



Town of Port Washington

Spring Newsletter 2015



UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

May 4, June 1, July 6, Aug 3, Sept 8 (Tues) & Oct 5, 2015

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

May 13, June 10, July 8, Aug 12, Sept 9 & Oct 14, 2015

Open Book – Thursday, May 14, 2015, 3:00 - 6:00pm

Board of Review – Thursday, June 11, 2015, 6:00pm

Budget Hearing – November 2015

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.town.port-washington.wi.us

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 7, 2015 Spring Election results for the **Town of Port Washington** (contested races only)

VOTER TURNOUT: 473 43% (approx)

Town Board Supervisor:

<u>Vote for Two:</u>	Michael Didier-	283
	James Rychtik, Jr-	245
	Greg Welton-	135
	T. Andrew Anewenter-	85

Justice of Supreme Court:

	Ann W. Bradley-	188
	James P. Daley-	243

PW-S School Referendum:

	Yes-	194
	No-	272

PW-S School District: City of Port candidate

Vote for 3:	Brenda Fritsch-	210
	Brian Stevens-	201
	Michelle Shinnars-	199
	Aaron Paulin-	197

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.town.port-washington.wi.us

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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 14th 3:00-6:00 p.m.
at the Town Hall.

APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED

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

BOARD OF REVIEW

Thursday, June 11th 6:00 PM– adjournment at the
Town Hall by assigned appearance time.

TREASURER'S NEWS

2nd Installment of Real Estate Property Tax Bill Payments

Payments for the second installment of
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.

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.town.port-washington.wi.us
or by email at: townofport@sbcglobal.net.

You will need to provide a photo copy of the dog's
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.
The fine for an unlicensed dog is \$106.00.

FROM THE TOWN BOARD

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

*Re-Construction and removal of the Highland Drive Bridge;

*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 working with the
Town Attorney to draft an ordinance that directs

where sex-offenders can be placed in the Town. This is a complex process, and could take 6 months to finalize.

* 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.town.port-washington.wi.us



HIGHLAND DRIVE

The Highland Drive bridge will be removed later this summer, as it is no longer needed, and is in need of repairs. During the course of the project, the road will be closed completely to all traffic. The roadway will be lowered approximately 5 feet, and the large opening under the road will be filled in and replaced with culverts for drainage. This historic structure has served its purpose over the years to allow traffic along the Interurban Trail from trains originally, to more recently, bicycle and pedestrian traffic. The re-routing of the Interurban Trail last Fall allows for a safer off-road section of Trail, and the bridge is no longer necessary. Lowering the road will increase sight-lines along Highland Drive, and widen the road, making it safer for all modes of transportation. Access to the Town Hall, and Drop-off Site will be maintained through out construction. The new road is expected to be open by late September 2015.

First Survey Map of the Town of Port Washington.

