

VILLAGE OF PORT HENRY SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

Mayor Guerin calls the meeting to order at _____PM.

Salute to the Flag

Introductions

The purpose of this Special Meeting is to discuss the effects of the proposed dissolution of the Village of Port Henry and allow for comments and/or questions during the Public Comment Period.

A referendum on the proposition of dissolution will be held on October 27, 2015 at the Port Henry Firehouse located at 14 Church Street in Port Henry. Only registered voters of the Village of Port Henry will be permitted to cast a vote. The proposition shall read as follows on the official ballot: “Shall the Village of Port Henry dissolve?
Yes_____ or No_____.”

Voter registration forms are available at the Village Hall and Sherman Free Library. A voter registration application form is processed within two days of being received at the Essex County Board of Elections. It is each voter’s individual responsibility to ensure they are registered to vote. If a name does not appear in the poll books or on the list of registered voters of the Village as received from the Essex County Board of Elections and can not be verified by the County Board of Elections after hours on the day of the referendum, the individual will not be permitted to cast a vote. Village Law does not permit affidavit voting. Individuals may call the Essex County Board of Elections to confirm registration at: 873-3474.

The Board has determined that absentee voting will be permitted for the referendum. Absentee voting is governed by Election Law § 15-120 and § 15-122 for persons who will, during all the hours of voting on October 27, 2015, qualify under one of the following:

- Absence Due to Service in the Armed Forces
- Students (who attend school outside of the county of the applicants residence)
- Veterans Administration Hospital Patients
- Absence Due to Business (outside of Essex County)
- Vacation
- Parent, Spouse or Child (if otherwise qualified and if accompanying the person qualified for an absentee ballot)
- Illness or Disability
- Permanent Disability

Persons wishing to receive an absentee ballot for any of the reasons stated above, with the exception of permanently disabled voters, must fill out an application and file it with the Village Clerk. Applications must be received seven days prior (by 10/20/15) to the date of the referendum in order for a ballot to be mailed to the absentee voter. Absentee ballot applications are available at the Village Office.

The Laberge Group has been hired to assist the Village with preparing a preliminary study on the proposed dissolution prior to the October 27, 2015 referendum and if necessary after the vote, assist the Village and Steering Committee with developing a Dissolution Plan.

Presentation by Laberge Group

Public Comment/Question Period

The Village of Port Henry Board of Trustees has scheduled three Special Meetings on dissolution prior to the referendum in an effort to educate the public on the timeline, facts and effects of dissolution. The first meeting was held on August 18, 2015 and the next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 21st, 2015, at 7:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings to obtain the facts with regard to the proposed dissolution, as well as ask questions and/or make comments. Those that are not able to attend these meetings may mail or submit questions and/or comments to the Village of Port Henry Board of Trustees at 4303 Main Street, Port Henry, NY 12974, or via e-mail at: villageofporthenry@nycap.rr.com. The meetings are recorded and may be viewed on public access Channel 17 and on youtube.com.

Other Business: The Spring Street Water Line Replacement Project has been completed. A resolution is required to issue a Request for Proposals for the paving of Spring Street, with the deadline set for 4:00 PM on October 13, 2015. The proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud in the order in which they are received on October 13, 2015, at the 7:00 PM regular meeting of the Village of Port Henry Board of Trustees. Motion made by Trustee _____, seconded by Trustee _____, all in favor?

A motion was made by Trustee _____, seconded by _____, to adjourn the Special Meeting at _____ PM.

ADJOURNED