



Town of Porter

Town Board Meeting

~ Minutes ~

3265 Creek Road
Youngstown, NY 14174

TownofPorter.Net

Gail Zachary

Monday, September, 14, 2009

7:00 PM

Town Hall Auditorium

I. Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on September 14, 2009 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	
Nancy Orsi	Town of Porter	Councilwoman	Present	
Jeff Baker	Town of Porter	Councilman	Absent	
Larry White	Town of Porter	Councilman	Present	
Dave Britton	Town of Porter	Engineer	Absent	
Gail Zachary	Town of Porter	Town Clerk	Present	
Mike Dowd	Town of Porter	Attorney	Present	
Norm Ault	Town of Porter	Bookkeeper	Present	
Roy Rogers	Town of Porter	Code Enforcement Officer	Present	
Scott Hillman	Town of Porter	Highway Superintendent	Present	

II. Public Portion

1. Report 2009-129

Public Comments

Mr. and Mrs. D. Fellows and Mr. Carl Fellows, residents and business owner in Ransomville, would like to see the Town take a more active part in trying to curtail the illegal activities and speeding that occur in and near the four corners of the Hamlet of Ransomville. Apparently, there are eight people living in one of the tenant houses. The Board directed the building inspector to contact one of the landlords; Attorney Dowd said that, perhaps the County could cut off the tenants' public assistance if these activities can't be controlled.

All the homeowners in that area would love to see the Sheriff's Department beef up their patrol in Ransomville. Perhaps that would alleviate some of the intimidation that's going on. There are approximately 20 to 25 youths involved in this. Mr. Fellows asked whether a curfew could be introduced, or the Town could hire someone to patrol.

Councilman Baia said a letter to the Niagara County Sheriff's Department should be written asking for more patrols.

Mr. Fellows asked on the status of the storm sewer situation and whether the Niagara

County Health Department had notified Building Inspector Rogers of their findings.

Marne Weld, Lake Road, asked about the old barn across from 873 Lake Road and whether it could be demolished. Code Enforcement Officer Rogers has had an engineer look at it and, at this time, "It is not structurally unsound."

Rusty Tower, of Lake Road, was told by Mr. Rogers that Mr. Tower's neighbor, Mr. Drennan, does have a permit from the DEC and that the trench has to be in by the end of October. Mr. Tower was also told that his neighbor has to comply with the original drainage plan. He would also like to see everything seeded before October.

RESULT: REPORT ISSUED

III. Minutes Approval

1. Resolution 2009-107

Minutes Approval

Resolution to approve the August 10, 2009 minutes of the regular meeting of the Porter Town Board and the minutes of the September 3, 2009 work session of the Porter Town Board.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Nancy Orsi, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Larry White, Councilman
AYES:	Mert Wiepert, Thomas Baia, Nancy Orsi, Larry White
ABSENT:	Jeff Baker

IV. Reports/Resolutions

1. Resolution 2009-108

Payment of Audited Vouchers

Resolution to approve the Vouchers, as audited.

TOWN OF PORTER

WARRANT:	POST AUDIT - AUGUST, 2009	8/31/09
FUND 01		2,201.23
FUND 02		300.36
FUND 04		252.34
FUND 06		297.10
FUND 07		1,468.77
FUND 33		391.86
TOTAL		<u>4,911.66</u>

VOUCHER 'S 12760 12796

WARRANT:	# 09 SEPTEMBER, 2009	9/14/09
FUND 01		16,595.40
FUND 02		44,910.57
FUND 04		12,340.19
FUND 06		3,998.64
FUND 07		5,187.69
FUND 10		645.25
FUND 12		1,275.00
FUND 33		9,850.72
FUND 35		20.00
TOTAL		<u>94,823.46</u>

VOUCHER 'S 12797 THRU 12894

99,735.12

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Thomas Baia, Deputy Supervisor

SECONDER: Larry White, Councilman

AYES: Mert Wiepert, Thomas Baia, Nancy Orsi, Larry White

ABSENT: Jeff Baker

2. Report 2009-131

Town Clerk

Town Clerk's report for the month of August:

Water receipts	\$ 25837.70
Sewer receipts	\$ 68428.05
Licenses and Fees	\$ 793.97
S.P.C.A. Contacts	20

Town Clerk spoke with Al Chile, Niagara County S.P.C.A. Director. He will be retiring soon and has sent paperwork extending the existing contract, for one year, between the

Town and the S.P.C.A. at the same cost as the town is paying this year (2009).