By Mike Didier Town Supervisor

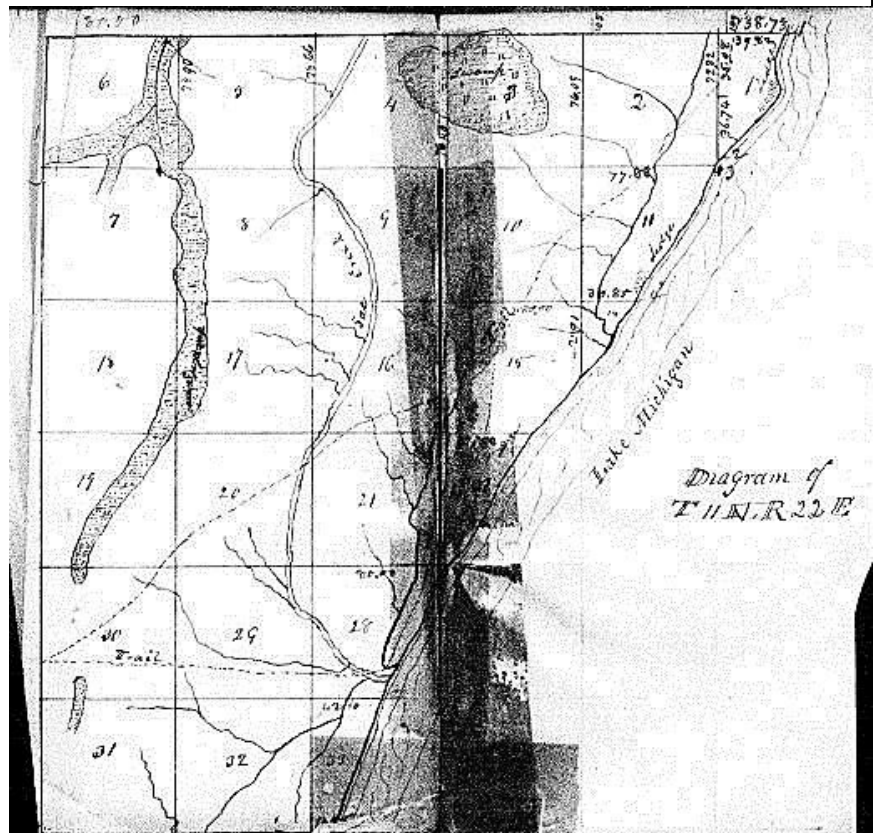


The land area that is now known as the "Township" of Port Washington was first surveyed by the federal government in 1835. The survey was done in order to divide the vast public domain into salable-sized lots that could be sold, or otherwise divested, to raise funds for the federal government and to encourage settlement. The work was done using the Public Land Survey System (PLSS), which divides land into six-mile square townships and one-mile square sections. The surveyor work was recorded in a small notebook that became the official record of the survey. The notebook contains information such as a Title Page, Sketch Map, Field Notes, General Description and an Affidavit or certificate by which the surveyor swears to have done his work properly and in compliance with the terms of his contract.

The survey records can be challenging to read. First, the original survey notebooks are approximately 170 years old. During that time there has been some deterioration of the paper and fading of the inks. Second, the handwriting of the surveyors varied from a fine script to an almost unreadable scrawl. Third, the survey records are written in a shorthand manner using the terminology and abbreviations of the profession. Many of these historic records have been digitalized by the University of Wisconsin's Digital Collections Center and can be viewed online at: <http://bcpl.wisconsin.gov/>.

This is a copy of the Sketch Map from the surveyors notebook from 1835

(The current Town Hall is located in the lower center of Section 16)





Town Road Right-of-Ways

By Jim Rychtik, Town Supervisor

When Town Roads are platted, their total width is measured as 66' feet. This overall width includes 20-24' of paved surface, a 2' gravel shoulder, and a grass ditch to provide drainage. Maintaining this ditch is vital in keeping the pavement and roadbed in good condition. Standing water and tree roots can undermine the base of a road, weakening it, and causing premature settling and cracking.

Regular mowing of these ditches keeps the water flowing where there is pitch to do so, and prevents trees and shrubs from overgrowing the road edge. Additionally, mowing before winter can help prevent drifting and keeps wildlife back from the road edge. Mowing is an important aspect of road maintenance in extending road life and increasing safety.

Is your property encroaching on the road right-of-way? An easy way to tell is to measure from the centerline of a Town Road. In most cases, your property begins 33' from the Town Road centerline. Landscaping, fencing, structures or culvert surrounds may be removed if placed in this right-of-way, if future road construction or maintenance requires. Often, utility easements are also run along road edges, which are dug up upon occasion.

To extend the life of Town Roads, and to prevent dangerously overgrown roads, please respect the right-of-way for the Town Road in front of your home. At a minimum, this includes the bottom of the ditch, and an additional 5' towards your home.

Remember, the Town-owned roads are the "named" roads, like Mink Ranch Road, Northwoods Road and Highland Drive. County-owned roads like Hwy LL or Hwy KW often have wider Right-of-way's, up to 100' wide in places. Consult an Ozaukee County plat map to determine the ROW width in front of your home.

If questions or concerns arise, please feel free to contact me at (262) 689-7852.

TOWN OF PORT- BURNING ORDINANCE

The following information is summarized from Town Ordinance 2013-02 Regulating Burning of Grass, Brush and Related Materials and Fire Hazards. The complete ordinance can be viewed on the web at:

www.town.port-washington.wi.us/Ordinances

Any persons desiring to burn dry grass, leaves, brush 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 or brush 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:

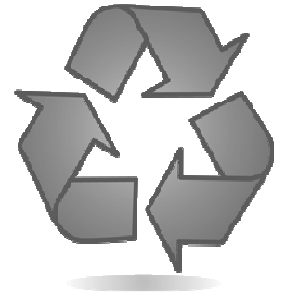
Thursday:

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???

Port Recycling at 728 Schmitz Drive, in the City of Port Washington is able to accept many items that the Town does not have room for, or is not set-up to receive. Please call in advance if you have questions:

(262) 284-4060

Hours: 8:00am-4:00pm Monday– Friday
9:00am-1:00pm Saturday

They will accept items such as TV's, furniture, appliances, mattresses, and car batteries **FOR A FEE.**

They will **PAY YOU** for items such as aluminum cans, brass, copper and stainless steel.

“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**

Visit our WEBSITE for information on:

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

www.town.port-washington.wi.us

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