



Town of Port Washington

Spring Newsletter 2013



UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug 5, Sept 3 (Tues) & Oct 7, 2013

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

May 8, June 12, July 10, Aug 14, Sept 11 & Oct 9, 2013

Open Book – Thursday, May 16, 2013, 4:00 - 7:00pm

Board of Review – Tuesday, June 4, 2013, 6:30pm

Budget Hearing – November 2013

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

3-4 days before each meeting.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Would you prefer to receive your Newsletters via email? If so, please email me at: townofport@sbcglobal.net. Include the your Name & mailing address in your email, so it can be removed from future newsletter mailings.

We realize the internet is not convenient for everyone. You WILL continue to receive your newsletter by mail, unless you notify me otherwise. Our goal is to make the information available to you in the most effective format.

Look for us, and "LIKE" us on **Facebook**! We've created an informational page meant to keep you up-to-date on the latest news in the Town. Look for the "Town of Port Washington" Page and start following us today!

Jenny Schlenvogt, Town Clerk

ELECTION RESULTS

Following are the April 2, 2013 Spring Election results for the **Town of Port Washington** (contested races only)

VOTER TURNOUT: 410 36% (approx)

Town Supervisor:

<u>Vote for Two:</u>	Michael Didier-	257
	James Rychtik, Jr-	225
	John Fieber-	103
	Terry Anewenter-	95

Circuit Court Judge:

	Joe Voiland-	231
	Tom Wolfgram-	164

Justice of Supreme Court:

	Pat Roggensack-	302
	Ed Fallone-	89

State Superintendent:

	Don Pridemore-	196
	Tony Evers-	154

Town Hall

Open Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday
8:30AM –4:00PM

Jennifer Schlenvogt- Town Clerk

Phone: 262-284-5235

Email: townofport@sbcglobal.net

Web: www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/TownPort

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TREASURER'S NEWS

Do you have a dog at your house?

If so, you need to obtain a Dog License.

Applications are available

at the Town Hall, from our

website: www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/TownPort or by

email at: townofport@sbcglobal.net.

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.

If you have questions, contact the

Town Treasurer, Mary Sampont at 284-5394.

2nd Installment of Real Estate Property Tax Bill Payments

The second installment of real estate
property tax bills go directly to:

Ozaukee County Treasurer

121 W. Main Street,

Port Washington, WI 53074.

The Town does not collect taxes after January 31st.

Questions regarding your payment should be
directed to the County Treasurer at 284-8280.



Town Fact:

The Town of Port Washington has 23
miles of roads. On average, road con-
struction 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 2013;

*Continued improvements to the recycling and disposal site at the Town Hall, including possible rental of
compactors;

*Exploring options for a yard debris and construction project drop-off site 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 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 (262) 284-5235,
or by visiting the town website at www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/TownPort



PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

Each Spring, 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

Thursday, May 16th 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

Tuesday, June 4th 6:30 PM– adjournment at
the Town Hall by assigned appearance time.

TOWN OF PORT WASHINGTON FIRE PROTECTION

By Mike Didier, Town Supervisor

In 2012, there were 73 ambulance calls and 31 fire calls in our town.

All towns in Wisconsin under State Statutes 60.55(1) are required to provide fire protection within the town. The Town of Port contracts with the City of Port Washington to provide fire protection. A contract is signed every year that dictates the amount paid. The 2013 contract amount is **\$105,754.72** and is figured as follows:

City's Equalized Valuation: \$858,311,300.

Town's Equalized Valuation: \$188,482,900.

Total Equalized Valuation: \$1,046,794,200.

Town's Percentage of Equalized Valuation: **18.01%**

Fire Department 2013 Budget: \$587,200.

\$587,200 X .1801 = \$105,754.72 Base Charge

This is the amount paid to the City of Port from the Town budget (taxes from town). There is an additional charge per call to the property owner for man hours and water used (assuming the water is coming from the city water system). Port Washington firefighters are paid an hourly wage and this is charged as actual cost per fire call.

With the Town having no municipal water system (fire hydrants), almost every fire of substance requires water to be trucked in by tanker trucks. Oftentimes, additional tanker trucks from neighboring municipalities are called in to ensure a constant, uninterrupted supply of water. The Town is not charged for any "mutual aid" service that may be utilized.

The Port Washington Fire Department was established in the year 1852, making it one of the oldest in the State. It is a volunteer, paid, on-call department with Mark Mitchell as the full time Fire Chief. Ambulance service is also a part of the fire department, and they are one of only two departments in Ozaukee that have Paramedics in addition to (EMT) emergency medical technicians. (Paramedics have advanced training and can provide a higher level of care such as administering drugs among other things).

HISTORY: No records can be found stating when exactly the Town of Port started supplying fire protection. However, early records do show that the Town purchased firehose to supplement the hose the city had. We also know that in 1948 the Town purchased a 1948 Chevrolet with a 500 gallon front-mount pump which was housed in the City firehouse and supplemented other city-owned equipment at Town fires. This "old '48 Chevy" was replaced in 1968 with a Ford chassis with a water pump and a 1000 gallon tank. In 1972, the Town purchased an additional Chevy chassis and mounted a used 2000 gallon stainless steel milk tank on it. This was used as the Town tanker until 1987 when the city started supplying all fire equipment under the same contract that is used today. The 1968 pumper was sold in 1984 to the Town of Cushings, Minnesota who was just starting a fire department.

Where Tax Dollars are Spent

Town officials are often asked how collected tax dollars are spent. The following charts show how the property taxes collected during the 2012-2013 tax season will be allocated.

As shown in the pie chart, about 14% of the overall taxes collected is used for services within the Town. Included in the 2013 Town of Port Washington budget are major expenses such as:

*Road Construction Projects- \$ 154,368

*Highway Maintenance- \$ 45,000

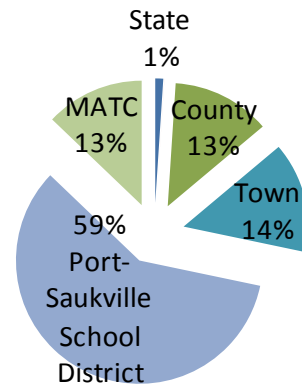
*Snow & Ice Removal- \$ 50,000

*Disposal & Recycling- \$ 45,000

* Fire Protection- \$105,755

The State imposes a Tax Levy Limit, which has been frozen at a 0% increase for the last two years.

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



FROM 2012 STATEMENT OF TAXES

STATE TAX LEVY	\$31,986.70	1.03%
COUNTY TAX LEVY	\$399,676.48	12.86%
TOWN TAX LEVY	\$447,854.00	14.41%
PWSSD TAX LEVY	\$1,829,917.26	58.86%
MATC TAX LEVY	\$399,244.00	12.84%
TOTAL TAX LEVY	\$3,108,678.44	100.00%

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.



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:

- Does NOT need 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.

Failing to follow these requirements could result in loss of privileges, or fines.

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.

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

“THE BAG-STER”

“The Bagster” is available for purchase from the Town. 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. Contact Jenny Schlenvogt, Clerk during office hours for purchase.

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Monday & Wednesday**

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Visit our WEBSITE for information on:

- Building permits forms
- Zoning code & map
- Meeting Agenda's & Minutes
- Election info.
- 2035 Comprehensive Plan

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