



# Town of Porter

## Town Board Meeting

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3265 Creek Road  
Youngstown, NY 14174

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Monday, October 30, 2023

6:00 PM

Town Hall Auditorium

### I. Call to Order

6:00 PM Meeting called to order on October 30, 2023 at Town Hall Auditorium, 3265 Creek Rd., Youngstown, NY.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
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	
Jipp Ortiz	Town of Porter	Councilman	Present	
Kara Hibbard	Town of Porter	Town Clerk	Present	
Elaine Porto	Town of Porter	Deputy Town Clerk	Present	
Kimberli Boyer	Town of Porter	Bookkeeper	Present	
Dave Burmaster	Town of Porter	Highway Superintendent	Present	
Mike Dowd	Town of Porter	Town Attorney	Absent	
Peter Jeffery	Town of Porter	Code Enforcement Officer	Absent	
Selah Dell	Town of Porter		Absent	

### II. Resolution

### III. Resolutions

#### 1. Resolution (ID # 6858)

#### Preliminary Town Budget for 2024 Public Hearing

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2024 TOWN OF PORTER BUDGET

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Porter for fiscal year 2024 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Porter, where it is available for public inspection during regular business hours.

Notice is also given that the Town Board of the Town of Porter will hold a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget at the Porter Town Hall, 3265 Creek road, Youngstown, New York beginning at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, October 30, 2023 at which time and place any person will be heard in favor of or in opposition to any item or items contained therein.

Pursuant to Section 113 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the Town Officers are hereby specified as follows:

Town Supervisor	\$39,081.85
Deputy Town Supervisor	\$8,548.19

Town Councilmen	\$7,985.45
Town Justice (each)	\$20,697.16
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$69,011.57
Town Superintendent of Highways	\$83,184.83

## SPECIAL DISTRICTS

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION</u>
Ransomville Light	\$9,000.000	\$10,000.00
Ransomville Fire	\$261,000.00	\$261,000.00
Youngstown Fire	\$196,634.00	\$196,634.00
Lakeshore Sewer	\$52,675.00	\$52,675.00
Harrison Lane Road	\$12,125.00	\$12,125.00
Garbage Refuse	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00

The public hearing was open to the public at 6:05 PM.

- Supervisor Johnston went over the preliminary budget and explained the highlighted areas.
- Possible shared services with the Village of Youngstown regarding code enforcement.
- Highway Superintendent Burmaster could not get a hold of the person for a new roof for the salt bin. It will not happen in 2023.
- The water van is in bad shape. Budgeted for a truck that is more universal and can be used for more things.
- Roads were taken out of general repairs (except for Dickersonville road)
- H.W. Bryk serviced the park and one of the pumps was in a constant run. Possible new grinder pump may have to be installed. The septic system needs to be upgraded. Councilman Ortiz said it needs to be diagnosed first. "Hire a professional to diagnose the problem". "If the motor has to be repaired, now is the time to do it." Highway Superintendent Burmaster said this needs to be done before the park is opened in the Spring.
- Supervisor Johnston said that the Dasny grant which the Town applied for in 2018, finally came through. The Town board needs to sit down with Highway Superintendent Burmaster and try and figure out where the money is most needed.
- Karran Swayze who is a board trustee for the Youngstown Library, thanked the Town board for the support that the Town of Porter provides to the library. She said that without the support, they would have to be 'more part time then they already are.'
- Rusty Tower asked "how come Wilson school can't help support the Ransomville Library?" Supervisor Johnston stated that he knows nothing about the schools.
- Laura Jeffery from the Ransomville Library handed out information to the board members and said that "they really appreciate what the Town gives to them".
- Alan Lederhouse from the Ransomville Library also spoke and wanted to say "thank you" to the Town board. It's a "team effort"!
- Supervisor Johnston explained that the budget for the highway is the most expensive budget. It has to be to keep the roads clean and the ditches cut back.

- David Smith from the Youngstown Library Free library explained that when they presented their budget, there was no animosity and did not look at their revenue streams. “We did not try and steal the money from Ransomville and I apologize if we came off that way.”
- Supervisor Johnston said that “we are all a team here. There is only so much money that comes in. Thank you all for coming”.

**Motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Adamson and seconded by Councilman White at 6:35 PM.**

**Motion to adopt the preliminary budget was made by Deputy Supervisor Baker and seconded by Councilman White.**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 PM was made by Councilman Ortiz and seconded by Councilman White.**

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