

TOWN OF PORT WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Port Washington Town Board
Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 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, Roger Kison – Building Inspector
Press: 0, Public: 9

Approval of October Town Board Minutes. Welton moved to approve the October Town Board Minutes, seconded by Schlenvogt. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Reports:

Chairman: 1) Didier attended the Public Hearing for the Dixie Bridge replacement held in Belgium. The engineer has prints and plans that they will bring to the Town of Port Washington to display. 2) Didier attended the Wisconsin Towns Association annual convention. 3) Didier met with the City of Port Washington Fire Chief and Administrator to discuss the new fire contract. 4) Didier attended the Wisconsin Law Conference; the main topics were ATV regulations, solar regulations, rights-of-way, and disruptions at town board meetings. 5) Removal of dead ash trees on Norport is complete; Lake Dr will occur soon. 6) Green Bay Rd is complete; a second coat has been added and shouldered.

Town Supervisor report:

Welton: Would like to know if there will be another entrance for the Bielinski subdivision off Green Bay Road. It appears that Green Bay is the only access.

Schlenvogt: Has the town engineer looked at the Woodland culvert? **Didier:** Yes, the engineer met with the DNR; there will need to be engineering of the culvert for replacement, which is very expensive.

Town Building Inspector report. **Kison** has received another permit for KW Business Barns. There have been a couple permits for accessory structures, remodels and a raze permit for a home at 4298 High Point Beach Rd.

Town Treasurer report: The town's money market balance is \$455,702.98, the checking account balance is \$37,919.34, the small business account balance is \$.41, and the LGIP account balance is \$181,976.53. The town received the 4th Quarter General Transportation Aid for \$16,014.42.

Town Clerk: The town had a 97% turnout for the General Election. 1173 registered voters and 63 residents registered to vote on election day. 569 people voted early (mail/ in-person), and 568 voted at the polls. Election day went very well; there were no issues to report.

Consideration and Action of an application submitted by Neumann Developments, Inc. to rezone properties from A-1 Agricultural to R-2 Residential. Tax keys 07-031-11-002.00, owned by Kenneth and Mary Lou Dimmer, and 07-031-09-003.00, owned by Vince Anewenter, are located east of 116 E Sauk Rd. Per Didier, the plan commission has recommended this to the town board for approval. A public hearing was held, and public comments were considered. Ryan Fritch, Neumann Development, explained the potential plans for this area. Didier explained that the entire parcel is being rezoned to enable the current landowner to annex only a portion of this property to the city. The current landowner would like to sell some of this land and have it annexed to the city but could not because it would create an illegally zoned parcel in the town. By rezoning the entire parcel, they can sell off what they wish, and the rest will conform to the town regulations and can stay in the township. Didier moved to approve Ordinance 2024-05, an Ordinance to rezone 82.99 acres, tax key 07-031-11-002.00 and 07-031-09-003.00

from A-1 Exclusive Agriculture to R-2 Residential, seconded by Welton—aye -3, No-0. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss the future Fire and Ambulance Contract with the City of Port Washington. Per Didier, the City presented the town with a one-year contract, which has increased 51%. In 2024, the contract was \$117,011.44; in 2025, it is \$176,660.00. The town cannot afford to pay 16-18% of the new fire budget. Welton: Can the town charge impact fees for new homes to help raise the town's income? Didier: No, towns do not normally have impact fees. We will check with other municipalities to understand what percentage of their budget goes toward emergency services. Per Krueger, the town could ask to increase the levy by resolution; the town could add special charges to the tax bill for these services or borrow the funds. Didier: we don't know what the future contract amount will be, so it's difficult to budget at this time.

Discuss a request to permanently have a Port Washington Food Pantry Donation bin at the town hall drop-off center. Didier: While the Food Pantry is a worthy cause, there are a lot of negatives in having the bin in the drop-off center, including:

- Additional monitoring for the attendants
- Area not secured
- Open to other donation requests
- The drop-off area has a lot of bins for trash/recycling, which could cause confusion
- Animals could get into the food.

The town board does not think this would be the best location for a donation bin.

Monthly bills: Didier moved to approve the election wages for \$2,565.75 and October monthly bills for \$73,995.62, which includes the second half of the 2024 fire contract, seconded by Welton. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss preparing the 2025 Budget for the Annual Meeting of Electors. Discussion was had regarding the 2025 budget.

Didier moved to adjourn the November Town Board meeting at 8:07 PM.

Heather Krueger,
Clerk