

TOWN OF PORT WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Official Minutes of the special meeting of the Port Washington Town Board
Monday, July 5, 2021 at 7:00 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

Residents: 14 Residents, 1 member of the Press

2. Public discussion regarding a proposed ordinance allowing local roads as ATV/UTV routes.

Per Didier, this special town board meeting is a chance for residents to provide public input on this subject. The clerk has received the following emails:

Jean Schanen, 2572 County Road C: I am totally against the town of Port Washington passing an ordinance allowing ATV/UTB's on town roads. The roads are becoming more and more congested with automobile and motorcycle traffic as well as bicyclers and to add ATV/UTV's to the mix is a crazy idea that we do not need. The traffic noise never stops, and to add more to it is ridiculous. I urge you to please consider this issue seriously and to vote no. Please let us try to return to a more quiet existence.

Rick Plier, Plier's Full Circle, 3702 Highland Dr. We are 100% in favor of allowing ATV's on town roads.

Joe Kaja, 2390 Hillcrest Dr. I would like to express support for the legal ATV/UTV usage of township roads.

Tom Sharbuno, 3264 Bayhill Rd. I support the use of ATV's on all town of Port Washington roads.

Michael Burt, 3247 Somers Lane, Absolutely for it!

Steve, Sandra and Branden Ulm, 3278 Bayhill Rd. We support the use of ATV's on all town of Port Washington roads.

In person comments were made by the following:

Alan Kultgen 3741 River Lane Rd. I am opposed to ATV/UTV use on town roads. There are people walking, jogging and I don't see a point to it. If it does pass, there should be a strict time limit. People will be bar hopping and breaking speed limits. I am against it, especially not on all town roads. This is a safety issue. Farmers already have use of the roads and it should stay the way it is.

Jean Schanen: I live on a County Road, so I am not directly affected, but the #1 concern is that it is adding more noise. I don't see any need for this, people should be exercising more and not relying on ATV/UTV for transportation or recreation. The town is not responsible for creating recreational purposes.

Mark Didier, 2404 Hillcrest Dr. I am in favor. I have traveled the state on ATV's with my family for recreation and vacation, it is an enjoyable sport. I feel the town should get on board and pass an ordinance allowing the use. The DNR controls this, including the noise. There are not a lot of issues with ATV/UTV use state wide, people are mostly responsible. I feel it also would help local establishments generate business.

Pete Didier, 4595 County Road KW, I support but feel there could be a time limit set, nothing good happens late at night.

James Kultgen, 3741 River Lane Rd. I am opposed. People will be traveling on private property, and there is no one to enforce the rules. The routes don't allow them to go anywhere, so they will need to go on private property if they want to get anywhere, and I don't want them on my land.

Jeff Gahan, 3393 County Road KK, I am for it. I have been ATVing for years and feel people are responsible. If educated and can afford it, as its an expensive hobby. You have to take a DNR class and be licensed to drive. If driving on a road, you would be driving with traffic not impeding it, like bicycles do.

Tom Biernbaum, Lakeshore ATV Club: Lakeshore ATV club takes concerns very seriously. It is a family club. We teach our members to follow state rules as well as local ordinances. The club has ambassadors that assist in patrolling the trails and will call the DNR if necessary. The club assists in making sure the rules are known to members, its taken very seriously.

Pat Didier, 4595 County Road KW, does this include golf carts?

Mike Didier: no, just ATV/UTV

If there are no further comments, I will close the Special town board meeting. It is on the agenda for the regular town board meeting to discuss weather to move forward on this issue.

3. Adjourn. Didier moves to adjourn the Special Town Board meeting at 7:34 PM.

Heather Krueger,
Clerk