



Town of Port Washington

Spring Newsletter 2012



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Town Board – 1st Monday of each month @ 7:30 pm

May 7, June 4, July 2, Aug 6, Sept 4 (Tues) & Oct 1, 2012

Plan Commission - 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 7:30pm

May 9, June 13, July 11, Aug 8, Sept 12 & Oct 10, 2012

Open Book – May 23, 2012, 4:00 - 7:00pm

Board of Review – June 20, 2012, 6:30pm

Budget Hearing – November 2012

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Have a question, concern or idea on how to make the Town better? Your input is welcome at any of the above meetings. Agenda's are posted at the Town Hall, Nisleit's Country Inn, the Town Disposal Site and on our website,

www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/TownPort

1-2 days before each meeting.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Voting Information

Contact the Town Clerk for information regarding:

- New voter registration applications
- Change of address or name
- Absentee ballots
- Military or overseas ballots

VOTER ID???

At this time, Voter ID is NOT required to be shown at the polls. This could change before the next election in which you vote. It is a good idea to keep your ID readily available, should it be required in the future.

**May 8, 2012– Primary
for Recall Elections
June 5, 2012– Governor
Recall Election**

Much has changed in how elections are conducted in the State of Wisconsin over the last 5 years. Your continued patience with our poll workers is greatly appreciated! They generously give their time for training, meetings and long hours on Election Day. If interested in becoming a poll worker, please contact the Clerk → or talk to Ellyn Potokar, Chief Election Inspector, on Election Day.

ELECTION RESULTS

Following are the April 3, 2012 Spring Election results for the **Town of Port Washington** (contested races only)

VOTER TURNOUT: 488 47% (approx)

Presidential Preference:

<u>Republican:</u>	Mitt Romney-	229
	Rick Santorum-	137
	Ron Paul-	26
	Newt Gingrich-	6
	Michelle Bachman-	3
	Jon Huntsman-	2

<u>Democratic:</u>	Barack Obama-	66
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County Board, District 4:

	Lee Schlenvogt-	275
	Jim Rychtik, Jr.-	194

PW-S School Board:

Saukville seat	Carey Gremminger-	214
	John Soper-	168

PW-S School Board:

City of Port seat	Earl Kelley-	205
	Ross Larrison-	200
	Michelle Mueller-	190
	Brenda Fritsch-	161

Town Hall Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday

8:30AM –4:00PM

& by appointment

Jennifer Schlenvogt- Town Clerk

Phone: 262-284-5235

Email:

townofport@sbcglobal.net

Web:

www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/TownPort

FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

Do you have a dog at your house? If so, you need to fill out a Dog License Application and obtain a Dog License. Dog License Applications are available at the Town Hall Office on Mondays, our website

www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/TownPort or by email at:

townofport@sbcglobal.net or by mail.

You will need to provide a photo copy of the dogs current vaccination records. Dog's Spayed/Neutered \$3.00 each. Dog's Not Spayed/Neutered \$8.00.

Mail it all into Mary Sampont 2354 Willow Road, Port Washington.

If you have questions contact Mary at 284-5394.

2nd Installment of Real Estate Property Tax Bill Payments

The second installment/ payment of real estate property tax bills go directly to the Ozaukee County Treasurer at 121 W. Main Street, Port Washington, WI 53074. The Town does not collect taxes after January 31st.

If you have any questions regarding your payment call the County Treasurer at 284-8280.



Town Fact:

The Town of Port Washington has 23 miles of roads. On average, road construction for 1 mile of road will cost the Town approximately \$100,000.

FROM THE TOWN BOARD

The Town Board is working on a number of projects, including:

- *Consideration of Road Maintenance and Construction projects for 2012;
- *Continued improvements to the recycling and disposal site at the Town Hall, including possible purchase of a compactor;
- *Exploring options for a yard debris and construction project drop-off site within the Town, to accommodate residents; and
- *Working with businesses currently operating within the Town, to comply with the Home Industries Ordinance.

The Town has identified these issues in an effort to maintain the quality of life of the Town of Port, while at the same time, respecting how the resident's tax dollars are spent.

Your comments on any of these issues are **always welcome** at any upcoming open Town Board meeting.

Chairman Jim Melichar, is available for appointments at the Town Hall, at your request.

