

# *Village of Port Edwards*

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## NEPCO Lake Residents meeting MINUTES

Started meeting at 1200, on the 15 February 2023.

1. Call to order-
2. 9 attendees by ZOOM;
  - Lyman Schantz
  - Jim Stout
  - Eric Saylor
  - Lance Pliml
  - Bill Clendenning
  - John Wasshassen
  - Lance Mckeel
  - County Attorney Kasten
  - Mike Goryl
3. 6 in person
  - Administrator- Bossert
  - Jeff Manor- 876 Quiet Waters Trail
  - Eric Hummel-
  - Ben Martinson- PW Director
  - Tiara Grunden- Trustee
  - Dave Alnes
4. **INTRODUCTIONS-** Administrator Bossert Introduced the attendees and explained the process of the meeting.
5. Approve the agenda. **MOTION** by Manor, 2<sup>nd</sup> By Hummel all AYES
6. Approve minutes from the 18 January 2023 meeting **MOTION** by Manor 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hummel, all AYES
7. Public comments on agenda items. None
8. Chairperson comments. Progress continues, good discussions with the developer and DOMTAR, with announcement and products soon to follow
9. Discussion on the procedures to establish a lake district or lake association
  - Petition Status. A discussion by the group on the progress of the petition. All surveys have been distributed; they have received 164 petitions at 63% back, all in the positive. The Citizens will be ready to submit on the 3 March County Legislative committee meeting. This will be followed by a scheduled Public comment session, then move to the County Board as early as 21 march 2023 for approval.
  - Discussion on the lake assessment that needs to be conducted. A firm needs to be identified to proceed and the funding mechanism.

- Discussion on the compilation of interim Board members to be presented to assist the County in assigning the initial Board until the 1<sup>st</sup> lake district member vote this summer. A note will be sent out to all District members asking for any interested parties and they will be asked for a short BIO to explain their interest.

10. Discuss Boundary transition issues

- Roads- awaiting feedback from the survey to express the desire to remain private or request public help in maintenance.
- Weed machines- Still being offered by the developer for free, we are awaiting some data on the operation of the machines as well as finding a place to park them. The Administrator from Port Edwards meet with Chad Lee from Aquarius systems on site of the machines. They both were in good shape and would need approx. \$20K to begin operations in 2023. The Village will ask the developer on the way ahead to accept the donation.
- A discussion was had on the timeline for tax revenue transition and the impact on services in 2024. More to follow. Based on taxes being assessed for 2023 being paid under the old rules, no additional tax revenue will be generated under Village Millage rates until 2025. Thus for the 2024 year while the Village will be responsible for 100+ new residents and 50+ square miles of land, there will be no additional revenue to accommodate and thus some expectation management will need to be done. This will be addressed in a future meeting.

11. Discuss Old Business. NONE

10. Discuss New Business. NONE

12. Discuss any correspondence. NONE

13. Future Agenda Items. We will review results from Survey, and discuss the weed machine donations.

13. Next meeting date, 15 March 2023 at 1200 at the Marshall Buehler center and via ZOOM.

14. Adjourn by Bossert at 13:15 on the 15 February 2023.

**6. ACTION Items:**

Administrator Bossert-

- 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.
- Receive the official MEMO from the State stating that the Roads cannot be included in State Road assistance.

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...)

Residents and HOAs-

- 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.

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Ray Boz Bossert, Village Administrator