

PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

Monday, February 17, 2025

4:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

To attend this meeting by telephone: dial 1-872-242-7813, after dialing the number you will then be asked to enter in a meeting number. Use the following meeting number: 613 899 168, then press#. To attend this meeting by video: [Click here to join the meeting.](#)

The Board of Adjustment will conduct an on-site of the petitioner's premises prior to the meeting on Monday, February 17, 2025.

IF THERE IS INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025 AT 4:00 PM IN CONFERENCE ROOM 5, COUNTY ANNEX BUILDING.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Adjustment meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM

Members Present: James Hopp, Dennis Meis, Jason Pingel, Brandon Taylor, Barbara Brilowski

Members Excused: James Garbe

Staff Attending: Dan Bowers, Emmett Simkowski, Nicki Winkelman, Mary Karpen

Others Attending: John Eron, Jeff Hinkle, Monique Hinkle

Others Attending Online: Bill and Debbie Sniadajewski, D.S.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. Approval of Minutes from December 16, 2024 Meeting.

A motion was made by James Hopp, seconded by Brandon Taylor, to approve. Motion to approve passed by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

2. 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

Request for Barbara Brilowski to attend Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals Workshop Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

A motion was made by Dennis Meis, seconded by Brandon Taylor, to approve. Motion to approve passed by voice vote, with no negative votes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Petition No. PET-2024-020, John, Chester, & Caroline Eron, Owners, 1310 Eran's Ln, Junction City, WI 54443, being part of the SW¼, of the NE¼, Section 14, T24N, R6E, Parcel #012240614-03, located in the Town of Carson, wherein a Special **Exception** from the provisions of the Portage County 7.1.3(c)12, Home occupation - Ag **Equipment** Repair and a Special **Exception** from the provisions of the Portage County Private Sewage System Ordinance is requested to install a holding tanks for shop buildings per 7.9.9(5)(c)(3.), in the A4 General Agricultural Zoning District.

Simkowski explained the **request**. The property is currently using a port-a-potty but is in need of a special exception for holding tanks and for the home occupation.

John Eron was sworn in and gave an explanation of his business Eron Agranomics. He stated the business consists of himself and his son, when not in school, and 2 full-time employees with a max of 15 seasonal employees for a weeks time.

Jeff Hinkle was sworn in and explained his concerns with the business. Hinkle has lived on the corner of Eron Lane and Town Hall Rd for 35 years and his 40 acre parcel adjoins the Eron property. Hinkle's concerns are as follows:

- **Increased** traffic, verified with trail cam (two weeks time traffic varied 14 to 58 vehicles per day)
- Road has a big hill and is not maintained well by the County
- Run off water contamination
- **Excessive** dust and noise
- Business was started before permitted and work is being performed by Adam Hoffeman of Barnyard Customs LLC (was posted on Facebook with a comment about new location)

Hinkle stated that this has affected his well being with sleepless nights of worry. Hinkle also stated that John does not live on the Eron property and this should not be considered a home occupation. Eron has four non-family members working at one time. Hinkle strongly opposes and believes it will be detrimental to his property value.

Monique Hinkle was sworn in and stated concerns with business in question. Hinkle stated her concerns are as follows:

- Storage of hydraulic fluid in remodeled building
- Noise is excessive
- Noise scares her horses she houses in the stables
- **Business** is not for just Ag repair
- Believes John Eron and Adam Hoffeman are in business together

It was noted there were no other members of the public to speak on this matter. Pingel closed testimony and opened deliberations. Simkowski read Special Exception Standards. Discussion, the following was noted:

- Dennis Meis asked if owner needs to be onsite - answer given was no.
- Also discussed that it is hard to separate what is used for Ag versus Commercial vehicles.
- **Employee** does not live on property at this time.
- Dennis Meis said you can argue not a Home Occupation because owner does not live on property.
- Brandon Taylor stated, he would like clarification from Corporation Counsel what qualifications make it a Home Occupation.

John Eron spoke again:

- Stated that there was **increased** traffic - a lot of it was Ag equipment and some heavy equipment
- Offered to put trees up
- Stated that his son is working on repair of own equipment
- Regarding oil - they will use catch cans or have Rock Oil pick up

Pingel asked for a motion to approve, deny or postpone the request. A motion was made by Brandon Taylor, seconded by Barbara Brilowski, to **Postpone** to a future meeting.

The motion to Postpone **Passed** by the following vote:

5 Yes: James Hopp, Dennis Meis, Jason Pingel, Brandon Taylor, Barbara Brilowski

0 No: None

0 Abstain: None

NEXT MEETING DATE

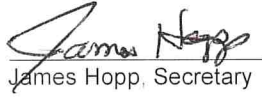
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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by James Hopp, seconded by Dennis Meis, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 5:29 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Karpen, Recording Secretary


James Hopp, Secretary

3-17-2025
Date Approved

