

AGENDA
THE PORT AUSTIN VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 25, 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. John Upthegrove – stop work orders/ permits
- 2.

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve:

July 11th, 2011 Council Minutes

Acknowledge Receipt Of:

PAYMENT OF BILLS - - - - - \$ 1617.23

ATTORNEYS:

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT / REQUEST:

Bob Horetski:

Dale Hartsell:

Clerk Report:

ZBA meeting

Treasurer Report:

Revenues

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

July 25, 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

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: Bruce, Hogan, Nichols, Ranger, & President Murawski

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andreski, Toner

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Jim Grant, Ray Braun, John Upthegrove, Mark Gembariski, Darcie Finan, Sandy Sitek, Connie Graham, Linda Rangel, Joyce Stanek

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Councilmember Hogan.

Roll Call was taken.

John Upthegrove was added as #2 for the Veterans Memorial Waterfall.

John Upthegrove explained two stop work order issues.

The first one was issued at 125 Washington Street. A shed was being built and Mark Gembariski informed the owner that a permit was required. The owner has refused to get a permit so Gembariski has issued the stop work order. The shed is now complete. Some discussion was had.

Moved Bruce, support Hogan to have a letter sent from the attorney instructing the owner to apply for permit and to pay the required fees for the permit and stop work order. Ayes: All

The second is a stop work order that was placed on the property located at 8549 Lake Street. This is the new house that Steve Rehn was building. The order was placed because the front porch that was being built did not meet what was approved at the Zoning board of appeals meeting. A 4 foot by 4foot stoop was approved at the meeting with everything to be behind the 40 foot front setback variance. The porch that was built is the full width of the front of the house and the overhang appears to be extending into the 40 foot setback. Gembariski was asked if he would go and measure the property right now so that a full decision could be made. Gembariski agreed and left the meeting.

John upthegrove presented to council plans for a pond less waterfall that the Veterans committee would like to have constructed by the Veterans Memorial in Veterans Park. Upthegrove explained that the entire project is going to be paid for by private donations. The committee has already received \$7,700 towards the project. Upthegrove is looking for permission to continue with the project.

Moved Nichols, support Bruce to allow the construction of the Waterfall by the Veterans Memorial at no cost to the village, with the village maintaining it, and the project not starting until all funding has been secured. Ayes: All

Correspondence: NA

Public Comment: Several residents question the need for another park that would be located by the water tower. Concerns about security and noise were raised.

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Mark Gembarski arrived back from measuring the property at 8549 Lake Street. The porch is within the set back but the overhang does extend into the setback that was granted. Rapson was asked to have the attorney send a letter to Rehn addressing the issue and informing him that he needs to come back before the ZBA.

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

Moved Bruce, support Hogan to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 1,617.23 Ayes: All

Attorneys: Rapson was asked to contact the County and inquire about the Sosnoski property.

Department head report/requests:

Bob: The center set of stairs at Veterans Park that lead to the beach is washing out at the bottom. The DPW will be working on getting some sort of drain there to prevent it.

Horetski also commented that he has told the beach groomer that he is not allowed to drive through Veterans Park to get to the beach to clean private beaches down the shore. He is causing some damage to the lawn and making a mess in the park.

Discussion was had on the pavers around some of the trees on main street. They are sunk down and someone tripped this past weekend and got hurt pretty bad. The DPW will work on raising the pavers to make it safer.

Also Amy Ruth has requested a fourth rolling trash can. Rapson was instructed to order it from where he got them before.

Dale: No police car prices yet. Otherwise everything is good.

Clerk: Rapson commented that there are several ZBA requests. If we get a timely response from Rehn we might be able to schedule all three for the same meeting.

Treasurer: Nienaltowski presented a print out of what we received this month for revenue sharing. Because of the population decrease, we received about \$3,000 less this month. Next month is expected to be down also, and we still do not know the full effect of the cuts the Governor is making. She would like to sit down with the Finance committee in August to discuss things.

Planning: Covered already.

DDA: No meeting

Committee Reports:

Ordinance: Still working on Motor Home language.

Parks and Rec.: Still working on Rec. Plan.

Buildings and Grounds: Discussion was had on the cleaning of the windows at the Visitors Center. John Pridnia had gotten a price from a company to clean all the windows for about \$400. Should a letter be sent to the groups that use it asking for donations toward it? Discussion was also had on the "wish List". Nichols will work with Rapson to send something to the nonprofits that use the building.

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Streets: Some discussion was had on the scheduling of the bridge repair. Rapson was asked to e-mail Andreski to find out the status of the scheduling.

Council Member Comments:

Bruce: Congratulations to Thomas Rapson and Brian Toner who both had babies last week.

Nichols: Congratulations also to Rapson and Toner.

Ranger: Feels the Reunion went well this past weekend. And also the dedication of the sculpture went well.

With no further business; **Moved Bruce**; meeting adjourned.

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 July 2011.

_____ Thomas Rapson, Village Clerk