

TOWN OF PORT WASHINGTON

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Unofficial Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Port Washington Town Board
Monday, November 3, 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, Heather Krueger-Clerk, and Mary Sampont-Treasurer.

Public: 8, Press: 0

Approval of October Town Board Minutes and Special Town Board Minutes. Welton moved to approve the October Town Board Minutes and Special Town Board minutes, seconded by Schlenvogt. The motion carried 3-0.

Public Comments:

John Sampont, 2354 Willow Road. It is opposed to the Data Center. The planners are not thinking of future generations. There are questions regarding the environment of Lake Michigan. Why weren't the people in the community better informed?

John Taucher, 2083 Upper Ridge Road. Do you know anything about a petition being circulated now that will stop this development?

Terri Wisinski, 4458 Lilac Lane. What is the status of the website? Krueger: The town is working with Town Web Design, and the new website will hopefully be up before the end of the year.

Wisinski: The abandoned homes on Highland Drive seem to be being vandalized. Are there any safety concerns? If there are complaints during construction, where do residents go to address them?

Didier: Community Fire and Police Departments are using these homes for practice. Vantage will have a representative and advocates who will address these concerns.

Robert Heun, 4460 County Road KW. Is concerned about communication regarding intersections and the changes that are being made. If the utility company plans to make changes to my property, shouldn't I be informed? Didier: No one will be going on your property without your permission. If a utility company needs to access your property, they will contact you directly; the town does not get involved.

Heun: County Road KW is not set up for heavy construction traffic. Who will pay for the repairs? Didier: This is a County Road; it is a class A road, and it is built to these standards. They are documenting the roads prior to construction, monitoring them, and making repairs as needed.

Amanda Mueller, 4488 Lilac Lane. You will be bringing in thousands of construction workers. Where are they going to live? How are you going to feed them and house them? The city is making decisions for people who need to live near the construction site, and the town is allowing it. Why? And why didn't the town have them pass a referendum? Where is the staging area for this development going to be? Is this going to be on the corner of CTH LL and Lake Drive? Is anything in place for food trucks or temporary housing?

Didier: This is a city development, and they are working with a Vantage representative on most of these concerns. Regarding a referendum, it is illegal to hold one on a private development. The staging area, I assume, will be someplace on their 1900 acres, but the town has no knowledge of this at this time. Feeding and housing construction workers are not the role of the town government for this project.

Mueller: Why are you being so insensitive? Didier: I am answering your questions directly. You asked, "if the Town will be bringing 100's of food trucks to feed the workers," and I answered NO. You mentioned "these people will be living with us." I answered, "No one is going to be living with me, and I do not think you either". You are free to interpret that as insensitive if you wish.

Heidi Janous, 4446 Weiler's Way. Has anything ever been researched on vibration, and what could potentially happen to the bluff? What is happening with the bike path? Is it being demolished? Didier: The Environmental Protection Agency and other state and federal agencies will oversee this project. The bike path may be rerouted in the Knellsville area or temporarily closed, but Didier does not know, and has never heard, that it will be "demolished." The bike path land is owned by WE Energies and leased temporarily to Ozaukee County, so it is possible it will be abandoned in the future, but that has always been the case since it opened.

Maureen Jajtner, 3639 E Norport. Why were there never any referendums from the town or the city on the Data Center? If no studies have been done on the effect the Data Center will have on the town's properties surrounding it, there will be some issues. Is there anything in place that the city will be accountable for regarding damage to town property, as well as quality-of-life damages?

Didier: Most companies in the big industry have a liaison who addresses issues. I don't know whose contact information that is yet. Didier is open to suggestions for quality-of-life changes, as they differ for everyone. Regarding the referendum, what question would be proper for electors to be asked? A referendum question for the city could address zoning and what should be applied to this property. I cannot think of a topic for a Town referendum that would be proper.

Reports:

Chairman Didier: 1) The ditches were not cut on the new portion of Dixie Rd.; the county will be cutting/billing the town for this small portion.

Supervisor Welton: Received a call from a resident building a home on Hillcrest and received notice from Ozaukee County about a variance due to the old landfill near his property.

Town Treasurer: The town's Money Market balance is \$640,543.18, the checking account balance is \$43,240.51, and the small business account balance is \$28.34.

Town Clerk: 1) The website migration is taking place and should be up and running by the end of the year. 2) Call from a resident of Terry Lane regarding a washout. 3) Can the speed limit be looked at on Sauk Road? There is a lot of pedestrian traffic.

Discussion and possible action to raise the rent at the Town Rental property, 3703 Highland Dr. The Town has owned this property for approximately 6 years and has never raised the rent, which is currently \$800 per month. **Didier moved to raise the rent at 3703 Highland Drive from \$800 per month to \$850 per month, and continue a month-to-month lease, beginning January 1, 2026, seconded by Schlenvogt. Motion carried 3-0.**

Discussion and possible action regarding the 2026-2027 LRIP Road Construction Grant. According to Didier, the town will be eligible for approximately \$14,000. The town must identify and submit a project by January 15, 2026. Didier would like to have Lange Road paved, preferably by applying a double chip-seal during construction. **Didier moved to have Lange Road named as the 2026 LRIP Grant project, seconded by Schlenvogt. Motion carried 3-0.**

Discussion and possible action regarding compensation for the Drop-off site, town hall maintenance, and lawn cutting. Per Didier, the town employees for the drop-off site, maintenance, and cleaning are currently being paid \$15.00 per hour. VanHoogens should submit a quote for the price they will charge for lawn services moving forward. **Didier moved to raise the hourly compensation from \$15/hr. to \$17.50/hr. for drop-off site wages, town hall maintenance, and cleaning hours, seconded by Welton. Motion carried 3-0.**

Discussion regarding Capital Outlay for the 2026 Town Budget. At the budget workshop, the town decided to allocate carryover funds from previous years and the extra income it will receive from the city for the annexation into Capital Outlay projects. The two projects will be the Woodland Bridge and funding for a future Lake Drive Culvert Improvement project.

Discussion and possible action to have the Plan Commission and Town Planner review the Land Use Plan around the Data Center land. Didier has reached out to DeMaster, Town Planner, regarding finding a consultant familiar with Data Centers and how they would advise the town on zoning land around the data center. DeMaster is not sufficiently familiar with this to advise and has not found any companies that are. She suggests using SEWRPC (Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission). **Welton moved to have DeMaster write a Request for Proposal for the town to find a planner to discuss the Land Use Plan, seconded by Schlenvogt. Motion carried 3-0.**

Monthly Bills: **Welton moved to approve the October bills in the amount of \$198,297.03, which includes the payment to Payne & Dolan for Woodland Road in the amount of \$186,805.58, seconded by Schlenvogt. Motion carried 3-0.**

Didier adjourned the November Town Board meeting at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Krueger,
Clerk