James McIntyre, Jr., sent in a letter August 14, 2009, resigning from the Planning Board, effective immediately.

Resolution is needed to appoint John Bis to the Town of Porter Planning Board to fill Mr. McIntyre's term which runs until December 31, 2009.

Resolution authorizing the town supervisor to sign a letter of intent to allow Industrial Appraisal Company to provide an appraisal for fixed asset accounting control and insurance purposes. The agreement would include on-site inspections and appraisals all buildings, equipment, machinery and land values. A professional appraisal has not been done in over five years. The appraisal is vital in the maintenance of current values and the current costs of reproduction of fixed assets. Cost of this service is \$5,250.00; 60% due upon completion of the on-site fieldwork and balance due upon delivery of the appraisal report.

RESULT:	REPORT ISSUED
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3. Resolution 2009-109

Planning Board Appointment

Resolution to appoint John Bis to the Planning Board to fill the position vacated by James McIntyre, who resigned August 14th. This term expires December 31, 2009.

The Board decided to hold off until more candidates could be considered.

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 10/13/2009 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Thomas Baia, Deputy Supervisor	
SECONDER:	Larry White, Councilman	
AYES:	Mert Wiepert, Thomas Baia, Nancy Orsi, Larry White	
ABSENT:	Jeff Baker	

4. Resolution 2009-111

S.P.C.A. Contract

Resolution to authorize Supervisor Wiepert to enter into a one-year contract with the

Niagara County S.P.C.A., from January 1, 2010 until December 31, 2010, and to sign all necessary paperwork . The terms and the cost of this agreement are the same \$12,172.20 as in 2009.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Thomas Baia, Deputy Supervisor
SECONDER:	Nancy Orsi, Councilwoman
AYES:	Mert Wiepert, Thomas Baia, Nancy Orsi, Larry White
ABSENT:	Jeff Baker

5. **Resolution 2009-114**

Acceptance of Audit Report

To acknowledge receipt that the Town of Porter's Town Justice Court Records and Dockets have been examined and audited by Brown and Company, LLP Certified Public Accountants, for the year ending December 31, 2008. As required by law, after approval by the Porter Town Board, the audit will be sent to the State Comptroller's Office by the Town Clerk.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Thomas Baia, Deputy Supervisor
SECONDER:	Nancy Orsi, Councilwoman
AYES:	Mert Wiepert, Thomas Baia, Nancy Orsi, Larry White
ABSENT:	Jeff Baker

6. **Resolution 2009-123**

Industrial Appraisal Agreement

Resolution to authorize the Supervisor to sign a letter of intent to have an on-site appraisal of buildings, land, equipment and machinery done by Industrial Appraisal Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$5,250.00.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Nancy Orsi, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Jeff Baker, Councilman
AYES:	Wiepert, Baia, Orsi, Baker, White

7. Report 2009-130

Supervisor

- Supervisor's Monthly Report for August 2009 was distributed to all Town Board members.
- July Sales Tax \$74,086.64. The Town is up about \$9,379.13 for 2009.
- Resolution to accept the Supervisor's Report for August 2009.
- I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Susan Driscoll for passing IAAO Course, 101 - Fundamentals of Real Property Appraisal.
- I would like a resolution authorizing the purchase of a printer for the Supervisor's Department on state bid in the amount of \$648.00. It is a Hewlett-Packard CP3525n.
- Need a resolution setting a Public Information Session concerning the report to combine the Town & Village DPW's.

Mr. Wiepert thanked Jim McIntyre for his service to the Town as vice-chairman of the Planning Board. The Town will miss his expertise, knowledge and insight.

