



Town of Port Washington

Spring Newsletter 2011



ELECTION RESULTS

The following are the April 5, 2011 Spring Election results for the **Town of Port Washington** (contested races only)

Representative to Assembly

District 60-Primary:

<u>Republican:</u>	Jake Curtis-	84
	Gary Wickert-	81
	Duey Stroebel-	64
	Paul Melotik-	57
	Rik Kluessendorf-	30
	John Soper-	23
	Tim Schwister-	13

<u>Democratic:</u>	Rick Aaron-	58
	Perry Duman-	41

Justice of Supreme Court:

David T. Prosser, Jr-	434
Joanne F. Kloppenburg-	146

<u>Town Chairman:</u>	Jim Melichar-	383
	Lee Schlenvogt-	201

<u>Town Supervisor:</u>	Jim Rychtik, Jr.-	310
	Mike Didier-	292
	Scott Heatwole-	234

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

May 2, June 6, July 5 (Tues), Aug 1, Sept 6 (Tues) & Oct 3, 2011

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

May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug 10, Sept 14 & Oct 12, 2011

Annual Meeting- 2nd Tuesday in April

Open Book – April 25, 2011, 4:00 - 7:00pm

Board of Review – May 10, 2011, 6:30pm

Budget Hearing – November 2011

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, Arrow Disposal and on our website,

www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/TownPort

1-2 days before each meeting.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

NEW EXTENDED!!

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

Visit our WEBSITE

for information on:

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

Voting Information

Contact the Town Clerk

for information regarding:

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

NEWS AND NOTES

Do you have old pictures of the Town Hall when it was a one room schoolhouse or of other town sites including the Knellsville area? We'd love to see them or better yet get a copy of them.

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.

The Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 12th. The residents in attendance approved the 2010 Annual Report.

Next years Annual Meeting is set for Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

The Town Board will be performing the Annual Road Inspection in late April, to determine possible road projects for summer 2011.

Town Fact:

Did you know that the Town of Port Washington has 23 miles of roads?

FROM THE TOWN BOARD

The newly-elected Town Board has a number of projects and goals that they would like to explore during the next two years. Some of these ideas include:

- *privatization of Town Road maintenance and construction projects;
- *more cost-effective ways to handle recycling and disposal services within the Town;
- *exploring options for a yard debris and construction project drop-off site within the Town, to accommodate residents; and
- *working with existing businesses to research their future needs, to retain their existence within the Town.

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 newly-elected Town Board Chairman, Jim Melichar, and Supervisor's Mike Didier and Jim Rychtik, Jr. is available on the back page of the newsletter.





OPEN BOOK MEETING w/ ASSESSOR– April 2011 BOARD OF REVIEW— May 2011

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 from the Town Clerk.

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

OPEN BOOK

Monday, April 25th 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Call Cal Magnan at (262) 542-3332 for an Appointment time

BOARD OF REVIEW

Tuesday, May 10th
6:30 –adjournment at the Town Hall by assigned appearance time.

FROM THE PLAN COMMISSION

The Plan Commission will inform landowners participating in Farmland Preservation of the new rules that affect the conservation subdivision ordinance, which does not currently conform with County zoning. A process to conform will require amendment to the 2035 Land Use Plan, which will affect areas of the Town interested in Farmland Preservation involvement. With this in mind, the Town should hold a meeting at the Town Hall to receive input from Town landowners involved in the program.

* The Plan Commission is currently drafting an ordinance regarding Home Industries as a Conditional Use.

* Ordinance #2011-2 was recently adopted, regulating the raising of chickens in residential districts, with the appropriate license.

* The Plan Commission will be reviewing the current application and approval process for residential and small commercial projects, in an effort to streamline the process.

*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

NEWS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

Membership Time

Membership is open to the Town of Port Washington Residents 55 and better at the same rate as City of Port Residents. 2011 new memberships now being accepted at the Port Senior Center, 102 East Pier Street. What do you receive with membership? Direct mailing of the monthly newsletter, reduced fees for wellness, creative, & educational classes; programs and one day adventures (day trips); an opportunity for personal growth, social connections, and an active adult lifestyle.

How to register:

Register by telephone 284-5821

or e-mail ckiener@ci.port-washington.wi.us

The Senior Center offers a variety Classes, including:

**Aquatic Exercise, Tai Chi,
Zumba, Nordic Walking,
Drawing and Watercolor, or
Make-n-Take Greeting cards**

OR

**Sign up for a Day Trip or
Mini Adventure**

All events sponsored by the Port
Washington Adult Community
Senior Center

Town officials are often asked how collected tax dollars are spent. The following charts show how the property taxes collected during the 2010-2011 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 \$3,124,385.14 in 2010, 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.

