



Town of Porter

Work Session

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Youngstown, NY 14174

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Wednesday, September 9, 2015

8:00 AM

Town Hall Auditorium

I. Call to Order

8:00 AM Meeting called to order on September 9, 2015 at Town Hall Auditorium, 3265 Creek Rd., Youngstown, NY.

| Attendee Name | Organization | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Mert Wiepert | Town of Porter | Supervisor | Present | |
| Larry White | Town of Porter | Deputy Supervisor | Present | |
| Thomas Baia | Town of Porter | Councilman | Present | |
| Jeff Baker | Town of Porter | Councilman | Absent | |
| Joe Fleckenstein | Town of Porter | Councilman | Absent | |
| Barb Dubell | Town of Porter | Town Clerk | Present | |
| Kara Hibbard | Town of Porter | Deputy Town Clerk | Absent | |
| 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 | Late | 8:20 AM |
| Susan Driscoll | Town of Porter | Assessor | Present | |

II. Reports/Resolutions

1. Report 2015-157

Budget Items

Discuss the following items for the 2016 Budget:

Hospitalization Renewal

Norm Ault explained to the board the difference in coverage for health insurance between Independent Health and Blue Cross Blue Shield. After comparing the coverage and costs it was decided by the board to change from Independent Health to Blue Cross Blue Shield starting November 1, 2015.

Motion was made by Councilman Baia and seconded by Councilman White to change the health insurance carrier to Blue Cross Blue Shield effective November 1, 2015

Salary increase percentage

The board discussed the percentage for salary increases. It was decided to keep the increase at 2 percent maximum.

Work Boots

The board discussed weather to increase the boot allowance from the current amount of \$150.00. It was decided by the board in increase the boot allowance to \$175.00.

Health Reimbursement

The health reimbursement is currently at \$700.00. Those people that are grandfathered are getting \$500.00. The board decided to increase the \$700.00 health reimbursement to \$1,000.00.

Planning Board Secretary Resignation

Pam Parker, Planning Board Secretary, has handed in her resignation effective December 31, 2015.

Motion was made by Councilman White and seconded by Councilman Baia to place an ad in the newspaper for the position of Planning Board secretary.

Recreation

There was discussion about the salary for the recreation employees. Currently they make a minimum wage of \$8.75 for new hires and \$9.50 for rehires. The minimum wage goes up to \$9.00 as of December 31, 2015. It was decided by the board to pay the new hires \$9.00 per hour and keep the rehires at \$9.50 per hour.

Drainage

Supervisor Wiepert received a bill last month from Dan Truesdale in the amount of \$18,250 for drainage that was done on Balmer Road. We have to pay the bill, he did the work.

Highway Superintendent Hillman stated that it's draining the road right of way and the east side of the road where it comes across. He has to get permission from the owner for a one time entry. There is no permanent easement, if we ever want to get in there to maintain the pipes it would be in our best interest to get a permanent easement, otherwise we have to go thru the process of obtaining their permission. The west side of Ranosmville road is piped in both directions, that comes down and goes to the west. Where it's tied into the cross cut underneath Ramsomville Road, it's taking the water from the east side of Ransomville Road bringing across taking it to the creek to the west.

Village

Attorney Dowd: I talked to Caserta again, he said he has a few names of mediators that he would be satisfied with and he would get them to me, that was a week ago this past Friday. They're not paying us, they're paying Lewiston directly. They're paying for the water, but not the previous bills.

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2. Report 2015-158

Re-Val

Discuss the pros and cons of doing a town wide reassessment.

Assessor Driscoll explained that county wide municipalities are experiencing a marked increase in sale prices. They are concerned about the lowering of the equalization rate due to the gap between the assessed value and the sale price. Driscoll provided information on preliminary cost estimates for a potential reassessment project. Supervisor Wiepert instructed the assessor to find out the costs that would be involved to have the reassessment done in Porter.

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3. Report 2015-159

Wallace Property

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Attorney Dowd: The town board must adopt by resolution, the property purchase from Wallace in the name of the district. The purchase has to be paid for by the district. They want us to do some work for them, so we will charge the hours against the money that we have already bonded. We'll have Ms. Wallace come into town hall and get her signature notarized.

We acquire property by board resolution, if you sell it, it's subject to permissive resolution, we're not selling we're buying. We should put some dollar amount on it. Highway Superintendent Hillman will put together an estimate on the cost of materials.

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