RESULT:	REPORT ISSUED
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8. Resolution 2009-112

Acceptance of Supervisor's Report

Resolution to accept the Supervisor's August 2009 report.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Nancy Orsi, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Thomas Baia, Deputy Supervisor
AYES: Mert Wiepert, Thomas Baia, Nancy Orsi, Larry White
ABSENT: Jeff Baker

9. Resolution 2009-115

MS4 Letter of Intent

Authorize Supervisor Wiepert to sign and date the Letter of Intent, with the Western New York Stormwater Coalition, to participate in the next round of grant applications for water quality improvements.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Thomas Baia, Deputy Supervisor
SECONDER: Larry White, Councilman
AYES: Mert Wiepert, Thomas Baia, Nancy Orsi, Larry White
ABSENT: Jeff Baker

10. Resolution 2009-122

Printer

This resolution authorizes the Supervisor's Department to purchase a Hewlett-Packard Model CP3525n Printer, for the amount of \$648.00 on state bid. This will be used jointly by the Supervisor and the Bookkeeper.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Nancy Orsi, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Larry White, Councilman
AYES: Mert Wiepert, Thomas Baia, Nancy Orsi, Larry White
ABSENT: Jeff Baker

11. Report 2009-132**Supervisor's Assistant**Bookkeeper's Monthly Report - August 2009

1. Completed processing all August 2009 Vouchers and Journal Entries.
2. Prepared Supervisor's Monthly Report for August 2009 and distributed it to the Supervisor and Town Board members.
3. Completed Bi-weekly and Monthly payrolls.
4. Completed Check registers for all check payments.
5. Continued maintenance on the Web Page, www.townofporter.net
6. Continuing to work with Town Clerk on the Minute Traq program.
7. Continuing with Suzanne Raby's training
8. The Budget process is continuing.
9. Worked on Labor Day Festival & Cabbage Festival.
10. Need the following temporary budget adjustment:

06-8340.0004	Transmission Contractual	\$15,000.00
06-8320.0004	Source of Supply	(\$15,000.00)
11. Need a Resolution to set a Public Hearing taking \$15,000.00 from the Water Reserve account due to a shortfall in 06-8340.0004 Transmission Contractual.

RESULT: REPORT ISSUED

12. Resolution 2009-119**Budget Adjustment**

Need the following temporary budget adjustment:

06-8340.0004	Transmission Contractual	\$15,000.00
06-8320.0004	Source of Supply	(\$15,000.00)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Thomas Baia, Deputy Supervisor
SECONDER:	Nancy Orsi, Councilwoman
AYES:	Mert Wiepert, Thomas Baia, Nancy Orsi, Larry White
ABSENT:	Jeff Baker

13. Resolution 2009-126**GASB Annual Valuation**

Resolution authorizing Supervisor Wiepert to enter into a contract with First Niagara Benefits Consulting for an approximate amount of \$2,500.00 to complete a GASB 45 Valuation which is required for the Town's year-end accounting report.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Thomas Baia, Deputy Supervisor
SECONDER:	Larry White, Councilman
AYES:	Mert Wiepert, Thomas Baia, Nancy Orsi, Larry White
ABSENT:	Jeff Baker

14. Resolution 2009-120**Public Hearing**

Resolution to set a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 7:15 PM at the Porter Town Hall, 3265 Creek Road, Youngstown, NY 14174, for the purpose of withdrawing \$15,000.00 from the Water Reserve Account to be used by account 06-8340.0004, Transmission Contractual to cover expenses for the balance of 2009.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Thomas Baia, Deputy Supervisor
SECONDER:	Nancy Orsi, Councilwoman
AYES:	Mert Wiepert, Thomas Baia, Nancy Orsi, Larry White
ABSENT:	Jeff Baker

15. Report 2009-133**Assessor**

Date: September 1, 2009

To: Town of Porter Town Board

Cc: Town Clerk

From: Barbara J. Oaks, Acting Assessor

RE: August 2009

§ Completed monthly inspections for verification of sales and completion of building projects.

§ Processed monthly sales transfers and splits.

§ Continued process of reviewing all exemptions for address matches to verify eligibility. (Star) exemptions are for primary residences only. Sent letters to homeowners with mailing addresses different from property address to determine where they actually reside.

§ Reviewing all sales with "life use or Life Estate" retained. The retainers are to be listed as primary owners so they can receive all exemptions they qualify for.

§ Reviewing agricultural exemptions, as well as agricultural district boundaries and members. Contacted Farm Bureau for list of members as well as any who may have "opted out" of the ag district.

§ Attended summer meeting of the Assessor's Association. Topics included speech by President of the New York State Assessor's Association-Timothy Sheares. He spoke on the introduction of a bill that would establish a statutory cycle of reassessment. The general consensus at this time seems to be for every 3 or 4 years.

