



Town of Porter

Work Session

~ Minutes ~

3265 Creek Road
Youngstown, NY 14174
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Barb DuBell
716-745-3730

Monday, May 1, 2017

10:00 AM

Town Hall Auditorium

I. Call to Order

10:00 AM Meeting called to order on May 1, 2017 at Town Hall Auditorium, 3265 Creek Rd., Youngstown, NY.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Mert Wiepert	Town of Porter	Supervisor	Present	
Jeff Baker	Town of Porter	Deputy Supervisor	Present	
Thomas Baia	Town of Porter	Councilman	Present	
Larry White	Town of Porter	Councilman	Absent	
J. Duffy Johnston	Town of Porter	Councilman	Present	
Barb DuBell	Town of Porter	Town Clerk	Present	
Kara Hibbard	Town of Porter	Deputy Town Clerk	Present	
Mary Siegrist	Town of Porter	BOOKKEEPER	Present	
Roy Rogers	Town of Porter	Code Enforcement Officer	Present	
Susan Driscoll	Town of Porter	Assessor	Present	
Lisa Hastings	Town of Porter	Justice Court Clerk	Present	
Dave Truesdale	Town of Porter	Judge	Present	

II. Reports/Resolutions

1. Report 2017-103

Water Tank

Supervisor Wiepert: Is the water tank plugged?

Superintendent Hillman says it's not.

Supervisor Wiepert will check with highway dept. just to make sure. Mert will give Councilman Johnston a letter he received from the health dept.

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2. Report 2017-104

Tax Collector

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3. Report 2017-105

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4. Report 2017-106

Court Officer Retirement

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Motion to accept his 1 day retirement was made by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilman Johnston. Motion carried.

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5. Report 2017-107

Hand Book

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November 14, 2016, it was changed from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM with a one hour lunch. Councilman White rescinded his motion on the same day. It went back to the original time of 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM M - T and 8:00 - 1:00 on Friday with no lunch.

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7. Report 2017-109

Website Emails

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Councilman Johnston: Contact the company that owns the domain.

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9. Resolution 2017-45

Standard Work Day for Elected Officials

Resolution to establish a six (6) hour Standard Work Day for Elected Officials.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Thomas Baia, Councilman
SECONDER:	J. Duffy Johnston, Councilman
AYES:	Mert Wiepert, Jeff Baker, Thomas Baia, J. Duffy Johnston
ABSENT:	Larry White

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✓ Vote Record - Resolution RES-2017-45						
			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted						
<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended						
<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated						
<input type="checkbox"/> Tabled						
<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn						
	Mert Wiepert	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Jeff Baker	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Thomas Baia	Mover	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Larry White	Voter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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