

AGENDA
THE PORT AUSTIN VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 11, 2011

Call Meeting to Order at **8:30 am**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call: Andreski, Bruce, Hogan, Nichols, Ranger, Toner, & President Murawski

Additions/ Deletions/ Revisions to Agenda

AGENDA:

1. Copier
2. NDG Payment

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Census Data
2. Tower Park Grant

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve:

March 28th, 2011 Council Minutes

Acknowledge Receipt Of:

March 7, 2011 Fire Dept Minutes
March 1, 2011 PAASWA Minutes
March 2011 Income Statement & Balance Sheet
April 2011 Meeting and event calendar
Utilities spreadsheet

PAYMENT OF BILLS----- \$ 1,654.29

ATTORNEYS:

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT / REQUEST:

Bob Horetski: Bridge repair

Dale Hartsell:

Clerk Report:

Treasurer Report:

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

April 11, 2011 8:30 a.m.

President Murawski is a member of all Committees

Finance, Grants & Insurance ----- Chair Ranger & Nichols

Labor, Personnel & Police ----- Chair Nichols & Ranger

Motor Pool & Operations ----- Chair Bruce & Toner

- 1. Multi-use tractor

Ordinance ----- Chair Bruce & Andreski

- 1. Dog issues

Parks & Recreation ----- Chair Toner & Bruce

- 1. Rec. plan update

Special Events & Press Management ----- Chair Nichols & Ranger

Public Buildings & Grounds ----- Chair Andreski & Hogan

- 1. Wish List 2. Park Signage 3. Plantings

Streets, Sidewalk, Drains & Lighting ----- Chair Hogan & Andreski

- 1. Easements

Waste Management ----- Chair Hogan & Toner

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Adjourn:

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PORT AUSTIN VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
17 West State Street, Port Austin, MI 48467

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce, Hogan, Ranger & President Murawski

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andreski, Nichols, Toner

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Thomas Rapson, Bob Horetski, Dale Hartsell, Amanda Nienaltowski

GUESTS PRESENT: Joyce Stanek, Ray Braun, Jim Grant

President Murawski called the regular meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by President Murawski.

Roll Call was taken.

Rapson explained the quote for a new copier. It is currently here in the office on demo. It will do all of our faxing, scanning, and copying. It is about 3 years old and still in very good shape. Our cost to purchase it would be \$3,500 and our yearly maintenance contract price would be half of what it was last year. Last year it was \$720, which covered 40,000 copies. The maintenance contract covers any repairs that need to be made and any toner that is required.

Moved Ranger, support Bruce to purchase the copier at a cost of \$3,500 and to enter into the service agreement for \$360 per year. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bruce, Hogan, Murawski, Ranger Nays: 0

Nienaltowski discussed what is owed to NDG and what funds are available. We have \$22,555.05 from one of the grants that she recommends paying to NDG. We have a payment request into the trust fund grant for around \$110,000. Once we receive that money we can pay NDG off and start paying down the line of credit. Nienaltowski stressed that even when all the grants come in we will be about \$13,000 short of being able to pay off the line of credit. For now Nienaltowski recommends paying NDG \$22,555.05.

Moved Bruce, support Hogan to pay NDG \$22,555.05.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Bruce, Hogan, Murawski, Ranger Nays: 0

Sheriff Kelly Hanson arrived at the meeting. He briefly discussed what has happened in the past year. Drugs are still a problem in the county but he feels they are making good progress. His department did save money last year and he is hoping he will be able to do that again this year. In regards to the State Police post closing, he feels that even though they are an asset to the county there should not be a change in service because the county can cover what needs to be covered. Hanson was thanked for attending.

Correspondence: Some discussion was had on the new Census numbers.

Some discussion was also had on the Tower Park Grant.

A letter has been received from Joyce Stanek expressing interest in serving on the Port Austin Area Sewer and Water Board. Murawski would like to appoint Joyce to the PAASWA Board. **Moved Bruce, support Hogan** to appoint Joyce Stanek to the Port Austin Area Sewer and Water Authority Board. Ayes: All

Public Comment: Joyce Stanek would like to stress the importance of ordering signs soon so they can be in place by Memorial Day.