§ Continued reviewing all sales for last three years that will be used by the state to determine Porter's equalization rate to assure only valid and uncompromised sales are used. Several sales eliminated from usability-based on state criteria.

§ Continued to receive and process exemptions-now for 2010 roll.

§ Continued to train Susan in all aspects of the job of Assessor. Susan also taking off-site classes to aid in better understanding of all the various duties of the job.

RESULT: REPORT ISSUED

16. Resolution 2009-110

Board of Assessment Review Re-Appointment

Resolution to reappoint James Carminati to the Board of Assessment Review for another term, which will run from October 01, 2009 to September 30, 2014.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Nancy Orsi, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Larry White, Councilman
AYES:	Mert Wiepert, Thomas Baia, Nancy Orsi, Larry White
ABSENT:	Jeff Baker

17. Report 2009-134

Recreation

CALLING ALL PRESCHOOLERS BRING YOUR MOMS AND DADS IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR THE:

TOWN OF PORTER STORY HOUR PROGRAM

SIGN UP WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15TH AT THE YOUNGSTOWN LIBRARY FROM 9:30-11AM

AND AT

THE RANSOMVILLE LIBRARY ON SEPTEMBER 16TH FROM 9:30-11AM.

THIS IS A FUN PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM HELD WEEKLY AT EACH LIBRARY. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A TOWN RESIDENT TO PARTICIPATE.

CLASSES WILL BEGIN THE FOLLOWING WEEK

TUESDAY THE 22ND AT THE YOUNGSTOWN LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY THE 23RD AT THE RANSOMVILLE LIBRARY

EACH LIBRARY WILL HOLD TWO CLASSES 9:30-10:30 AND 11-12 NOON ON THEIR RESPECTIVE DAYS.

THE PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR AND FOLLOW THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

OUR ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: BOOKS, GAMES, CRAFTS, HOLIDAY PARTIES, BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AND SPECIAL GUESTS.

Best of all..... It's free

RESULT:	REPORT ISSUED
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18. Report 2009-135**Highway**

Department of Public Works
Monthly Report for August 2009

Highway Department:

1. Completed monthly brush pick up.
2. Completed edge work on Braley, Dickersonville and Lutts Rd. with assistance from the Town of Cambria.
3. Provided assistance to the Town of Wilson with 3 trucks hauling stone for their mix-paving project.
4. Provided assistance to the Town of Cambria with trucks and excavator for excavation of a pond in their town park.
5. Completed a Fog seal on Braley Rd.
6. Continuing mowing roadsides.
7. Provided assistance hauling stage and electrical equipment for Labor Day Festival at POTL.

Drainage Department:

1. Resumed mowing program.
2. Met with engineers regarding the berm construction south of Youngstown Estates. Town of Lewiston will provide a bulldozer with operator for the job.

Water and Sewer Department:

1. Completed monthly meter reading.
2. Repaired a water leak on Dansworth Rd.
3. Repaired a water break on Hillview Drive.
4. Completed installation of 78 Orion meters.
5. Both Water/Sewer MM attended sewer inspection and manhole rehab training put on by the WPCC.

Cain Road Culverts:

1. I have been in contact with CRA concerning rehabilitation of both culverts as a temporary repair. We have been in contact with Niagara County DPW Commissioner Kevin O'Brien regarding possible funding for a complete replacement of the culverts with a single structure. He asked us to forward to him an Initial Project Proposal prepared by CRA that he will carry for presentation to the NYSDOT for funding consideration.

I would like permission to attend the NYS Highway EXPO in Syracuse on Wednesday

October 21st.

I would also like permission for all Highway and Water/Sewer Employees to attend the Safety Expo put on by Dival Safety in Grand Island on Tuesday October 13th. There is no cost for the Expo and Seminars.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott B. Hillman
Highway Superintendent

RESULT: REPORT ISSUED

19. Resolution 2009-124

Consolidation

Resolution to set a Public Information Session on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at the Porter Town Hall, 3265 Creek Road, Youngstown, NY 14174 at 7:00 PM to inform the public about the recent study completed regarding the combination of the Town of Porter and the Village of Youngstown Departments of Public Works.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Nancy Orsi, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Larry White, Councilman
AYES:	Mert Wiepert, Thomas Baia, Nancy Orsi, Larry White
ABSENT:	Jeff Baker

