

TOWN OF PORT WASHINGTON

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Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Port Washington Town Board
Monday, August 4, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
At the Town Hall, 3715 Highland Drive, Port Washington, WI

Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Chairman Mike Didier, Supervisor Gary Schlenvogt, Supervisor Greg Welton, Roger Kison – Building Inspector, Heather Krueger-Clerk, and Mary Sampont-Treasurer.

Public: 3, Press: 1

Approval of July Town Board and Board of Review Minutes. Schlenvogt moved to approve the July Town Board Minutes as submitted, seconded by Welton. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Katherine Allen, 3349 Terry Lane, would like to know if We Energy rates will increase for town residents once the Data Center is built.

Michael Jajtner, 3639 E Norport, was told the ditching would be taken care of in April. When can we expect it to be complete?

Reports:

Chairman Didier: 1) The updated Land Encroachment Agreement was sent to the owners at 3557 Groeschel Road, and they have not responded. 2) There is a vacant lot on Forest Beach Rd. that someone is looking to build on; however, the town setback requirements don't match the lot. If they pursue the purchase, it may need to be reviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals. 3) The automatic door opener will be installed at the town hall on August 13, 2025. 4) American Transmission Company (ATC) has mailed notice and project overview maps to landowners that they are developing two route options. 5) Woodland Road is scheduled to be redone this week by Payne & Dolan. 6) Didier attended the WTA District meeting held in Belgium.

Supervisor Schlenvogt, there is an obstruction of the vision triangle at Hawthorne & County Road KK, due to cat tails.

Town Treasurer: The town's Money Market balance is \$647,150.14, the checking account balance is \$52248.90, and the small business account balance is \$28.28. The town received the third-quarter transportation aid from the State of Wisconsin in the amount of \$16,451.84. The town also received \$76.91 from Exempt Computer Aid and \$ 12,315.06 in Shared Revenue.

Town Clerk: 1) The WI Department of Administration has reviewed the annexation for the Fellenz parcel and has decided it is in the public interest to annex this land to the city. 2) Krueger will be at the WMCA annual convention the week of August 18 – 22, 2025, and the town hall will be closed.

Update on regulating the town drop-off center for items dropped off when the facility is closed. The town purchased a new camera system, and Didier is installing it at the town hall and drop-off facility. Signage will also be needed. The cones have been helping with the traffic issue, and there are fewer people dropping off items when the facility is closed.

Discussion and possible action to trim the tree limbs/brush obstructing the warning devices at the Mink Ranch Road Railroad Crossing. According to Didier, the town was notified by the Railroad that the crossing on Mink Ranch Road was obstructed. Didier contacted Forever Green Landscaping to have the trees and brush removed so that the town would be in compliance.

Discussion and possible action regarding the ATV/UTV trail and the discontinuation of Highland Drive. Welton was contacted by residents who informed them that the ATV/UTV trail would no longer have a north-south route, as Highland Drive has been annexed to the city and is soon to be demolished. The town wrote a letter in support of opening County Road KW as the new route and sent it to the Ozaukee County Sheriff and the Ozaukee County Board.

Discussion on updates to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) administration of the Farmland Preservation Program, including the certification of farmland preservation zoning, Agricultural Enterprise Areas (AEAs), and farmland preservation agreements in the Town of Port Washington. The board has discussed, and while the community is predominantly rural and zoned agricultural, the goals of farmland preservation align with the town's values; however, there is limited support from local producers/landowners, who generally hold concerns about government programs and perceive minimal benefits. Participation in the program would review the elimination of the Town's Conservation Subdivision ordinance, which the Town believes effectively balances farmland preservation with reasonable flexibility for landowners. The town will not be participating in the State Farmland Preservation program at this time.

Monthly Bills: **Schlenvogt moved to approve the July bills in the amount of \$45,346.58, seconded by Welton. The motion passed unanimously.**

Didier adjourned the August Town Board meeting at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Krueger,
Clerk