



## TOWN OF PORTVILLE, NEW YORK

### **Resolution RES-20100915.21: Sole Assessor Appointment**

- WHEREAS,** In New York State, the term for sole assessor is six years and currently, for all sole assessors, runs until September 30, 2013; and,
- WHEREAS,** Once appointed, without the existence of a performance agreement, the assessor reports to the town board but has total autonomy to act in any fashion, short of a felonious offense, without consequence or accountability to the public or the board; and,
- WHEREAS,** Since the introduction of our acting assessor program in 2008, the Town Board has reshaped how the accountability model works between the assessor and the public using the performance contract and shorter 1-year acting terms; and,
- WHEREAS,** Our experience with the performance agreement appears to be working quite well, in that since January, 2008, we have had two incumbents operate under its definitions and constraints without adverse consequences and with successful interaction with both the public and the board; and,
- WHEREAS,** Our acting assessor, Steffanie Bell, has met all educational criteria assigned within its specified timeframe, has historically adhered to the performance agreement, and has shown a commitment to the position, to the Town Board, to the State of New York and, most importantly, to the people of the Town of Portville.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Town Board of the Town of Portville resolves:

1. That the Town Supervisor shall be empowered to sign a performance agreement that: a) sets the position as sole assessor and extends the term of the agreement from September 15, 2010 through September 30, 2013 between the Town and Steffanie N. Bell; b) supercedes all prior agreements between Steffanie N. Bell and the Town; c) sets monthly minimum compensation to \$1,925 or \$0.9322 per parcel based on the parcel count as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, whichever shall be greater; d) sets weekly minimum retirement system hours earned to 22.24 or 0.01077 hours per parcel based on the parcel count as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, whichever shall be greater; e) shall add similar compensation and hours earned for any additional town contracted with the Town of Portville based on the contract date and January 1<sup>st</sup> of each subsequent contract year; f) enables sole assessor to approve or decline the addition of a town to allow or preclude agreement with another town for assessing services; and g) enables sole assessor to enter into separate and independent agreements with other towns to perform assessing services noting that the Town of Portville shall not be responsible for compensation and earned retirement hours associated with such agreements; and h) shall provide town-paid health insurance and pre-paid health card aligned to currently offered plan of the Town of Portville once the weekly earned hours reached 36; and,
2. To hereby direct the Town Clerk of the Town of Portville to swear Steffanie N. Bell in as Sole Assessor effective September 15, 2010 with an expiration date of September 30, 2013 once Town Clerk has received two originally signed copies of said performance agreement; and,
3. That Steffanie Bell must take and sign the oath of office as Sole Assessor before October 14, 2010 or said authority to be appointed shall be withdrawn.



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The foregoing resolution (RES-20100915.21) was voted upon with the town supervisor and all councilpersons voting as follows:

Town Supervisor Keeley	Abstain
Councilperson Batt	Yes
Councilperson Stern	Yes
Councilperson Van Dusen	Yes
Councilperson Woodhead	No

DATED: September 15, 2010

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