20. Resolution 2009-113

Snow and Ice Extension

Authorize the Supervisor to sign the extension of the existing snow and ice contract between the New York State Transportation Department and the Town of Porter, through June 30, 2012.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Thomas Baia, Deputy Supervisor
SECONDER: Larry White, Councilman
AYES: Mert Wiepert, Thomas Baia, Nancy Orsi, Larry White
ABSENT: Jeff Baker

21. Resolution 2009-121

Department Travel

Resolution authorizing Highway Superintendent Scott Hillman to attend the NYS Highway EXPO in Syracuse on Wednesday, October 21st, and authorize the Highway and Water/Sewer employees to attend the Safety Expo put on by Dival safety on Tuesday October 13th.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Thomas Baia, Deputy Supervisor
SECONDER: Nancy Orsi, Councilwoman
AYES: Mert Wiepert, Thomas Baia, Nancy Orsi, Larry White
ABSENT: Jeff Baker

22. Report 2009-136

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

TOWN OF PORTER PERMITS ISSUED IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2009

NAME	PERMIT	DATE	ADDRESS	CATEGORY	COST	FEE
SHARAN, Murry	48-09	8/3	419 Dansworth Rd	Shed	1,700	25
SANTAROSA, Susan	49-09	8/5	383 Foxpoint Circle	Porch	8,000	25
VERIZON, Wireless	50-09	8/9	2087 Yngstwn-Wilson	Cell tower	110,000	500
VALINT, Mathew	51-09	8/10	3962 Calkins Rd	Pool	30,000	25
JACOBS, Thomas	52-09	8/14	2643 New Rd	Pole barn	15,857	50
BROWN, George	53-09	8/14	1806 Yngstwn-Wilson	Garage + add	50,000	50
LAZARECK, Anthony	54-09	8/31	447 Powell Drive	Demolition	0	25
O'MARA, Kimberly	55-09	8/26	621 Blairville Drive	Garage	10,000	50
				TOTAL	225,557	750

CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY ISSUED

None

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Month August 2009

- 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 the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Town Board meetings.
- pursued numerous zoning code violations and issued to the Supervisor “Order of Violations Report” for the month of August, 2009
- Continued review of draft new zoning law and subdivision regulations
- Attended State mandatory training on structural issues as per the New York State Building Codes.

RESULT: REPORT ISSUED

23. Report 2009-137

Engineer

No report received

RESULT: REPORT ISSUED

24. Report 2009-138

Attorney

none

RESULT: REPORT ISSUED

25. Report 2009-139**Porter-On-The-Lake**

**“PORTER-ON-THE-LAKE” PARK COMMITTEE MEETING
August 17, 2009**

Attending:

Gloria Baker	Fran Boltz	Pat Foley	Ernest Lavigueur	Bob Reese	Linda White
Mert Wiepert					
Jeff Baker	Tony Collard	Don Larrabee	William Leardini	Larry White	Meg Whitmore

The eighteenth general meeting of the “Porter-on-the-Lake” Park Committee was held in the pavilion at “Porter-on-the-Lake” Park on Monday, July 20, 2009. Representing the Town was Supervisor Wiepert, Councilmen Baker and White.

Chairman Reese called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The minutes from the meeting of July 20, 2009 were distributed and were approved. E-mail correspondence was received from committee members Betsy Diachun, Peter Diachun and Cathy Burns advising that they would be unable to attend this meeting. An email was also received from Bill Warren advising the secretary to remove his name from the active committee roster due to prior commitments. Committee member Bill Baird was unable to attend due to a medical problem and Mr. Pat Foley attended representing the Boy Scouts.

Supervisor Wiepert updated the committee on the following:

1. Town officials and the grant writer are working with Niagara County and the Niagara County IDA to sponsor the town’s request for \$25,000 in funding for the park master plan.
2. Supervisor Wiepert advised that he has spoken with Becky Anderson from the DEC and was told to apply with the DEC to install steps from the picnic area to the beach area. At the last meeting the Supervisor advised the committee that several residents had brought to his attention that there may be a safety issue in going down to the beach area.
These residents had suggested that the town install steps or a grading of a portion of the area to provide safe beach access.
3. Supervisor Wiepert advised that he was contacting law enforcement regarding security at the Labor Day event and he has obtained four off-duty officers to work the field that day. In addition, if overnight security is desired he will contact Sentrex Security, who provided that security last year.
4. The town will have to post no swimming signs at the end of Dietz Road. Chairman Reese advised that a swimmer in distress was rescued earlier last week from the Lake in the area of Dietz Road. Youngstown and Ransomville responded to the call along with the Sheriff’s Department. The swimmer was revived then transported to ECMC for observation.
5. Finally, Supervisor Wiepert has received no response to his letter to the Niagara Frontier Country Club requesting the use of golf carts on Labor Day to transport the elderly and handicapped from the parking areas. The Supervisor advised that he would contact the club again.