Contact information for all Town Board members is available on the back page of this newsletter.

FROM THE PLAN COMMISSION

The Plan Commission is currently exploring possible changes to the Agricultural Zoning Districts and acreage requirements, in an effort to preserve farmland while protecting property owner's development rights.

*A full, and current copy, of the entire zoning code is available at our website.

* All planning project information and applications may be obtained from the Clerk by calling 284-5235, or forms are available on the town website at www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/TownPort



ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Each year, residents are given the opportunity to meet at the Town Hall with the Assessor during Open Book hours to discuss their current property assessment. If you choose after that meeting to appear before the Board of Review to contest your assessment you will need to submit the necessary objection form in advance and receive an assigned appearance time.

The burden of proof lies with the property holder to provide their case for change in assessment.

OPEN BOOK

Wednesday, May 23rd 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED

**Please call Cal Magnan at
(262) 542-3332 for an
Appointment time.**

BOARD OF REVIEW

Wednesday, June 20th 6:30 PM—
adjournment at the Town Hall by as-
signed appearance time.

The Annual Meeting was
held on
Tuesday, April 10th. The
residents in attendance
approved the
2011 Annual Report.

Next years Annual Meeting
is set for Tuesday, April 16,
2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Visit our WEBSITE for information on:

- Building permits
- Zoning code
- Meeting Agenda's
- Meeting Minutes
- Election info.
- Zoning Map
- Contacts
- 2035 Comprehensive
Plan



Do you have old pictures of
the Town Hall when it was
a one room schoolhouse or
of other town sites includ-
ing the Knellsville area?
We'd love to see them, or
better yet, make a copy of
them!

www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/TownPort

TOWN OF PORT– BURNING ORDINANCE

The following information is summarized from Town Ordinance 2001-02 Regulating Burning of Grass, Brush, Rubbish and Related Materials and Fire Hazards. The complete ordinance can be viewed on the web at:

www.co.ozaukee.wi.us

Any persons desiring to burn dry grass, leaves, brush, rubbish or related materials within the Town including but not limited to beach fires, bonfires, open-pit or other recreational fires shall notify the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department with name, address, time, date and place of burning materials to be burned and anticipated length of activity prior to commencing such burning. The persons burning shall observe reasonable fire safety precautions, and take all necessary action to have adequate manpower, water, shovels and other equipment present to control such fires throughout the duration of the burn. No burning shall occur when the wind velocity exceeds 15 mph. Fires shall be located a safe distance from buildings and structures. Failure to provide prior notice to the Sheriff's Department, failure to maintain, control or extinguish any fire resulting in the attendance of the fire department shall be charged to the person burning for the actual cost of the fire call.

No prior notice to the Sheriff's Department needs to be given for the burning of small amounts of dry residential grass, leaves, brush or rubbish in a heavy wire screen-covered barrel. However all other provisions of this ordinance shall apply to such burning activity.

Town officials are often asked how collected tax dollars are spent. The following charts show how the property taxes collected during the 2011-2012 tax season will be allocated.

In October of each year, the Town receives a Statement of Tax Levy from MATC, the Port Washington-Saukville School District, Ozaukee County and the State of Wisconsin. Along with the amount of money needed to operate the Town's services, this total amount was \$3,115,708.79 in 2011, equal to the total amount of all property tax bills for

this past tax season. As shown in the pie chart, about 14% of the overall taxes collected is used for services within the Town. Included in the 2011 Town of Port Washington budget are major expenses such as:

- *Road Construction Projects- \$ 114,100
- *Highway Maintenance- \$ 45,000
- *Snow & Ice Removal- \$ 50,000
- *Disposal & Recycling- \$ 55,000
- * Fire Protection- \$108,611

The State imposed Tax Levy Limit is expected to be frozen at a 0% increase for at least one more year. The Town of Port will continue to be responsible with the Town tax dollars available for use.

The Town Board continue to explore ways to maintain the quality of Town services, while negotiating for the best price.

Is the new Drop-Off Site saving money??

