 3<sup>rd</sup> round of roadside mowing.
5. Provided assistance to Niagara County Highway with trucks hauling blacktop for the resurfacing of Youngstown/Wilson Road
6. Provided assistance to the Towns of Cambria and Wilson with trucks hauling stone for their sealing projects.
7. Completed the Fiber-sealing of Braley Road between the highway garage and Youngstown/Wilson Road with assistance from the Town of Wilson.
8. Completed set up for Founders Days at POTL.

**Drainage Department:**

1. Completed drainage project off Ransomville Road with assistance from the Town of Lewiston bulldozer.
2. Completed drainage project along southern border of POTL.
3. Drainage mowing program has commenced.
4. The contractor has completed the drainage work at 360 Brentwood Drive.

**Water and Sewer Departments:**

1. Completed monthly meter reading.
2. Working on hydrant trimming.
3. Completed repairs to 2 sewer manholes as part of the I&I program.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott B. Hillman  
Superintendent of Highways

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REPORT ISSUED</b>
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**12. Report 2012-85****Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer****BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Month May 2011**

- Building permits issued as per the report.
- Periodic progress inspections on ongoing construction projects throughout the Town.
- Prepared materials for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Attended Town Board meeting.
- Pursued numerous Zoning code violations and issued to the Supervisor "Complaints Report" for the month of May 2011.

Councilman Bai made the motion, with Councilman Baker seconding, to advertise for bids for someone to mow the lawn at 415 Lynbrook. Code Enforcement Officer Rogers would then determine at what intervals the grass would be mowed. It was also mentioned that the basement is also flooded in this home.

Mr. Rogers told the Board that there are two rezoning issues on which the Town Board will have to made decisions; the old Porter House on Blairville Rd and Doug Zastrow's property on Lake Road just west of Ransomville Road. Recommendations will be needed from the Planning Board.

<b>May Building Permits</b>				<b>Town of Porter</b>		
<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Amt.</u>
019-12	5/4	Clarence Jackson	Alteration	704 Lake Rd	35,000	50
021-12	5/4	Rhonda Macvie	Addition	3004 Orchard Dr	8,500	100
022-12	5/4	Grover Johnson	Shed	1691 Groveland Ave	10,000	25
023-12	5/7	Tracy Kropp	A.G.Pool	3775 Ransomville Rd	3,000	25
024-12	5/7	Salvatore Anello	A.G.Pool	369 Brentwood Dr	4,000	25
025-12	5/7	Salvatore Anello	Deck	369 Brentwood Dr	3,000	25
026-12	5/9	Dana Guy	Shed	3604 Ransomville Rd	1,000	25
027-12	5/16	Edward Venne	Pole Barn	709 Lake Rd	40,000	50
028-12	5/16	Daniel Coia	A.G.Pool	2040 Balmer Rd	2,200	25
029-12	5/18	Jeffrey Sanderson	Fence	329 Brentwood Dr	2,800	25
031-12	5/23	Steve Skrlin	Fence	2623 Lake Rd	8,900	25
<b>Total</b>					<b>118,400</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Y-T-D</b>					<b>3,151,450</b>	<b>8,008</b>

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REPORT ISSUED</b>
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### 13. Report 2012-92

#### Recreation

**TO:** Town of Porter Town Board

**FROM:** Recreation Commission

**DATE:** June 6, 2012

**RE:** Summer Staff

The Town of Porter Recreation Commission has hired the following adult supervisors for its summer program. Employment is from June 25 - August 10, 2012.

Matt Cattarin 357 Howard Dr Youngstown, NY 14174	Zachary Eoute 300 Glenvale Rd Youngstown, NY 14174	Tom Filosofos 362 Howard Dr Youngstown, NY 14174
Trisha Jordan 3715 Rnsmville Rd Ransomville, NY 14131	Jessica Kalita 2567 Yngstn-Lkpt Rd Ransomville, NY 14131	David Kish 2646 Yngstn-Lkpt Rd. Ransomville, NY 14131
Stephanie Kowalski 1399 Yngstn-Lkpt Rd	Jordynn Koroschetz 3156 Dickersonville Rd	Jeanne LePage 252 Glenvale Rd