Under old business, the Labor Day Committee reported:

Labor Day Festival Chairwoman White reported that planning is proceeding for that event. Councilman Baker advised that one hundred 18” x 24” road signs have been purchased to advertise the Labor Day event at a cost of \$2.27 each. These signs will be placed throughout the area approximately three weeks before the event. Gloria Baker advised that there is a total of nine sponsors for the event and to date she has received responses from seven vendors. Bill Leardini reported that he will purchase several big-ticket items and will conduct a raffle of these

items in addition to a basket raffle. Bill has asked every committee member to donate a basket to the raffle. Meg Whitmore will conduct two 50/50 raffles during the day and make up a hand stamp for re-entry into the park. The entertainment program will start at 12 noon and run until 7:00 P.M. The Boy Scouts will arrive at 8:00 A.M. and take charge of the parking areas. Vendors will be allowed to set up after 8:00 A.M. Gates for the general public will open at 10:00 A.M. Chairwomen White advised that she has approximately twelve people to collect the \$5.00 per person entrance fee from those persons over 12 years of age. All proceeds will be used to enhance the park after expenses.

Under new business, Chairman Reese reported:

- a. A group of approximately ten to fifteen people have formed a group called *Sky-Watchers*. This group regularly visits the park on Saturday nights to view the stars and planets through their telescopes.
- b. There is currently a new road and parking lot of blacktop grindings in place, which still needs some grading and rolling.
In addition, the north gate area has been greatly improved.
- c. On about August 5th, Mr. John Farfaglia, a horticulturist from the Cornell Co-operative Extension has checked on the trees. One tree will need treatment with a systemic insecticide and two other trees should be removed. As of this report one of these trees has been removed.
- d. Drainage continues to be a problem. Mark Seider, District Engineer for the Niagara County Soil & Water Conservation District, came to the park on August 11th. There is a 16" and a 12-14" drain pipe under Dietz Road that drains water from Four Mile Creek State Park. It receives the runoff from the parkway, into the park, then to the pipes. The Four Mile Park Manager was contacted. Pictures of the pipes were taken and will be sent to New York State Park Management and Engineering to see what they will do about controlling their runoff.
- e. The park golf cart developed an electrical problem. Mark Shaw replaced a bad solenoid at no charge.
- f. A lost dog was recovered from the immediate area after it had been reported missing in the park.
- g. On August 22nd and 23rd the Sheriff's Community Service Program will have between seven to twelve people in the park to cleanup designated areas.

The committee meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

A SPECIAL MEETING ON THE LABOR DAY EVENT WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2009 AT 6:30 P.M. AT "PORTER-ON-THE-LAKE" OR IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER AT THE PORTER TOWN HALL.

Submitted by: Ernest A. Lavigneur

**"PORTER-ON-THE-LAKE" PARK COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
August 31, 2009**

Attending:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Norm Ault	Cathy Burns	Ernest Lavigneur	Larry White	Mert Wiefert
Gloria Baker	Betsy Diachun	William Leardini	Linda White	
Jeff Baker	Peter Diachun	Bob Reese	Meg Whitmore	

VOLUNTEERS

Douglas Adamson	Jean Falcone	Joe Fleckenstein	Heidi Hillman	Ann Johnston	Tammy Landry
Tom Baia	Rich Falcone	Kelly Fleckenstein	Max Hillman	Duffy Johnston	Steve Zappy
Tim Baldwin					

A special meeting of the "Porter-on-the-Lake" Park Committee was held in the pavilion at "Porter-on-the-Lake"

Park on Monday, August 31, 2009. Representing the Town was Supervisor Wiepert, Bookkeeper Ault, Councilmen Baia, Baker and White.