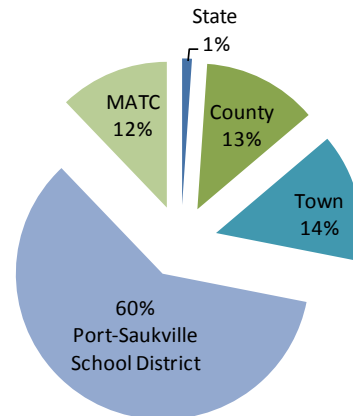
Garbage & Recycling cost for January– March :

2011: \$14,134.15

2012: \$8,584.68 **

** Includes costs for site improvements, insurance and site attendant wages.

Where Does Your Tax Money Go?



FROM 2011 STATEMENT OF TAXES

STATE TAX LEVY	\$33,513.50	1.08%
COUNTY TAX LEVY	\$400,376.18	12.85%
TOWN TAX LEVY	\$447,326.00	14.36%
PWSSD TAX LEVY	\$1,850,217.11	59.38%
MATC TAX LEVY	\$384,276.00	12.33%
TOTAL TAX LEVY	\$3,115,708.79	100.00%

Broadband Access in the Town of Port

Wisconsin's rural townships seem to be the last frontier for high speed internet access. Many residents, especially in the northern ½ of the Town, do not have access to high speed internet without a data usage threshold. A few Town residents have formed an ad-hoc committee to study current and future options for affordable broadband internet in the Town. In addition we are also working with another task force that is funded and lead by the State of Wisconsin. Their focus is primarily on broadband services for the smaller rural towns of southern Wisconsin. One of their objectives is to more clearly identify the opportunities for the service providers so that they are motivated to invest capital in these smaller towns. If you would like to provide input or have interest in assisting with this project let me know.

Mike Didier Town Supervisor

<http://broadband.uwex.edu/>

www.linkwisconsin.org

RECYCLING / GARBAGE DROP-OFF SITE

Many changes have occurred in how Town of Port residents dispose of their garbage and recycling. The Town of Port Washington Drop-Off Site is open to accept residential use garbage, only from its residents.

GARBAGE:

- There is a 5-bag limit WEEKLY. As a general rule, this includes all garbage generated inside your home.
- All garbage must be bagged.
- Identification will be checked.

RECYCLING:

- No longer needs to be separated.
- Should be un-bagged when placed in recycling dumpster.
- Many items are recyclable, see insert. The Town receives a rebate on all recyclables collected so it is in our best interest to get these items out of the garbage and into the recycling dumpster.

The Drop Off Site CANNOT be used for disposing of:

- farm garbage
- furniture
- appliances
- carpeting or construction debris
- tires
- Motor oil
- Any yard debris

Drop Off Site Hours:

Thursday:

4:00 - 6:00PM

Saturday:

8:00AM - Noon

**Please respect the site.
Dumping outside of
posted hours will result
in a fine.**



Yard Debris cannot be accepted at the Town Drop Off Site. Suggestions for disposal include composting, burning in a safe manner or arranging for removal by private contract.

The Town is exploring options with neighboring municipalities for a future shared-use site.

Garlic Mustard should be handled as a noxious weed. It can be bagged in a black garbage bag and placed in the garbage dumpster, but will be limited to one bag per week due to space constraints.

State Law prohibits all other yard waste from being placed in a landfill.



ARE YOU LOOKING TO DISPOSE OF BULK ITEMS???

Waste Management will provide Curb-Side Pick-up of Bulk Items for all Town of Port Washington Residents, for a fee. Simply call **Waste Management at: (888) 960-0008**, tell them what you have, make payment for the item over the phone and schedule a day for curb-side removal by Waste Management.

Flexible to your schedule, and no heavy lifting!

Items eligible for this service:

- Couches, recliners, coffee tables
- Mattresses and bed frames
- Appliances (without Freon ONLY)
- Sorry, NO electronics

Questions??? Call Waste Management at: (888) 960-0008

- NEW - "THE BAG-STER" - NEW -

The Town of Port is happy to partner with Waste Management to provide "The Bagster". This product allows the flexibility of disposal without the expense of a dumpster. Perfect for cleaning out the basement or small remodeling jobs. Purchase the bag for \$30, then arrange for pick-up by Waste Management, and pay a pick-up fee of \$105. Contact Jenny Schlenvogt, Clerk during office hours for purchase.

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TOWN OF PORT WASHINGTON DIRECTORY

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	Jim Rychtik	262-689-7852
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BUILDING INSPECTOR AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Richard Fellenz	284-0509
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