Youngstown, NY 14174	Ransomville, NY 14131	Youngstown, NY 14174
Hannah Maries 455 Woodland Ct Youngstown, NY 14174	Emily Marin 295 Glenvale Rd Youngstown, NY 14174	Kelli Mooradian 3653 Dickersonville Rd Ransomville, NY 14131
Peter Munno 647 Blairville Rd Youngstown, NY 14174	Shannon Nasca 3881 L River Rd Youngstown, NY 14174	Kenneth Nyland 347 Oak St Youngstown, NY 14174
Collin Okoniewski 3659 Yngstn-Lckprt Rd Ransomville, NY 14131	Vicki Price 648 Blairville Rd Youngstown, NY 14174	Andrew Sharpe 380 Church St Youngstown, NY 14174
Daniel Sharpe 380 Church St Youngstown, NY 14174	Joshua Smith 3659 Ransomville Rd Ransomville, NY 14131	

The Town of Porter Summer Recreation will run from July 2<sup>nd</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

A motion was made by Tom Baia, and seconded by Larry White, to approve the appointments and to set salaries at \$8.53. per hour.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REPORT ISSUED</b>
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#### 14. Report 2012-94

##### Justice

No report was submitted

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REPORT ISSUED</b>
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#### 15. Report 2012-86

##### Grant Writer

**Grants Status Report:**

**Projects we are currently working on:**

- As you all are aware, the CFA is now open. I will setup a meeting to review any potential projects.  
I have attached an overview for this round of CFA's
- NYS DOS Coastal Resources (through the CFA) is open May 1, 2012 and we have begun the application for the POTL Shoreline Stabilization Project. The project has been reviewed by with Renee Parson Regional Manager of Coastal Resources We will use the information from the Recreational Master Plan for a budget estimate (approx \$250,000) This is 50% matching Grant.

Mr. Rotella said decisions have to be made soon. If there is no LWRP adopted, the grant falls under Sate jurisdiction.

- Letter from Legislator Burmaster has been received and POTL Greenway Project will submitted to Attorney Tom Burgasser and the AD HOC committee with a budget for the Niagara County Ad Hoc Committee consisting of:
  - \$98,000 in playground Equipment
  - \$40,000 in Pavilion
  - \$12,000 in Greenway Signage
  - TOTAL \$150,000
- Traffic sign: Will be submitted Safe Route to School grant program as soon as the grant application. Budget \$12,000 (Materials & Labor and Programming). A resolution be requested at the next Town Meeting. This application is open and due September 2012
- DEC Recycling Grant for Recycling Totes is available. 50% matching grant

CFA May 2012 Project Submissions will include:

- Planning Grant: Porter Infrastructure Waterline Replacement Project (To be discuss)
- Planning Grant: for the INI (To be discuss)

Councilman Fleckenstein asked about “brick and mortar” grants through I & I; “..replace lift station or put it above ground?” Discussions are needed with the town engineers. Mr. Fleckenstein questioned that some grants are expensive and the tax burden falls on the property owners because the Town realizes it don’t have the resources to match the grant.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REPORT ISSUED</b>
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**16. Report 2012-87**

**Engineer**

Engineer Britton reported that he accompanied Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Rogers for an assessment of a structure.

He performed two drainage reviews and stated that the solar panel installations will be “substantially” completed” at Town Hall by June 22 and at the Highway Garage by July 13.

A waste management plan has been submitted to NYSERDA.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REPORT ISSUED</b>
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**17. Report 2012-88**

**Attorney**

Attorney Dowd discussed the need to change the “fence law” because the “front yard” definition has been changed in the new zoning law.

He mentioned that the litigation matter has been resolved favorably for the Town.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REPORT ISSUED</b>
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**18. Report 2012-89**

**Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to report.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REPORT ISSUED</b>
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**19. Report 2012-95**

**Town Board Comments**

Councilman Baker made a motion to go out for bid for playground equipment at Porter-On-The-Lake. Larry White seconded it. Motion carried unanimously. Councilman White asked for some direction from the Board on prices he received for Porter-On-The-Lake brochures. He was quoted a price of .21 per brochure, provided a thousand are purchased. No action was taken at this time. Mr. White also mentioned that the Porter-On-The-Lake Committee is no longer in existence.

Councilman White attended a meeting with local politicians and residents about the International Joint Commission’s proposal (**BV-7**) to create a “span” of 7 feet which means the level of the lake could be

