

Village of Port Edwards

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NEPCO Lake Residents meeting MINUTES

Started meeting at 1000, on the 16 September 2022.

1. Call to order- 6 attendees by ZOOM;
 - Dave Dobner- 630 Private Beach Trail
 - Lance McKeel- 979 Point Trail
 - Jill Austin- 863 South Shore Dr.
 - Kevin Brusick- 660 Private beach Trail
 - Lyman Tschanz- 855 South Shore Drive
 - K Wright- 871 Rising Sun Trail
2. 7 in person
 - Administrator- Bossert
 - Public Works Supervisor- Martinson
 - Trustee - Zurfluh
 - Mike Goryl- 877 Quiet Waters Trail
 - Jeff Manor- 876 Quiet Waters Trail
 - Eric Hummel- 1691 South Bluff Trail
 - Steve Bouchard- 911 South Shore Drive
3. **INTRODUCTIONS-** Administrator Bossert Introduced the attendees and explained the process to deal with questions in the room and on ZOOM.

Opening remarks by Bossert thanked everyone's participation and interest, he then made it clear what would happen the Morning of 1 January 2024 to all NEPCO lake residents impacted by the Boundary agreement. Also, Bossert explained the establishment of the NEPCO lake transition Advisory committee, that will move forward as a "Noticed" Village meeting and they will report to the Village Property, Legislative, Policy and IT committee for all Village issues. The Village President assigned the administrator as the Chairman of this committee, membership will be 1 representative from every NEPCO HOA and the existing Village NEPCO lake properties along NEPCO lake road.

4. Discussion on the procedures to establish a lake district or lake association
 - District/Association Boundary's
 - Membership
 - Petition process
5. Bossert explained the differences between the Lake Association and Lake District. How they are formed and who they impact. All this data can be found in Chapter 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the People of the Lakes- Guide for Wisconsin Lake associations edition 2018.
6. The group decided to assign Mr. Tschanz to draft a FAQ sheet to explain the ay ahead and gauge any interest on these groups and the good they can provide the Lake. He will create a message and

circulate for comment to the above then this can be used to mail out to all concerned and capture the level of interest to move this discussion forward.

7. Discuss Boundary transition issues;

- Road networks- No change to private roads- for now they will remain that way until the residents and HOAs request a change
- Trash service and Yard Waste removal- will begin in January 2024
- Public Safety issues- the Police and Fire will start making introductions to all residents to explain services and contact INFO.

4. Recurring Village Topics-

- Police and Fire coverage by Port Edwards.
- Trash Service with 2 cans for all developed properties, 1 regular trash, 1 recycle container. This will be added to the Village contract and the cost (in 2023 \$165) will be on each resident tax Bill.
- Village yard waste removal service- details on pickup times and procedures are being worked.
- Village services in Building permits, zoning issues, administrative tasks, elections, etc...
- Properties being billed for fire coverage will see no change, newly added parcels will receive a water bill with only that charge cited since the Village does not provide water or sewer service.
- Port Edwards tax Bills starting in Fall of 2024. This will be based on the assessed value determined by The Village as well as any Millage rate established at that time.

All other services (Road maintenance, Snow Plowing, lake maintenance, Door to Door mail service, etc...) are up for discussion and will be reliant on each HOA and residents submitting a request over the next 18 months to the Village to include them into the services cited.

5. Future Discussion;

- a. Review Resident Survey results
- b. Lake Maintenance (next 2 years, after Boundary agreement expires)
- c. Potential Lake Association or Lake District formation
- d. Update on Roads, Village safety center, Village services

6. Open discussions and working issues

- A requested Joint meeting with the Village, developer and Selected residents should be sought and
- the parties attending requested the Village take the lead on planning this.
- Continue discussions with the Post office of door-to-door service.
- A group of residents want to limit/restrict UTVs along the roads in the development
- Any movement on gaining Boat ramp access at the County Z Location? The Village will reengage the developer on that action.
- Some of the current Roads are in Need of repair now- washouts, bulkheads failing etc.

6. ACTION Items:

Administrator Bossert-

- Updated the Contact roster for all residents- **ATTACHED**

60 days

- Gauge the need to set up a meeting between developer, residents and stakeholders in the next
- Setup an initial meeting with - interested residents and Eric Olsen to discuss lake associations
- Continue to work with state and County tax sources to refine the ability for the Village to address Millage rates and not impact the revenue to support Village operations.
- Establish an initial meeting with Saratoga to inform them of our progress and issues
- Discuss future mail coverage for residents and the ability to go door to door delivery
- Receive the official MEMO from the State stating that the Roads cannot be included in State Road assistance.
- SEND a digital copy of the Wisconsin Lake Association book- **ATTACHED**

Brain Formella- Village Attorney-

- Review all HOAs and address issues that might arise
- Confirm ownership and responsibilities of all owners (residents, developer, Domtar, County etc...)
- Review a question asked, “does the Village have any option to decline the Boundary agreement” and what would that look like.
- Review the responsibilities of the lake bed owner- DOMTAR in respect to lake maintenance

Residents and HOAs-

- Conduct an assessment of residents in each HOA and gauge their support of a lake association or district
- Conduct an assessment of residents in each HOA and gauge their support of a contributions by HOAs towards an updated Lake management plan
- Produce individual memorandums from the HOAs of request for Village services based on those discussions and to what level of services requested.

6. Next meeting date, TBD

7. Adjourned at 1120pm on 16 September 2022.

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Ray Boz Bossert, Village Administrator