

Town of Porter Town Board Work Session
Friday – May 30, 2008 at 8:00 AM

PRESENT: Supervisor Mert Wiepert; Councilmen Larry White, Tom Baia, and Jeff Baker; Councilwoman Nancy Orsi.

ALSO PRESENT: Building Inspector Roy Rogers, Assessor Karen Schmidt, and Bookkeeper Norm Ault

Supervisor Wiepert called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

There was a general discussion concerning a town-wide reassessment. Assessor Karen Schmidt pointed out the advantages & disadvantages of reassessment. Supervisor Wiepert stated that none of the other towns in Niagara County were going to complete a town wide reassessment. If Porter did, it would be the only entity in Niagara County doing one. Councilwoman Orsi felt that a town-wide reassessment should be done. A final vote on this matter will take place at the Town Board meeting June 9th.

Highway Superintendent Hillman and Supervisor Wiepert have been discussing the purchase of a town automobile for use by Sarah Stayner who is working on the GIS system this summer. The car could also be used by town employees, such as the assessor, building inspector or any staff traveling to special meetings, etc. This would alleviate the wear and tear on employees' personal autos. A motion was made by Councilwoman Orsi and seconded by Councilman White to seek bids for the following: "One used 2005 or newer Mid Sized Sedan Chevrolet Malibu Classic or equal. Specifications: 4 doors - 4 cylinders – 47,000 miles or less. Delivery to the Town of Porter is required within 3 days ARO." **All ayes**, motion carried.

Porter-on-the-Lake was discussed. The general agreement was to leave the park unlocked during the summer. The question was raised concerning rental of the pavilion. It was agreed to charge for \$150.00 plus a \$50.00 security deposit. Rental would be "carry in – carry out," all consumables and trash. If the pavilion is left as found, the \$50.00 security deposit will be refunded.

The Code Enforcement officer stated he was getting complaints concerning boats parked in driveways in both Youngstown & Collingwood Estates. He will be drafting a "Heads-Up" letter concerning the Property Maintenance Code.

There is a water line BAN renewal coming up the end of June. Bookkeeper Norm Ault suggested the town board take \$300,000.00 from the Water Fund Reserve Account to pay toward this BAN and, if possible, to move to permanent financing. A motion was made by Councilwoman Orsi, seconded by Councilman Baia to set a Public Hearing at 7:00 PM, Monday June 9, 2008 at the Porter Town Hall to authorize the transfer of funds

from the Water Fund Reserve Account, in the amount of \$300,000.00, to pay down on the BAN. **All Ayes**, motion carried.

With no further business before the Town Board, the work session was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Norm Ault
Deputy Town Clerk