

VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS
Port Edwards, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE: Planning,
Property & Legislative

DATE: May 28, 2025

TO: BETSY MANCL

cc: JOSEPH ZURFLUH
RICK HESS
BRANDON ABBOTT

ERIK SAYLOR
NICK FLUGAUR
DUSTIN LEASE

ERIC HUMMEL
LONN RADTKE
NICK ABTS

Purpose of Meeting: **Regular Monthly Meeting**

Attendance: **B. Mancl, R. Hess, E. Hummel, E. Saylor and Ben Martinson**

Absent:

Citizens: Scott Poisson, Jason Gruszynski, Raefe Gross, Kurt Gross, Larry Isensee, Nick Kreiling and
Scott Stewart

Subjects Discussed, Action Taken, and Board Action Required:

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call: As noted above.

3. Approve the Agenda: **MOTION** (Saylor/Hummel) to approve the agenda. All ayes.

4. Approve the minutes of previous month's meeting: **MOTION** (Saylor/Hummel) to approve minutes of the April 23, 2025 meeting. All ayes.

5. Public comments on agenda items: Jason Gruszynski: Commenting on the NLD meeting regarding the concerns of the wake boat ordinance. Responsible land and shoreline stewardship. Believes that it is inaccurate to place disproportionate blame on wake boats. He feels like there is minimal presence of such boats on Nepco Lake.
Raefe Gross: Shared public resources that we want to take care of and utilize in an effective manner. Would like to see education about the issues being prioritized over a blanket elimination. He sees wake boat users mistreat the resources as well as fishing boat users misuse the resource.
Nick Kreling: Enjoys spending time on the water with his family. Gets kids getting outside and off of their phones. He is a disabled veteran and finds he can utilize a wakeboard for activities. Believes the issue is complex. 10-19 MPH in transitional speed. Don't look at one specific boat. He provided a handout to the committee.

6. Committee Chairman's comments:

7. Update on DMI: No update. Ad Hoc Committee meeting this Friday, May 30th @ 4:30 pm with Representative Krug's office.

8. Update on property at 160 Market Avenue: No update, no quote from Altmann Construction.

9. Discussion on date for the Village community meeting for a Chicken Ordinance: June 30th @ 6:00 pm.

10. Discussion and possible motion on updating Village Ordinance #1 – General Government: Table and bring back next month.

11. Presentation and discussion on possibly creating an ordinance regulating wake enhanced boating on Nepco Lake: Scott Stewart presented information on ballast boats and how they differ from other boats. The ballast boats could add up to 5,000 pounds, they are slow moving when in "wake enhanced mode". He discussed shoreline damage that he has seen personally while living on Nepco Lake. He has also discussed the damage it can do for waterfowl nesting areas and fish spawning areas. Nepco Lake is 8-12 feet deep. Mr. Stewart explained how state law dictates how these laws can come to be. The different steps that the Village would have to take in order to even pass this ordinance. As well as getting 2 out of 3 municipalities that share the territory of the lake to pass identical ordinances. These include Saratoga, Grand Rapids and the Village of Port Edwards (which is 60%). As of last week, 52 municipalities have passed similar ordinances. Further discussion at a later date. The committee is in favor for getting experts to come in to the meetings to give more information.

12. Discuss old business: None noted.

13. Discuss new business: None noted.

14. Correspondence received: None noted.

15. Future Agenda Items: None noted.

16. Next meeting date: None noted.

17. Adjourn: 7:00 pm.