

AGENDA
THE PORT AUSTIN VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 25, 2011

Call Meeting to Order at **8:00 pm**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

Additions/ Deletions/ Revisions to Agenda

AGENDA:

1. Audit Presentation
2. Police Car Grant
 - a. Set date for Public Hearing
 - b. Set authorized signatures
3. Events, Meetings, Rentals
4. Harbor Pointe Condos Project

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Army Corp.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve:

April 11th, 2011 Council Minutes

Acknowledge Receipt Of:

PAYMENT OF BILLS----- \$ 4,810.27

ATTORNEYS:

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT / REQUEST:

Bob Horetski:

Dale Hartsell:

Clerk Report:

Treasurer Report:

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

April 25, 2011 8:00 p.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

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

- 1. Easements 2. Streetscape Poles 3. Bridge

Waste Management ----- Chair Hogan & Toner

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Adjourn:

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17 West State Street, Port Austin, MI 48467

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andreski, Bruce, Hogan, Nichols, Ranger, Toner & President Murawski

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Joyce Stanek, Ray Braun, Jim Grant, Darcie Finan, Mark Campbell

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.

Joyce Stanek was added as #4 to the agenda.

Mark Campbell from Campbell, Kusterer & Co. was present and gave the audit presentation.

Mark was thanked for attending the meeting and giving the presentation.

Rapson explained what needed to be done for the Police Car Grant. The council needs to hold a public hearing before the rest of the paperwork can be sent in. **Moved Bruce, support Ranger** to set the public hearing for the Police Car Grant at 8:20 am May 9th, 2011. Ayes: All

Rapson also explained that he would like the council to make a motion setting who is authorized to sign the Police Car Grant Documents. Some discussion was had. **Moved Hogan, support Andreski** to set Thomas Rapson as the person authorized to sign the Grant Documents. Ayes: All

The special events committee presented what the office staff feels is a good procedure for handling event, meeting and rental requests. Much discussion was had on the procedure and rental cost of the Pavilion at Waterfront Park.

Moved Hogan, support Toner to set the rental fee for Veterans Waterfront Park Pavilion at \$50, with a 4 to 5 hour time frame from set up to clean up. Ayes: All

Moved Nichols, support Hogan to approve the Events, meetings, and rentals procedure as stated. Ayes: All

NO one was present from Harbor Pointe Condos to discuss their project idea. Hogan commented that they were talking about wanting to put stones and or bushes at the end of the grass islands by their driveways so that people do not drive over the lawns. Much discussion was had. Andreski questioned if this would make the Village liable if someone drove over the stones and damaged their car?

Rapson was asked to contact the Insurance Company and find out the liability issues if any, and to also contact the gentleman from the condos to see if they can submit some plans of what they would like to do.

Joyce Stanek is seeking council permission to hang some framed items on the walls of the Visitors Center. She presented an aerial photograph of Port Austin that Joanne Bourdo gave to her. She feels it would look

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very nice on the wall in the Visitors Center. She would also like to hang some framed pictures of the Light House. Some discussion was had on placement and design of frames and matting.

Moved Bruce, support Nichols to approve the hanging of the photos with the positions and designs to be determined by Joyce Stanek, Todd Murawski, and Casey Bruce. Ayes: All

Rapson was asked to send a thank you to Joanne.

Correspondence: Several members may attend the Army Corp. forum in Bay City on May 16th.

Public Comment: NA

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

There is one addition to the bills, Port Austin Shell for \$1,516.74.

Moved Bruce, support Toner to pay the bills, with the addition, in the amount of \$ 6,327.01 Ayes: All

Attorneys: Everyone was given a copy of the letter that Boyle sent Mr. Sosnoski regarding the Blight complaint.

Department head report/requests:

Bob: Horetski reported that Lee's landscaping will match Menards price for the scrubs to go by Beachcomber. He will pick them up this week.

Dale: We have received a written complaint from Fred Valasek regarding the leaves on his neighbor's property. He feels it is a blight issue because they are never cleaned up. Much discussion was had on the ordinance. Council and the police department feel there is no violation and no way to force someone to rake their leaves on an undeveloped lot.

Moved Hogan, support Bruce to send a letter to Fred Valasek stating that the Village feels there is no violation of the Anti-Blight ordinance in regards to this undeveloped lot. Ayes: All

Hartsell also mentioned that we did have an unfortunate drowning off of the Break wall last week. Officer Strozeski was on duty and assisted with that.

Clerk: Rapson explained the Gallup Park Lights account. The money can from a donation and the DDA was given it to set up an account for a possible future project. John Upthegrove has since given all of the information to Amanda to run through the Village books. We would like to change the name on the account to Village of Port Austin, and to set the authorized signatures to Thomas Rapson, Amanda Nienaltowski, and Todd Murawski. **Moved Hogan, support Bruce** to change the name on the account to Village of Port Austin, and to set the authorized signatures to Thomas Rapson, Amanda Nienaltowski, and Todd Murawski. Ayes: All

Rapson also discussed the last payment received from the Trust Fund Grant. It was lower than we had requested. The reason given was that there were some ineligible costs. One was the arbitration costs. Second was about \$88,000 in what they called excess engineering. Rapson feels there may have been a mistake made and his is looking into it. He has left several messages with the grant coordinator and has not heard back yet.

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Planning: No meeting was held.

DDA: The board met last week. They accepted the verbal resignation of Jim Howell from the Board and recommend that council do the same. **Moved Bruce, support Nichols** to accept the recommendation from the DDA to accept the verbal resignation of Jim Howell from the DDA. Ayes: All
Rapson was asked to post the position.

Committee Reports:

Ordinance: Rapson was asked to send around the dog ordinance again for review.

Parks & Recreation: The committee is still working on the Rec. Plan.

Special Events: Rapson will handle the approval of the requests that have been turned in. Nichols had one change to the Art in the Park request; to remove the request for trash pickup on Saturday because we do not have any one on staff.

Public Buildings: The wish list is still in the works. Rapson was asked to post what we have so far and it can be added to as needed.

Rapson presented the prices he was asked to get from the county on signs. With posts from Farmers Co-op the total would be \$290.03 plus what is needed in mounting hardware. Much discussion was had on the difference between the county's prices and the quote received from Rob Gray. Hogan feels that we are shafting Gray because we went to him in the first place and now are going to the County.

The reason the County prices are so much lower is that they do not make any profit on signs they make.

Moved Nichols, support Bruce to have the signs made by the county and have the DPW install them for no more than \$325.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Andreski, Bruce, Murawski, Nichols, and Ranger.

Nays: Hogan, Toner

Streets: Hogan is still working on the easement issues.

Everyone was asked to take a look at the light pole base that Horetski painted this winter and see what they think. It is on the pole across from the Visitors Center.

Some discussion was had on the bridge. Andreski is still working on getting information on funding sources.

Council Member Comments: NA

With no further business; **Moved Bruce;** meeting adjourned, 9:23 p.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 25 day of April 2011.

Thomas Rapson Thomas Rapson, Village Clerk