

# VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS

Port Edwards, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE: Planning, Legislature, Property  
& Information Technology

DATE: January 6, 2022

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**Purpose of Meeting:** Regular Monthly Meeting

**Attendance:** R. Bossert, D. Duncan (Zoom), T. Gruden (Zoom), S. Mitchell, J. Zurfluh  
**Citizens:** Kelley Nagorski, Nicole Heiser, Shawn Judnic, Kyle Cronan, Terry Lindholm, Chris Diggles, Natalie Diggles, Scott Drew

**Subjects Discussed, Action Taken & Board Action Required:**

## Regular Monthly Meeting

- **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Duncan - Chairman at 5:00 p.m.
- **Roll Call:** All present from above.
- **Approve the previous month's minutes & agenda:** MOTION (Duncan/Mitchell) to approve minutes from 9 December 2021 & agenda. **Motion carried.**
- **Public comments on agenda items:** None
- **Committee Chairman's comments:** None
- **Planning, Legislature, Property, & Information Technology Updates**
  - a. **Sexual offender procedures in the Village for placement.**
    - i. **Discuss informational campaigns with school/county collaboration.** Programs already in place at elementary schools. Police Chief did a safety audit recently to see what improvements were made & what needs to be addressed. County experts spoke of the dangers of sex offenders. Need to create a concept to educate kids on where they can go, find a way for kids to come forward, enhance their self-esteem, self-respect early on & strike down myths. Most fear they will be taken from their homes, won't be believed, harassed by their families, or their allegations dismissed. They often report when adults due to reasons above.

Duncan says no ordinance will be passed due to it being unconstitutional &/or illegal.

- ii. **Discuss other options on Village actions to be initiated.** Bossert submitted bus routes to the state agency, alert goes out to Chief if the offender is often around those areas. Recommends residents self-report their residence is a homeschool location. Village would present the report to the parole office for informational purposes. In Spring 2022, work with schools & the county to create a program that would start with the parents. Discussion of resources, issues, & education pertaining to sex offenders. Village lawyer Nick Abts agrees with Duncan that putting an ordinance will not be constitutional & would be unethical. The ordinance, if challenged, would be struck down due to legality. Grunden wants to explore further options to create an ordinance. At this time, there are no violations from the sex offender.

- **Old Business.**

- a. **Review DRAFT Village Building code ordinance changes, Chapter 14. MOTION** to approve adjustments to CHAPTER 14 of the Village ordinances. (Duncan/Grunden) **Motion carried.** 14.00 will be struck down by Bossert. Will stop adapting from Rapids & make it a Village rule.

- **New Business.**

- a. **Discuss & action on adjustments to Chapter 1 of the Village ordinances, General Government concerning the language in appointing Village commission citizen members. MOTION** to adjust Village ordinance Chapter 1, General Government appointment of Village Citizens to Commissions allowing the appointment of members by the president without a need for Board voting. (Grunden/Mitchell) **Motion carried.**

- **Correspondence received.** None.

- **Future Agenda items for next meeting:**

- a. Ordinances from other locations presented by Bossert.
- b. Rezoning on Market.

- **Next meeting date:** 3 February 2022 at 5 p.m., in person.

- **Adjourn:** Adjourned at 5:59 p.m. by Duncan.