

**TOWN OF PORT WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
MINUTES**

Minutes of a Public Hearing of the Port Washington Town Board of Supervisors, held on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

1. Roll Call. Jim Melichar, Mike Didier, Jim Rychtik and Jenny Schlenvogt-Clerk  
Absent: None  
Residents Present: 18
2. Consideration of public comment regarding the following:

**Starting at 6:30 PM:**

- Consideration of Ordinance# 2013-3, Amending Sections 340-33.D(5), 340-44, 340-96, and 340-99, relating to Non-Conforming Uses in the Town.  
Melichar and Didier explain the background on the changes. Allows the landowner more flexibility, especially in the Knellsville Environs. This allows for property improvements, with conditions.  
No public comments made.

**At 6:40 PM, following discussion on Ordinance No. 2013-03**

- Consideration of Ordinance# 2013-4, repealing section 340-34.C, relating to Conditional Use Permit requirements for development within 500 feet of freeways.  
Melichar explains the origin of the ordinance (in 1983, per Fellenz) SEWRPC recommendation requiring a CUP within 500' to allow for future off-ramps. Most municipalities have dropped this requirement. This would reduce the setback to 50'.  
No public comments made.

**At 6:50 PM, or following discussion on Ordinance No. 2013-04**

- Consideration of Ordinance# 2013-5, Amending Sections 250-7, relating to junk vehicles.  
Melichar- Town Board members have received a lot of complaints from residents regarding abandoned vehicles. A majority of this is in the A-1 district.  
Rychtik- Confirms the current ordinance only exempts actively operating farms, not A-1 zoning districts. This amended ordinance will apply to all residents; creates a fair situation for all. As the junk car ordinance is currently written, about 18 properties are exempt. Unless you are an active farm producing a product, your property is already covered by what is currently on the books.  
John Weyker, 3071 Birch Lane- If this was an ordinance before why was it never enforced?  
Didier- It's complaint based, and hard to enforce.

Melichar- Normally the building inspector or clerk would be asked to write a letter. Neighbors are hesitant to talk to each other about the issue, and have asked the Town to encourage residents to clean up their properties.

Ron Holtslander, 720 N Milwaukee St- What if I don't have a place to store it inside? Are collector plates a solution?

Jeff Gahan, 2512 Mink Ranch Rd- Complaints are handled by the Town Board, then report back to the findings. Are there any complaints documented? Has there been any effort to enforce this ordinance before it was changed? Concern is for non-farmers with items in their yard, which are non-conforming now.

Melichar- Most people leave a verbal complaint with us. Verbal or written complaints are acted upon.

Rychtik- This is to protect the neighboring property owner too.

Brian Karrels, 1522 Lake Drive- This ordinance isn't going to change how it's policed. Most properties probably don't have multiple complaints to begin with.

Melichar

Clerk Schlenvogt confirms she has received multiple verbal complaints from Anewenter's neighbors, reluctant to put their complaint in writing fearing backlash from him.

Terry Anewenter, 3693 Hwy KK- Argues this is his hobby and art. "This is a vendetta against me because I ran for a Town Board position. You are all just a bunch of little Hitlers." Accuses the Town Board as making this a personal attack against him and his property. "None of my neighbors have a problem with me or my yard."

Rychtik-Confirms that if you are not producing products for sale you are currently in violation of the currently-adopted ordinance as written.

Randy Noll, 3415 Hwy KK- Confirms this now includes all town residents, removing the exemption for farmers.

Melichar- There are fines that can be enforced, plus court costs. We haven't made this a personal attack on anyone.

#### At 7:32 PM, following discussion on Ordinance No. 2013-05

- Consideration of Ordinance# 2013-6, for Amending Sections 340-15.B, 340-15.C, 340-52, and 340-164, relating to shared driveway access and access easements.

Melichar outlines the changes to this ordinance. Defers to Dave Murphy.

Murphy, 2635 Sunset Rd.- Current ordinance allows up to 2 homes on one driveway. Most neighboring municipalities allow more. More homes on private roads and driveways, reduces the maintenance expenses for the Town. This amendment would allow up to 5 homes on a private road. Fewer access points on a road is safer. County has an ordinance of driveways no closer than 500' making it difficult to develop land without access.

Fellenz- Town of Cedarburg and Grafton allows up to 7 homes per driveway.

Rychtik- Also requires a maintenance agreement on file with Reg. of Deeds for maintenance and repairs to the private road, among the property owners.

Anewenter- Asks who will police the maintenance and width of private drives? What if a fire truck can't get to the property?

Rychtik- The Town has no jurisdiction on private property. Must be built to a standard width and on file with the Register of Deeds.

3. Adjournment.

**Motion made by Didier, seconded by Rychtik to adjourn the public hearing.  
Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m

Jennifer Schlenvogt,  
Town Clerk