

TOWN OF PORT WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Official Minutes of the regular meeting of the Port Washington Town Board
Monday, November 1, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.
At the Town Hall, 3715 Highland Drive, Port Washington, WI

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mike Didier, Greg Welton, Gary Schlenvogt, Heather Krueger-Clerk, Mary Sampont-Treasurer, Rick Fellenz

Absent: none

Residents: 3 Residents, 1 member of the Press

2. Approval of October Public Hearing and Town Board minutes. Motion made by Didier to approve October Public Hearing regarding rezoning County Road KK properties and Town Board minutes. Public Hearing minutes regarding Groeschel Rd will be revised and on the November agenda for approval, second by Welton. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comments. None

4. Town Chairman report. 1) Per Didier, the WTA posted new or updated laws that pertain to towns, including: Act 34: Homeschool students age 16 and older can work as election inspectors. Act 1: Board of Review- one member needs to be certified annually. Act 62: Town officials are exempt from discharging a firearm within 50' of the center of a roadway in order to dispose of a beaver or muskrat that is causing damage to a highway in which the roadway is located if the discharge does not pose a risk to public safety. 2) The Oz Co Hwy Commission submitted the speed study on Hillcrest Rd. and recommends leaving the speed limit at 55 mph. He reports that 85% of traffic went between 51-55 mph. 3) Didier took out a permit with the County Highway Dept to erect the Knellsville Town signs; he will be placing the signs on Hwy KW and Mink Ranch Rd. 4) Didier worked at the drop-off site and reported that there are a lot of items getting placed in the recycling dumpster that are dirty (food) or not recyclable. 5) Didier put up the *Cross Traffic Does Not Stop* on the stop signs at Mink Ranch Rd and Hwy KK. 6) Didier got 160 brick for the repair of the town hall from a house that was being tore down in the City.

5. Town Supervisor report. Schlenvogt: Ditch mowing is taking place in the town, Forever Green is doing a great job.

6. Town Building Inspector report. Noticed a lot of illegal dumping of trash under the I-43 bridge on Highland & LL.

7. Town Treasurer report. Sampont reports the Town has a balance of \$347,810.39 in the money market account, \$274,808.71 in the checking account, \$35.48 in the small business account, \$62,056.01 in the Escrow Account and \$83,366.90 in the Newburg State Bank (APRP funds). Jordan Dimmer reimbursed the town for a culvert, which was installed by Oz Co Highway Dept. and billed/paid by the town.

8. Town Clerk report. 1) Krueger contacted Dave Brose, EMCS regarding getting an engineer report for Hawthorn Dr., Brost will be able to provide this so the town can submit for the LRIP funds. 2) Governor Evers announced that 11/2/21 is Election Hero Day, thank you to all the town election inspectors. 3) Karen Welton had an issue with a fence on Birch Rd., that was in the town road right-of-way. The owner of the adjacent land did not want it taken down, but it should not have been placed in the area. It has been taken down. 4) Krueger has contacted the past election inspectors and several new for the new 2022-2023 term. 5) Krueger went to the WMCA District meeting last week, and would like the board to consider purchasing Badger Books, an electronic poll book that is endorsed by WEC.

9. **Discussion and possible action to approve submitted bids for the drop-off site building.** The town received one proposal, from Walters Builders in the amount of \$ 66,950.00. Welton is concerned that the entire north end of the building is open. There will be a buildup of snow and the wind may be an issue. Didier will ask Walters to requote the bid with the small changes. **Motion made by Welton to approve the bid as presented and to get an updated price on the bid from the original proposal which included the north wall, second by Schlenvogt. Motion passed unanimously.**

10. **Discussion of Resolution 2021-04, renewal of town clerk.** Per Didier, the clerks' position will need to be renewed in December, but he wanted this on the agenda to open to any discussion prior to December. Didier feels the clerk salary should include the towns contribution to the retirement accounts. Krueger: none of the town officials have this amount included in their pay either.

11. **Consideration and approval of monthly bills. Motion made by Didier to pay October bills in the amount of \$305,499.69, second by Schlenvogt. Motion passed unanimously.**

12. **Adjourn. Motion made by Didier to adjourn October Town Board meeting at 8:50 PM, second by Schlenvogt. Motion passed unanimously.**

Heather Krueger- Clerk