Chairman Reese called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The minutes from the meeting of August 17, 2009 were distributed and were approved. E-mail correspondence was received from committee members Fran Boltz and Don Larrabee advising that they would be unable to attend this meeting. Committee member Bill Baird was unable to attend due to a medical problem and Pat Bullis attended representing the Boy Scouts.

Chairman Reese turned the meeting over to Linda White who briefed committee members and volunteers on the particulars of the Labor Day Festival. Labor Day assignments were finalized and volunteer vehicle identification was passed out. Linda White introduced Doug Adamson who will supply buttons for the volunteers in addition to approximately three hundred *Porter-on-the-Lake* commemorative buttons. Gloria Baker advised that a total of twelve sponsors have been received with nine donating money and three with in-kind services. In addition, a total of ten vendors will be in attendance. Vendors will sell food, water and soft drinks. Also there will be one winery and one cigar vendor. Ransomville and Youngstown Volunteer Fire Companies will sell beer at two locations in the park. Bill Leardini will handle the raffle and Meg Whitmore the two 50/50 drawings. Jeff Baker pointed out the vendor locations to those in attendance. Fran Boltz and Niagara University students have organized a total of four projects for those children in attendance. Each project is expected to last fifty minutes. A bounce house will also be provided. Boy Scout Troop 829 will handle the parking under the direction of Scoutmaster Bryan Bullis and Pat Foley. Gates for the general public will open at 10:00 A.M. An entry fee of \$5.00 will be collected from those over twelve years of age. A hand stamp or some other means of identification will be provided for those seeking re-entry into the park. All proceeds after expenses will be used to enhance the park.

Chairman Reese reported:

- a. All damaged and diseased trees have been removed and the remaining stumps have been grinded and new grass planted.
- b. The Sheriff's Department Community Service Program has recently trimmed trees, removed brush and weeds and cleaned up the beach area.
- c. The painting of the bathrooms is nearly completed. New toilet paper holders have been installed in the ladies room and paper towel holders have been painted.
- d. The brush pile is still unable to be lit.
- e. A garbage can at the north end of Dietz Road has stopped most of the litter in that location.
- f. Upcoming events include:
 1. Saturday, September 5th - Bridgitt Borek- Last Summer Hurrah- 10:00 A.M. till 9:00 P.M. (approx. 100 people)
 2. Monday, Labor Day, September 7th - Labor Day Festival
 3. Saturday, September 26th - Niagara County Hospice Dash- Paul Beatty

The committee meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Committee members will be notified of the date, time and location of the September meeting by email.

Submitted by: Ernest A. Lavigueur

RESULT: REPORT ISSUED

26. Report 2009-140

Correspondance

A letter was received from Gene Beck and Kathy Waite, Town of Porter residents:

“We want to express our sincere appreciation to Dave Gombert and the Town of Porter Highway Department for their immediate attention to a water erosion problem at our driveway entrance. Our call, no doubt, interrupted a busy schedule, but an inspection was made within the hour. The very next day action was taken to solve our problem. We are very grateful and feel fortunate to have such good people working for our town. It would be much appreciated to have this read at the Town Board meeting.”

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27. Report 2009-141

Calendar of Events

Zoning Board Meeting @ Town Hall	Thurs., September 17, '09 @ 7:30p.m.
Planning Board Meeting @ Town Hall	Thurs., October 01, '09 @ 7:00p.m.
Cabbage Festival	Sun., October 4, '09 11 am - 4 pm
Town Offices CLOSED	Monday, October 12, '09
Regular Town Board Meeting @ Town Hall	Tuesday, October 13, '09 @ 7:00p.m.

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28. Report 2009-142

Town Board Comments

Councilman Baia praised the Porter-on-the-Lake Committee for a great job at the Labor Day Fest at the park September 7th; stating that it took a lot of effort on the committee's part to make it a success.

Councilwoman Orsi also felt the committee did a good job and that she is looking for people who would like to participate in the Cabbage Leaf Fashion Show at the Cabbage Festival on October 4th. Call Town Hall @ **745-3730**.

Carl Fellows, from Ransomville, is looking for volunteers to help with the Lighting of the Wreaths event. He's looking for the parade and wreath committees. He asked that those interested call **791-8090** which is Casey's Malt Shoppe.

With no further business before the Board, the regular meeting of the Porter Town Board was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Submitted by Gail Zachary, Town Clerk

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