

TOWN OF PORT WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Port Washington Town Board
Monday, May 4, 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, Roger Kison – Building Inspector.

Public: 8, Press: 1

Approval of April Town Board Minutes. Schlenvogt moved to approve the April Town Board Minutes, seconded by Didier. The motion carried 3-0.

Public Comments:

Dave Janous, 4446 Weiler's Way: The City will be running water to the Data Center land, has this been discussed with the town. Didier: yes, the water will be running up CTH KW and also on CTH LL. Janous: Has the City discussed what the zoning will be on town land east of CTH LL and west of CTH KW? Didier: doesn't think they have a plan yet. They are not obliged to discuss their plans with the town. Janous: As the town continues to shrink, is there any talk of combining our town with another municipality to make a new town? Can Vantage make different access points and not use all the town and County roads?

Chris Karnish, 878 Weiler's Way: The zoning for the data center land is currently manufacturing, is it correct that they can not change any of this area zoning? Didier: The city is able to change the zoning of the land that is in the city, just like any municipality is. Karnish: There is a new road on across from the hotel, is that not town land? Didier: No, that was annexed to the city over 20 years ago.

Supervisor Welton: Our tax base has not gotten much smaller with the annexation of farmland, and the town board is looking to rezone to attract business to the Knellsville area to help offset this. Annexation is driven by the landowner; all the residents petitioned the city to be annexed.

Heidi Janous, 4446 Weiler's Way: We feel like we are uninformed citizens and are terrified of what might happen in the town. Will our homes be annexed next? Don't make light of this, and we are living in hell; people have mental health issues, anxiety and cardiac issues. Does that bother anyone? You don't care.

Karen Karnish 878 Weiler's Way: People live in the town because they want to live in the country, and we are all shocked at what's happening, and are afraid. The noise and light pollution are a lot to deal with.

Didier closed public comments after 30 minutes of discussion.

Reports:

Chairman Didier:

- 1) Didier met with the Belgium Town Chair, Town Engineer and Project Engineer met with the DOT, we have been approved for a \$550,000 grant, the work will begin in spring of 2027, and the estimates are now in the \$720,000 range. The town(s) will need to budget for the difference.
- 2) Didier received a complaint about ditching on Keelson Cove.
- 3) Didier received a complaint about ditching on Terry Lane; the town will be repairing the washout sites.
- 4) Didier attended the WTA Road School program last week; granting, LRIP, small culvert programs were discussed.
- 5) Complaint was filed about Pitbull dropping off garbage that is not the towns. Pitbull has been picking up garbage blowing off the expressway. This is not a town issue. Supervisor Welton: The missing signs that were noted in the road tour have been put up.

Kison:

There are three new homes coming. A house will be razed on Lower Forest Beach Rd. Remodeling in the office building at Guertz Electric 3830 CTH H. The business barns are taking out permits for inside work.

Town Treasurer: The town's Money Market balance is \$854,737.71, the checking account balance is \$27,456.16, and the small business/tax balance is \$20.88.

Town Clerk:

- 1) The Recycling Grant has been filed and approved.
- 2) The Rural Mutual Insurance Audit has been submitted.
- 3) The Board of Review will be held Tuesday, May 12, 2026 beginning at 4:00 PM.
- 4) Krueger would like to look at different options for internet service at the town hall.

Discussion and possible action regarding Ordinance 2026-04, An Ordinance to Establish Speed Limits on Certain Town Roads. Per Didier, this pertains to Weiler's Way and Lilac Lane. Currently, the speed limit is 55 mph because it has never been set lower. Wis. Stat. §346.57(4)(j) provides that the maximum speed limit is 35 mph on any town road where, within any 1,000 feet along such highway, buildings in use for business, industrial, or residential purposes on average less than 150 feet apart. Public hearing was held prior to this meeting, and residents are concerned this speed limit is still too fast and would like to board to research if a speed study would be needed to reduce the speed from 55 mph to 25 mph is needed or if the town should reduce the speed to 35 mph and then do a speed study. Some residents are concerned that posting a speed limit of 35 mph will actually make traffic faster than what it currently is. Lilac Ln does not qualify for the Statue as the homes are not within 150 feet apart. **Welton moved to table Ordinance 2026-04 until research is done on lowering the speed limit to less than 35 mph, seconded by Schlenvogt. Motion carried 3-0.**

Discussion and possible action to approve an Operator License application for Amy TenHaken to serve at The Shipyard. TenHaken has passed the background check. **Schlenvogt moved to approve an Operator License to Amy TenHaken, seconded by Welton. Motion carried 3-0.**

Discussion and possible action to accept the notice of resignation from Roger Kison, Town of Port Washington Building Inspector. Per Didier, Kison will be resigning as the Residential Building Inspector but will continue to be the Commercial Building Inspector for the Town of Port Washington. **Schlenvogt moved to accept the resignation from Kison as the residential Building Inspector, seconded by Welton. Motion carried 3-0.**

Discussion and possible action regarding appointing Nicholas Thill, Anchored Inspections LLC, as Town of Port Washington Building Inspector. Per Didier, Thill is currently the Building Inspector with the Village of Grafton and Village of Saukville and the Town of Scott, he has over 20 years' experience as a Residential Remodeling contractor. **Didier moved to accept Nicholas Thill as the Town of Port Washington Residential Building Inspector beginning on May 11, 2026, seconded by Welton. Motion carried 3-0.**

Discussion regarding Public Participation Plan to update the Comprehensive Plan. Discussion regarding different options on how the Town would like to have the participation when the Plan Commission discusses updating the Town Zoning and Comprehensive Plan.

Monthly Bills: **Schlenvogt moved to approve the April bills totaling \$17,489.15, seconded by Welton. Motion carried 3-0.**

Didier adjourned the February Town Board meeting at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Krueger,
Clerk