



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

PORTAGE COUNTY ANNEX
CONFERENCE ROOMS 5
1462 STRONGS AVENUE
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

5:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Planning and Zoning Committee meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

Members Present: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Vinnie Miresse, Larry Raikowski

Members Excused: Steve Cieslewicz

Staff Attending: Tim Reed, Tyler Kunze, Kristen Johnson, Nicki Winkelman

Others Attending: Scott Soik - Linwood Town Chairperson, Joel Lemke - Stevens Point Utilities, John Bertelson, Donald Rusch, Vicky Rusch, CJ Brilowski

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PRESENTATIONS

None

REPORTS

1. November Vendor Invoice List

Reviewed Vendor Invoice list for November 2024

PUBLIC HEARING

2. REQ-2024-013 – A request by Donald and Vicky Rusch, owners, to amend the zoning classification of parcels 032240914-08.04 and 032240914-08.05, totaling 20.45 acres, from A2 Agricultural Transition to A3 Low Density Agricultural.

A motion was made by Larry Raikowski, seconded by Amberle Schwartz to close public hearing. Motion passed by voice vote, with no negative votes.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time, with such comments subject to the public comment ordinance and the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. November 20, 2024

A motion was made by Larry Raikowski, seconded by Janell Wehr, to approve. Motion to approve passed by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

4. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Donald & Vicky Rusch (REQ-2024-013) - Town of Sharon

A motion was made by Amberle Schwartz, seconded by Janell Wehr, to Approve. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

5. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Special Meeting Attendance (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

- Request for special meeting attendance
- Approval of attendance of special meetings
- Special meeting attendance reports

A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Amberle Schwartz, to Approve. Motion to Approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION ONLY

6. Discussion of the Nelsonville Well Monitoring Project to possibly extend the project beyond the initially planned project of eight quarterly sampling, which is projected to conclude in April, 2026.

The Village of Nelsonville would like to continue with testing beyond the planned project which is to conclude in April 2026. This would be added as a future agenda item to discuss who would take over the sampling. Options would be the County continuing the process, DNR or the Village of Nelsonville.

7. Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee recommendation to revise the Portage County Well Head Protection Ordinance.

Discussion regarding a unanimous recommendation from the Groundwater Citizen Advisory Committee (GCAC) to revise the Portage County Well Head Protection Ordinance. The changes could include maps, larger zone C recharge area & language of prohibited areas. The City of Stevens Point has a new well going online in the next year at an existing treatment plan with one well also being removed. A. Schwartz suggested all Towns and Villages affected by these changes be included in future discussion.

NEXT MEETING DATE

January 28, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 PM