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Nienaltowski asked if they had thought about a sign reserving a parking spot for the sheriff by the boat slips.

Much discussion was had on what other signs might be needed.

Moved Bruce, support Hogan to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: All

Moved Bruce, support Ranger to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 1,654.29 Ayes: All

Attorneys: Rapson commented that he has not heard from Boyle regarding the blight issue because Boyle is out of town on Vacation.

Department head report/requests:

Bob: He has done some looking and found that Menards has the same trees that Lee's Landscaping was going to use for over by Beachcomber. At Menards they are only \$19.99 a tree and they are guaranteed for a year. Horetski was given the go ahead to get the trees and install them.

Horetski also discussed the price that he received for fixing the bridge from the County Road Commission. The range in price is because they do not know exactly how much asphalt will be needed. They will only charge for what is used though. They also do not make any profit on this work.

Murawski commented that he had spoken with Andreski and he has some information on grant programs for fixing up bridges. They will discuss it more at the next meeting when they have the information from Andreski. Bruce asked where the money would come from in the budget. Horetski said that it could be taken away from the money set aside for the new truck.

Dale: NA

Clerk: Rapson thanked the council for buying the new copier.

Treasurer: Nienaltowski addressed the utility breakdown sheet that was in everyone's packet. It outlines what is being spent and saved on the utilities. Discussion was had on the light poles and the lights in the park. It was decided to wait on turning any lights back on for now.

Planning: No meeting

DDA: No quorum last meeting.

Committee Reports:

Motor Pool: A demo Multi-use tractor is here from Bell Equipment. Horetski was able to run the snow blower down all of the sidewalks when there was still some snow. It is a great little machine.

Ordinance: Some discussion was had on the draft of the Beach Park Ordinance that was drafted by attorney Boyle. There are several changes that council feels need to be made. Suggested changes will be given to Rapson to pass along to Boyle.

Parks & Recreation: Bruce commented that the committee is still working on the rec. Plan update. It was mentioned that bike and walking paths to our parks needs to be addressed in the plan.

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Special Events: There are three request forms that have been turned in.

1. Thumb Ecology Group, requesting meeting room at Visitors Center

Moved ranger, support Bruce to approve the meeting request as presented with no fee. Ayes: All

2. Wedding on Veterans Beach

Moved Ranger, support Bruce to approve the event request as presented, with informing them of the Kayak Rendezvous happening in the park that weekend. Ayes: All

3. Harbor Pointe Condo, requesting Village Hall for meeting.

Discussion was had on the usage of the Village Hall on the weekend.

Much discussion was had on the rental fee for the Visitors Center.

Moved Hogan, support Ranger to set the rental fee for the Visitors Center at \$25 per hour. Rental times are to include set up and clean up. Ayes: All

The harbor point meeting request was amended to have the meeting at the Visitors Center because the Village Hall is closed on the weekends.

Moved Bruce support Ranger to approve the Harbor Pointe meeting request with the amendment. At a rental fee of \$25 per hour. Ayes: All

Public Buildings: Hogan has a revised price from Rob Gray with the changes made at the last meeting.

Joyce Stanek commented that the county Road Commission could make the signs a lot cheaper than the price quoted. Much discussion was had on the purposed signs. Rapson was asked to get prices from the county for similar signs as Rob quoted. He was also asked to get a time frame on when the county would be able to have them done.

Murawski commented that in regards to the Wish List he has some trash cans that could possibly be used for down by the new pavilion. Horetski will look at them with him.

Streets: Streetscape poles was added as #2 and Bridge as #3

Council Member Comments:

Bruce: To the DPW; town is looking good.

With no further business; **Moved Bruce;** meeting adjourned, 9:51 a.m.

Clerk Certification

I the undersigned, Thomas Rapson, the duly qualified and appointed Clerk for the Village of Port Austin, Huron County Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the forgoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Village of Port Austin,

At a regular board meeting conducted on the _____ day of _____ 2011.

_____ Thomas Rapson, Village Clerk