

TOWN OF PORT WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Port Washington Town Board
Monday, February 3, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
At the Town Hall, 3715 Highland Drive, Port Washington, WI

Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mike Didier, Gary Schlenvogt, Greg Welton, Heather Krueger-Clerk, Mary Sampont-Treasurer,
Ozaukee Press: 1, Public: 9

Approval of January 6, 2025, Town Board Meeting Minutes and Special Town Board Minutes from January 16, 2025, and January 21, 2025. Didier moved to approve all the January Town Board Minutes as submitted, seconded by Welton. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Rick Fellenz, 4237 Highland Dr. Cloverleaf Development contact, met with them last week. Said the electrical substation they are proposing is going to be 40 acres. They don't know where it will be placed yet or how much radiation the town will have to deal with.

Maureen Jajtner, 3639 E Norport Dr. Is there going to be some joint Town/City meeting where people can get details on what is happening? Why has this been so secretive? Didier: No, no joint meetings are planned. There are public meetings planned in the city that the public can attend, which includes everyone, including the town, but the town board does not foresee the city asking this board for any meetings. State Statutes are set up so that towns can't stop annexation, and once land is annexed to a city or a village, the Town is no longer involved with the land use.

Gordon Naujock 3642 E Norport Dr. Was the town's negotiating the boundary agreement advantageous? Didier: They want to annex before the end of 2025, and there will not be another agreement unless something happens in the future. Boundary agreements are rare, so the town was willing to negotiate. The town did get some advantages by agreeing to end the agreement early.

Mike Jajtner, 3639 E Norport Dr. Is there any way to protect the remainder of the town from other development? Didier: Yes, that is done through zoning. However, once land is annexed to the city, the town has no jurisdiction to monitor the requirements on the land. Most of the current town land is zone A-1 agricultural.

Amanda Mueller, 4488 Lilac Ln. this is going to affect the sale of my home. I will have to disclose that a potential data center is being built. There are implications for all the remaining landowners of the town. This will change all of Ozaukee County. Did the board ever consider this? Didier: Yes, the board thinks of all the residents, but this was a private transaction between private landowners; it was not the government's business to intervene. The town purposely left agriculture zoning in place and does not intend to change that at this time, which may have made this land so desirable to a developer.

Barb Wooten, 4876 Upper Forest Beach Rd. If this land is annexed to the city, is that where we need to go for answers about what will happen with it and the development? Didier: Yes. Once this land is annexed, the city will apply its own zoning. They are currently creating specific zoning for data centers.

Reports:

Chairman: 1) We received the border agreement amendment signed by the city. 2) The Dixie Bridge drawings are here; they were on display, and a public meeting was held in the town of Belgium as this is a shared bridge. 3) The potholes on Lake Dr have been filled.

Town Supervisor report: None.

Town Treasurer report: The town's Money Market balance is \$510,918.64, the checking account balance is \$2,376.79, the small business account balance is \$1,272,183.70, and the LGIP account balance is \$.57, which is being closed. Sampont has collected approximately 86% of property taxes.

Town Clerk: 1) The Department of Administration has approved the annexation of the Newman Development project; it was deemed that it was in the best public interest to annex this property. 2) The town assessor will be conducting a re-evaluation this spring. 3) The Spring Primary will be Feb 18, 2025, and absentee voting has begun. 4) An Eagle Scout would like to be added to the agenda to present his project.

Discussion regarding Woodland Road as a weight-restricted road. Didier: There is no update now; Didier will talk to the Town Engineer.

Discussion regarding the Notice of the new 2025 Hourly Rates for Housemen & Feind, Town Attorney.
Welton moved to approve the Agreement between the Town of Port Washington and Houseman & Feind with the new rates for the period of January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2026, seconded by Schlenvogt. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding the abandoned landfill in the Town of Port Washington on Hillcrest Rd and Northwoods Rd. Didier put this on the agenda because a resident who lives in the area was wondering what they could do on the land, as it is public land. There is no longer a farm lease on the land. There are confusing restrictions, and Didier will ask for clarification from the town attorney. Welton: This land [landfill] was sold to the town through a lawsuit. When the Lange estates were being developed, they didn't want to attach this land to any parcel. Didier: Does the town want to farm this? Does the Lange Estate Homeowner's Association have to approve and use it to be able to do something with this land? Welton: A member of the public is mowing it, and there are trails on the land. It's public land, so anyone can use it. It will be used more with the development going on across the street. Didier: I will ask the town attorney to give an opinion on the recorded deed restrictions as they are confusing, and this was all done over 20 years ago, so none of us were on board then.

Discussion and possible action on a request from We Energy on a town-owned parcel on Norport Dr, tax key 07-053-00-00.000. We Energy is burying power lines in the Norport Subdivision. It needs approval from the landowners, one of which is the town, for Public Access to the lake parcel in the Norport Subdivision. **Didier moved to approve the easement request from We Energy to bury power lines, seconded by Welton. The motion passed unanimously.**

Monthly Bills: **Schlenvogt moved to approve the January bills in the amount of \$110,019.33, which includes the first half of the Fire Contract with the city, seconded by Welton. The motion passed unanimously.**

Didier adjourned the February Town Board meeting at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Krueger,
Clerk