



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

Monday, March 17, 2025

4:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

The Board of Adjustment meeting was called to order at 04:00 PM

Members Present: James Garbe, James Hopp, Jason Pingel, Brandon Taylor, Barbara Brilowski, Dennis Meis (Alternate) and Paul Cieslewicz (Alternate)

Staff Attending: Tim Reed, Chris Mrdutt, Emmett Simkowski, Gayle Stewart and Mary Karpen

Others Attending: John Eron, Jeff Hinkle and Monique Hinkle

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 February 17, 2025 meeting.

A motion was made by Barbara Brilowski, seconded by James Hopp, to Approve. Motion to Approve carried 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

It was noted the Special Meeting Per Diem was approved via voice vote by BOA at the February 17, 2025 meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

3. Petition No. PET-2024-020, John, Chester, & Caroline Eron, Owners, 1310 Eron'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 Private Sewage System Ordinance is requested to install holding tanks for shop buildings per 7.9.9(5)(c)(3.), in the A4 General Agricultural Zoning District.

Garbe opened the public hearing. Mrdutt explained the request, the following was noted:

- o Two holding tanks for two shops,
- o Not feasible to connect to an existing system for the house,
- o Proposed use is for private repair of Eron's ag equipment,
- o Staff deems use is appropriate due to small usage,
- o Garbe asked if proof of pumping will be required; Mrdutt said yes.

John Eron was sworn in and explained his request. The following was noted:

- o Currently has port-a-potty on site and tanks would be convenient,
- o One 2,000 gallon tank for each shop,
- o Eye wash station in bathroom - no shower.

Brilowski asked if there would be floor drains in the shops going to holding tanks. Eron replied no, each shop already has containment. There being no other questions for Eron at this time, he was excused. Garbe asked if any other members of the public would like to speak on this matter. Monique Hinkle was sworn in and stated her concerns:

- o What is the business,
- o Why are two bathrooms needed for a small operation.

Mrdutt stated the following:

- o This is for Eron's agricultural business only; no other commercial business will be conducted
- o There is no limit to the number of workers he can have for his ag operation
- o All tanks will be serviced as required,
- o It was noted that Eron has agreed to out-source other commercial work.

There being no further questions, Hinkle was excused. There being no others wanting to testify, Garbe closed testimony. Mrdutt read Special Exception Standards, nothing additional noted at this time.

Hopp said holding tanks are better for the environment rather than having a port-a-potty on site. Hopp also noted that a mound system is not warranted in this case.

Mrdutt explained the Board may attach conditions noted in the Special Exceptions Standards, but it is not required.

Garbe closed deliberations and asked for a motion to approve, deny, or postpone.

A motion was made by James Hopp, seconded by Jason Pingel, to Approve, with the following condition:

1. A Portage County Sanitary Permit must be obtained.

The motion to Approve Passed by the following vote:

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

0 No: None

0 Abstain: None

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting tentatively set for April 21, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by James Hopp, seconded by Jason Pingel, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 04:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Karpen, Recording Secretary


James Hopp, Secretary


Date Signed

