

TOWN OF PORT WASHINGTON

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Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Port Washington Town Board
Monday, February 2, 2026, 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: 1

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

Public Comments:

Margaret Jentges 4552 County Road B: There are rumors that the airstrip on County Road KW has been sold. Is this true? Has this been sold to the Data Center? Is the air strip being used for public air traffic?

Didier: The airstrip is the property of my mother, Pat Didier. She has owned it since the 1970's and has not sold it. The airstrip has always been for public use, and that remains unchanged. Jentges: Are we guaranteed that the Data Center will not install wells on its land? I believe there is enough air traffic in the area already and do not want more. Didier: The city is generally against private wells. They have, or will, abandon the 30 wells they purchased. There are fewer wells than there were before.

Dave Janous, 4446 Weiler's Way: Is the owner of a private airstrip allowed to charge the public? Didier: I am not certain, but I don't believe so. Janous: Who will be responsible for any damage to the roads caused by the heavy construction traffic? Didier: Whoever damages the road is responsible. Janous: Can the town board discuss the speed limit in Weiler's Way subdivision at a future meeting?

Supervisor Schlenvogt: The town board travels the roads every spring, inspects them, and rates them.

Theresa Wisinski, 4458 Lilac Lane: Concerned about truck traffic and the speed on County Road KW.

Reports:

Chairman Didier: 1) Didier had a second meeting with the City Sewer and Water engineering regarding services in Knellsville. The town agreement states that sewer and water service will be provided in the Knellsville district by the end of 2027; however, this timeline is not feasible. They are working on what is obtainable. They will complete this work in phases.

2) The city is discussing lowering the speed limit on its portion of Lake Drive. They will conduct a speed study and an engineering study, and the town will likely follow suit based on the findings.

3) Didier received dust complaints because of the data center construction, from Pitbull Towing and Mary Deheck, who lives in the same area. Didier also received complaints about the road closure and the additional time it is taking for residents in Weiler's Way subdivision.

Town Treasurer: Tax collection went very well, 86% of property taxes have been paid. The town's Money Market balance is \$688,739.01, the checking account balance is \$1397.54, and the small business/tax balance is \$1,047,435.59. January tax settlements have been paid to Ozaukee County (\$226,025) and the Port Washington-Saukville School District (\$1,171,084). And Milwaukee Area Technical College (\$127,669.67). The town received the first annexation payment of \$150,000 from the city.

Town Clerk: 1) The LRIP Grant has been submitted for the paving of Lange Road. 2) Krueger has contacted several State Senators, opposing SB304/AB312, a bill to unify absentee voting hours throughout the state. Small towns lack the staffing to enforce this regulation. 3) The Ozaukee County

Clerk provided a de-escalation training, presented by the Ozaukee County Sheriff, for all county election inspectors.

Discussion and possible action regarding Ordinance 2026-02, Chapter 296 Solid Waste, Article 1 Responsible Unit Recycling Ordinance. 1, A public hearing was held prior to this meeting, and no public comments were received. The town attorney has not yet reviewed this ordinance change. **Welton moved to table Ordinance 2026-02 until the Town Council reviewed it. Seconded by Schlenvogt. Motion carried 3-0.**

Discussion and possible action regarding Ordinance 2026-03, §340.61-§340.72, regarding Sign Permits. The Plan Commission has discussed and recommended changes to yard setbacks on town roads and changes to align with Wis State Statutes. A public hearing was held prior to this meeting with no public comments. **Welton moved to Ordinance 2026-03 regarding Sign Permits, seconded by Schlenvogt. Motion carried 3-0.**

Discussion and possible action regarding Road Bids for 2026 Road Construction, including Lange Road for the LRIP Grant. Didier will prepare a bid package for Lange Road to be double-chip-sealed, as well as a bid for asphalt. Additional road bids will be on the March agenda.

Discussion and possible action to extend the Fire Services Contract between the City of Port Washington and the Town of Port Washington, in effect from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028, in the amount of \$176,660 per year. **Didier moved to approve the Fire Contract with the City of Port Washington for the period from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2028, seconded by Welton. Motion carried 3-0.**

Consideration and possible action to approve an Operator License for Jacob Gehrke to serve at the Shipyard Bar LLC. **Welton moved to approve the Operator License for Jacob Gehrke, seconded by Schlenvogt. Motion carried 3-0.**

Discussion and possible action on engaging an appraisal firm and a right-of-way acquisition company for easements needed for Dixie Road bridge construction. The Dixie Road bridge will be replaced next year. There are properties on the Port side and the Belgium side that need to be acquired by the private property owners. Because Federal Funds are being used for this project, the town must follow the Federal guidelines. Belgium is committed to paying half of these bids. **Welton moved to contract with CPC Real Estate Appraisal & Investment Analysis for \$9,000 and TerraVenture Advisors for \$5,900. Seconded by Didier. Motion carried 3-0.**

Discussion and possible action regarding the scope of work and bid for cleaning up and making Norport Park more accessible to the public. Per Didier, there are so many dead ash trees that this area is unusable as it is. John Zausch suggests that the Groeschel Road ditch line needs to be cleared, the north lot line defined, and, from there, the remaining hours spent working from the middle outward. **Didier moved to approve the bid to clear up the park and Groeschel ditch line, not to exceed \$15,000, seconded by Welton. Motion carried 3-0.**

Monthly Bills: **Welton moved to approve the January bills totaling \$25,591.89, seconded by Schlenvogt. Motion carried 3-0.**

Didier adjourned the February Town Board meeting at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Krueger,
Clerk