

AGENDA  
*THE PORT AUSTIN VILLAGE COUNCIL*  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, August 8, 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. Casey Bruce and Façade Conflict of Interest
2. Great Event
3. Port Austin Reef Lighthouse

CORRESPONDENCE:

Huron County Building and Zoning

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve:

July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Council Minutes

Acknowledge Receipt Of:

July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Fire Dept Minutes

July 2011 Income Statement & Balance Sheet

June 2011 Monthly Police Report

PAYMENT OF BILLS----- \$ 813.55

ATTORNEYS:

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT / REQUEST:

Bob Horetski:

Dale Hartsell:

Clerk Report:

ZBA meeting – Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>

Rehn, Dickerson, & Avola updates

Treasurer Report:

Utility costs

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

August 8, 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

Ordinance ----- Chair Bruce & Andreski

- 1. Motor Homes

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

- 1. Rec. plan update

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

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

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

- 1. Easements      2. Bridge

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: Andreski, Hogan, Nichols, Ranger, Toner & President Murawski

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Ray Braun, Lou Schillinger, Joyce Stanek

President Murawski called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Councilmember Hogan.

Roll Call was taken.

Discussion was had on the conflict of interest that exists with Councilmember Casey Bruce. Clerk Rapson explained that the conflict exists because the Village is applying for a façade grant through the Michigan Economic Development Corp, and Casey's real estate office will be participating in that grant program. Rapson also explained that Bruce will need to abstain from any decision making that the council does on this grant. There was also a letter written by our attorney that states he feels we are complying with all state and local laws regarding conflict of interest.

A letter and special event request form has been received from the Port Austin Community Players requesting permission to hold their annual Great Event Raffle and Party. It will be the same as last year.

**Moved Nichols, support Toner** to approve the Great Event as presented.      Ayes: 5      Abstain:

Ranger

Lou Schillinger was present to discuss what is happening with the Port Austin Reef Lighthouse. The Government Services Agency has determined that the lighthouse is excess to the government and they are getting rid of it. The Port Austin Reef Light Association is working on getting the deed to the lighthouse so that it can be saved.

Lou is seeking help from the community and from the local units of government to prove to the GSA that the Association can take care of the lighthouse. This will be in the form of letters of support and also volunteer labor. Lou handed out a news release and information on the lighthouse.

Much discussion was had.

Council thanked Schillinger for his commitment and will work with him on what the Village can offer to help.

**Correspondence:** The letter from the Huron County Building and Zoning office regarding Sosnoski's property was reviewed and discussed. Rapson was asked to contact them and inquire why they did not comment on all of the buildings and if they would please comment on the others.

Rapson was also asked to send the letter over to attorney Boyle for him to proceed with the next step in the process.

**Public Comment:** Joyce Stanek commented that the Kayak Rendezvous went well this last weekend. They had 15 campers, and many more that came for the day. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed the Park.

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**Moved Hogan, support Ranger** to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: All

There are two additions to the bills, Farmers Co-op for \$821.64, and MI Election Resources for \$334.85.

**Moved Toner, support Hogan** to pay the bills, with the additions, in the amount of \$ 1,970.04

Ayes: All

**Attorneys:** NA

**Department head report/requests:**

**Bob:** They have been working on getting the pavers raised up; the West side of the road is almost done. He commented that the Historical Society is interested in the grindstone that we have from in front of the old Civic Center. They would like to install it out at the new location. **Moved Hogan, support Nichols** to let the Historical Society have the grindstone. Ayes: All

Horetski commented that the large pieces of wood from the tree that was taken down on Line Street went to Dave Thuemmel to make bowls.

They have installed a drain by the stairs in Waterfront Park where it was washing out. It seems to be helping.

**Dale:** There was some damage done at Gallup Park to the bathhouse and to the announcing booth. He was able to get the some kids that were down there to admit to the announcing booth but not the other. The parents are willing to pay for the damages to the announcing booth. Hartsell was instructed to tell the parents to pay for all damages or we look into pressing charges. Hartsell commented he will talk with Boyle also on the incident.

Hartsell hopes to have some patrol car prices for next meeting.

**Clerk:** Rapson reminded council that there will be a ZBA hearing on August 22<sup>nd</sup> following the regular meeting. Rapson also updated the council on the stop work orders and permits.

Rehn is in Florida for his wife's surgery, he will file all fees and fines to have another ZBA when he returns.

Dickerson has submitted his permit but not his fee.

Avola has asked that we stop all proceedings with his second ZBA request pending legal advice.

Murawski commented that he has met with Avola and he is still willing to proceed. Murawski instructed him that he was to contact Rapson. Rapson has not been contacted yet.

Much discussion was had on the Avola issues.

**Treasurer:** Nienaltowski has submitted a breakdown of the utility costs from last year and this year comparing them. She is concerned about being over budget this year.

Much discussion was had on the issue. Several commented that it would be good to be able to compare what it is now that the Visitors Center to what it was with the old Civic Center.

The finance committee will get with Nienaltowski to have that for the next meeting.

**Planning:** NA

**DDA:** NA

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**Committee Reports:**

Special Events: Nichols reminded everyone on the upcoming events.

Puppet Show, August 12&13

Pirates, August 27

Great Event, August 28

Art in the Park, Labor Day Weekend

Ranger commented that the electric cars that were in town last weekend were really neat.

Streets: Andreski reported that the Spring Street Bridge repair is scheduled for the first week in October.

**Council Member Comments:**

Toner: Will not be here at the next meeting.

Murawski: Will also not be here at the next meeting.

With no further business; **Moved Ranger;** meeting adjourned 9:02.

**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 8 day of August 2011.

\_\_\_\_\_ Thomas Rapson, Village Clerk