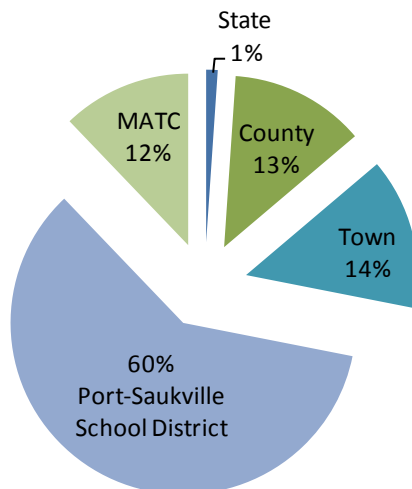
Included in the 2011 Town of Port Washington budget are major expenses such as:

- *Road Construction Projects- \$ 113,600
- *Highway Maintenance- \$ 60,000
- *Snow & Ice Removal- \$ 40,000
- *Disposal & Recycling- \$ 55,000
- * Fire Protection- \$107,100

Over the past few years, the Town of Port has utilized the Tax Levy Limit increase of 3% . This State imposed Tax Levy Limit is expected to be frozen at a 0% increase for at least the next two years. Our share of State Shared Revenues will also be cut by 37%, or approximately \$10,300. This will mean, more than ever, the Town of Port will need to be responsible with the Town tax dollars available for use.

Over the next few years, many options will be explored in an effort to maintain services within the Town, while not raising ↗

Where Does Your Tax Money Go?



FROM 2010 STATEMENT OF TAXES		
STATE TAX LEVY	\$33,566.05	1.07%
COUNTY TAX LEVY	\$397,753.82	12.73%
TOWN TAX LEVY	\$446,388.00	14.29%
PWSSD TAX LEVY	\$1,867,131.27	59.76%
MATC TAX LEVY	\$379,546.00	12.15%
TOTAL TAX LEVY	\$3,124,385.14	100.00%

taxes. Some of these options include opening the bidding process for town road projects to private industry. The Town Board feels that allowing for competitive bidding is worth looking into, to ensure the Town tax dollars are spent responsibly. The Ozaukee County Highway Department has always done exceptional work for the Town of Port Washington. As road work is the largest expenditure within the Town of Port, we believe it is the first item to look at for cost reductions. The Town Board will be looking for ways to maintain the high level of service, and the quality of our roads while negotiating for the best price.

DID YOU KNOW??? On average, road construction for 1 mile of road will cost the Town approximately \$100,000.



ARROW RECYCLING / GARBAGE DROP OFF SITE

Arrow Disposal & Recycling has a contract with the Town of Port Washington to accept residential use garbage, only from it's residents.

There is a 5-bag limit WEEKLY.

As a general rule, this includes all garbage generated inside your home.

Changes may be coming in how garbage is handled within the Town of Port Washington. To ensure that only Town residents are using our disposal site, the Town may move in the direction of ID stickers or cards for all residents, that may be checked at time of drop-off. Marked garbage bags purchased from Arrow Disposal on behalf of the Town are another option. These changes would be explored to address recurring issues with non-residents using the Town's disposal site and excessive dumping.

Items that may be accepted by Arrow Disposal for a small fee include:

- farm garbage
- appliances
- very small amounts of carpeting or construction debris

Arrow Disposal WILL NOT accept:

- tires
- Motor oil
- Large amounts of carpeting or construction debris
- Any yard debris

Please call Arrow Disposal if you are unsure an item will be accepted. They can provide you with info on where and how to dispose of questionable items.

Arrow Disposal and Recycling Center is located at 3860 County Road H (284-1166) and is open at the following times for garbage and recycling drop off:

Recycling Drop Off

Monday –Thursday

7:30 AM – 4:00 PM Garbage & Recycling

Friday: 1:00-4:00 PM &

Saturday: 7:30AM-1:00PM



Town of Port Burning Ordinance

Town Ordinance 2001-02 Regulating Burning of Grass, Brush, Rubbish and Related Materials and Fire Hazards. The following information is summarized, 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 and 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 other buildings, 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.

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TOWN OF PORT WASHINGTON DIRECTORY

CHAIRMAN:	Jim Melichar	284-5385
SUPERVISORS:	Mike Didier	268-1225
	Jim Rychtik	284-9219
CLERK:	Jennifer Schlenvogt	284-5235
TREASURER:	Mary Sampont	284-5394
BUILDING INSPECTOR AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Richard Fellenz	284-0509
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TOWN ASSESSOR		
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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