

TOWN OF PORT WASHINGTON

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Official minutes of the regular meeting of the Port Washington Town Board
Tuesday, January 2, 2024, 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, Gary Schlenvogt, Greg Welton, Heather Krueger-Clerk, Mary Sampont-Treasurer, Roger Kison – Building Inspector.
Press: 1, Public: 10

2. Approval of December Town Board minutes. Didier moved to approve the December Town Board minutes, seconded by Schlenvogt. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comments - None

4. Town Chairman report.

Didier reported that he attended a County-wide meeting regarding state funding for roads. The town is not applying for any funds at this time. 2) A tree went down on Northwoods Rd., Didier received the call from the Sheriff Dept., they originally contacted the Village and were told it was our responsibility, Didier said it was on the Saukville side. He took care of it as there were down power lines. The town needs to have a conversation with the Village regarding Northwoods Road and its responsibilities, especially since there is so much more construction on this road.

Town Supervisor report. None

Town Building Inspector report. There were a total of 115 permits in 2023.

Town Treasurer report. Sampont reports the Town has a balance of \$251,190.47 in the money market account, \$25,522.05 in the checking account, \$1,392,487.17 in the small business account, the LGIP account balance is \$173,289.63. The town received a \$600 grant from the WI Election Commission for the .GOV grant. Sampont reports that 51% of 2023 Property Taxes have been received. There have been a couple of residents upset that the town has not received the escrow check from their institution, but there is nothing Sampont can do to assist them with this.

Town Clerk report. 1) Krueger has been busy submitting year-end reports. 2) There was a complaint that the drop-off attendants were not checking people's IDs to make sure they were town residents, the caller said he knew the people lived in the city. Didier commented that people often assist their families that live in the town, but it's difficult to police this. He will follow up with the caller.

5. Update regarding St Simon the Fisherman Church, 3448 Green Bay Road request for town involvement in their neighbor's water issue. Per Didier, there are no updates yet. The town engineer has been to the site and was going back for more elevations. Kelvin Larson would like some resolution within the month, he would like the town to have a plan in place before the spring. Didier will follow up with the engineer if he doesn't hear back from him. Once there are recommendations the town can have a plan. This will also need approval from the owners of Open-Door Bible church.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance 2024-01 to rezone a portion of the property from R-1 Residential to A-1 Exclusive Agriculture located at 703 Dixie Rd (formerly CTH P), 07-001-10-001.00 owned by Glenogle Company. Per Didier, this has been presented to the Plan Commission for first and second approval and they have recommended approval to the Town Board. There was a public hearing before this meeting; there were no public comments.
Welton moved to approve Ordinance 2024-01 to rezone a portion of 07-001-10-001.00 from R-1 to A-1, seconded by Schlenvogt. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the Chairman nominees to appoint the Town of Port Washington Zoning Board of Appeal Members: Chuck Baranek, Barb Bley and Alternate

Justin Myers for a two-year term, and Nancy Holley, Robert Poull, John Wozniak and Alternate Mark Didier to a three-year term. Schlenvogt moved to approve the nominees as presented, seconded by Welton. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve the Chairman nominees to appoint the Town of Port Washington Plan Commission Members for a three-year term: Chuck Baranek, Ed Potokar, and Randy Noll. Welton moved to approve the Plan Commission members as presented, seconded by Schlenvogt. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding ordinance violation of property located at 4192 CTH LL, Port Washington. Per Didier, the town has received a formal complaint regarding the Nick Tholl property from the neighboring property's attorney. They would like action taken to have the owner clean up the property. Didier sent a letter to the landowner and has not gotten a response yet. This same issue came up about two years ago, the owner got a dumpster and somewhat cleaned up the property, not close to perfect but enough to not have the local government involved anymore. Didier went to the property before deer hunting this year and it looked bad again. He met with the owner and walked the property. Didier is hoping he gets assistance cleaning this up as he did last time.

George Roberts, owner of the adjacent land: This is more than just a trash violation; it's a trash dump and has been going on for over 5 years. It's disgusting and he would like board members to go look at it. Tholl will not clean it up. He is living there, which is against all the rules as there is no septic, no water, no power. A man has died there, there has been an overdose on the property. He wants the board to enforce the ordinance. There are two abandoned vehicles, an abandoned RV, and an abandoned pop-up camper that has never been moved. Trash blows off the property onto his land. When do we let people live on land with no facilities? He would like to see the board enforce the ordinances.

Didier: The first time this was brought up, action was taken by the board, and Tholl cleaned up the property. It still looked bad, but now were dealing with opinions. Per Didier in his opinion, it didn't need to have the local government involved. He disagrees with the statements being made that the board doesn't enforce the ordinances.

Didier states that the board will attempt to get ahold of the property owner and have him clean it up. If he does not respond, we can reach out to the town attorney for his advice on the next steps the town can take. A special inspection warrant would need to be given by a judge to have the town take action taken on the property. To get to that point we need the advice of our council.

Motion made by Didier to inform the Town Attorney before the January town board meeting to update him on the status of the complaint and get recommendations on how to proceed, seconded by Welton. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Consideration of monthly bills. Schlenvogt moved to pay the December bills in the amount of \$18,178.43, seconded by Welton, Motion passed unanimously.

Didier moved to adjourn the December town board meeting at 7:42 PM.

Heather Krueger,
Clerk