



# Town of Porter

## Work Session

~ Minutes ~

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Youngstown, NY 14174

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Tuesday, October 11, 2022

6:00 PM

Town Hall Auditorium

## I. Call to Order

6:00 PM Meeting called to order on October 11, 2022 at Town Hall Auditorium, 3265 Creek Rd., Youngstown, NY.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Jipp Ortiz	Town of Porter	Councilman	Present	
J. Duffy Johnston	Town of Porter	Supervisor	Present	
Jeff Baker	Town of Porter	Deputy Supervisor	Present	
Larry White	Town of Porter	Councilman	Present	
Tim Adamson	Town of Porter	Councilman	Present	
Kara Hibbard	Town of Porter	Town Clerk	Present	
Kimberli Boyer	Town of Porter	Bookkeeper	Present	
Dave Burmaster	Town of Porter	Highway Superintendent	Present	
Elaine Porto	Town of Porter	Deputy Town Clerk	Present	
Mike Dowd	Town of Porter	Attorney	Present	
Peter Jeffery	Town of Porter	Code Enforcement Officer	Present	

## II. Reports

### 1. Report 2022-122

#### Tentative Budget Work Session

Supervisor Johnston said that he had been in contact with Dan Reid from O'Connell regarding the switching over of the phones and Heather is coming tomorrow for the GIS update.

Scott Cudney mentioned that the rec. phones are packed in a box at the park. When the switch is over, they won't need the hot spot anymore.

The Town Board agreed to give Town employees with a phone, a stipend of \$400 per year to be paid to each employee annually in the first week of December. It will be easier to carry 1 phone instead of 2 and this will be recorded in the handbook also.

There will be a 4% raise for all Town employees starting January 1, 2023.

Scott Cudney talked about all the work that Russell White does and how much of an asset he is to the Town highway department. He would like to see his pay increased because he does so much and has so much knowledge of where things are in the Town.

Superintendent Burmaster commented in and said that Russell knows every creek and ditch in the Town of Porter.

Wendy Shaw asked if it was possible to make him a summer MEO and Kim replied that she would have to see what civil service says.

Supervisor Johnston said that we will talk to civil service and see what can be done.

Scott Cudney brought up the subject about 3 people in charge being out at the same time can Justin get a \$1 more an hour.

Councilman Ortiz feels that all 3 shouldn't be out all at once and vacations should be planned accordingly. There should always be a supervisor on at all times.

The subject of millings came up and Town millings being given away.

Deputy Supervisor Baker said that millings are tax payer property and they need to be deemed surplus before giving away. It stops now!

Attorney Dowd said that whoever has been coming in to load them, do they have insurance? Does the Town have a guy out there to load them if they're paying for it? Why would you load it for someone who is not paying for it? Giving it to another municipality is permitted.

Highway Superintendent Burmaster said he will give all the millings to the Town of Wilson

Attorney Dowd said he will talk with Superintendent Burmaster and figure out how to do it the right way..

Wendy Shaw asked if the Town can still drop off wood chips for people that need them and Attorney Dowd said yes.

Much discussion on Grinder Pumps (new and refurbished). Attorney Dowd said "let's get a resolution together". Still a lot of unanswered questions for highway personnel.

Dave said he would also like more money to take care of Porter on the Lake. Attorney Dowd told him to ask for an increase at the budget meeting and Supervisor Johnston said we will review it.

**There will be another budget meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**

**Motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 6:57 PM was made by Councilman Adamson and seconded by Councilman White.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REPORT ISSUED</b>
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