

AGENDA
THE PORT AUSTIN VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 12, 2018

Call Meeting to Order at **6:30 pm**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call: Andreski, Brecht, Jobe, Kendall, Maschke, Polega, & President Confer

Additions/Deletions/Revisions to Agenda

PUBLIC COMMENT:

AGENDA:

1. HRWA Board Substitute
2. Pension – Waiver of Underfunded Status
3. Fish Cleaning Station
- 4.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve:

February 12, 2018 Council Minutes

Acknowledge Receipt Of:

February 5 Fire Dept. Minutes
Income and Balance Sheet

PAYMENT OF BILLS ----- \$2,807.31

ATTORNEY:

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT / REQUEST:

DPW:

Police:

Clerk Report:

Treasurer Report:

BOARD REPORTS:

Central Huron Ambulance Report:

Downtown Development Authority Report:

Planning Commission Report:

Huron Regional Water Authority Report:

Port Austin Area Sewer & Water Authority Report:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Confer is a member of all Committees

Finance, Grants & Insurance ----- Brecht & Kendall

- 1. MERS

Labor, Personnel & Police ----- Jobe & Maschke

- 1. Job Descriptions

Motor Pool & Operations ----- Brecht & Andreski

- 1.

Ordinance ----- Kendall & Maschke

- 1.

Parks & Recreation ----- Polega & Jobe

- 1. Beaches

Buildings, Grounds, Streets ----- Andreski & Polega

- 1. Gym 2. Independence 3. Easements 4. Street Classification

Fish Cleaning Station ----- Mike Morgan, Todd Murawski, Andreski

- 1.

Water Task Force ----- Kendall, King

- 1.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Adjourn:

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17 West State Street, Port Austin, MI 48467

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andreski, Brecht, Maschke, Polega, Confer (present by phone), Jobe (present by phone)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kendall

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Thomas Rapson, Dale Hartsell, Chad Parrish

GUESTS PRESENT: Angela Alaouie, Brandt Rousseaux, Sara Straight

President Pro Tem Polega called the regular meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Roll Call was taken.

The following was added to the agenda; Major Streets, Bird Creek, Splash Pad, and PAASWA Board Pay

Public Comment: NA

Agenda: Fish cleaning station was moved to #1 on agenda. Rousseaux commented that the Walleye tournament is returning to Port Austin this year. He feels that having a fish cleaning station is beneficial to continuing to have the tournament return.

Rousseaux explained that he has done some research on portable fish cleaning stations. There is a company from New York that makes a trailer set up for around \$25,000. He has also had contact with a company that would like to begin pick up of frozen fish guts to use as compost. Some discussion was had. Rousseaux will get the information to the committee so that they can look into it.

Moved Brecht, support Maschke to add Brandt Rousseaux to the Fish Cleaning Committee. Ayes: All

Rapson explained the need for an additional alternate for the HRWA board. Fred Kendall had called Rapson and informed him that he was unable to confirm with the current alternate attendance at the next meeting. Confer commented that he will contact the alternate, no action is needed at this time.

Polega explained that the Parks and Rec. committee has met with the Splash Pad committee. Ideally the Splash Pad needs to be located near water. The purposed location is Bird Creek County Park. For the committee to be able to pursue grants the Village needs to be in control of the Park. The Parks committee has met with the Huron County Road Commission and discussed a possible lease with the county for the park. Polega reported at this point the agreement would have the county maintaining any current structures at the park, and the village maintaining the beach, grass, and any new additions to the park. (I.e. Splash Pad, etc.)

Much discussion was had. Committee is looking for approve to continue discussion and negotiations with the county on a possible lease. The lease would be presented to the council for approval at a later time.

Moved Maschke, support Andreski to allow the Parks and Rec. committee to continue discussion and negotiations with the county on a possible lease for Bird Creek Park. Ayes: All

Angela Alaouie and Sara Straight were present on behalf of the Splash Pad committee to present the plan for the purposed Splash Pad. The plan is to pull water from the lake and treat it with a UV light that will kill

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any harmful in the water. Other Splash Pads are using this system, and it is the most cost effective. Much discussion was had on the following, Screen on intake, drains, sand, liability, life span, and winterization. Polega commented that Thumb Heating and cooling would donate the winterization of the system each year. The committee would like permission to locate the Splash Pad at Bird Creek and to be able to pursue grants.

Moved Maschke, support Brecht to approve locating the Splash Pad at Bird Creek Park providing that a lease has been entered into with the county, and also to give permission to the Splash Pad Committee to pursue grants through the Village to help fund the Splash Pad. Ayes: All

Brecht asked how much grant funding they would need. They are still working on final numbers and it will depend on how much can be raised through fundraisers also.

Maschke commented that she would like to request a raise in her pay for the Ambulance Board. She is currently getting \$35 per meeting and would like it raised to \$45.

Moved Brecht, support Andreski to set the meeting pay for attending Ambulance Board meetings at \$45 per meeting. Ayes 4 Abstain: Maschke

Andreski reported that the Streets committee has finished the work on the reclassification of some streets from Local to Major. They would include Washington Street in its entirety, State Street from Line Street to West Spring Street, and Sand Road in its entirety. Some discussion was had. The request needs to be sent to MDOT and then they will approve or deny.

Moved Andreski, support Maschke to submit the request to MDOT as presented. Ayes: All

Maschke still feels a separate motion needs to be made to approve paying the Village representatives on the PAASWA board. Even though it is in the approved budget it is something new and needs approval, which should include the rate of pay. Some discussion was had.

Moved Maschke, support Andreski to approve the paying of the Village Representatives on the PAASWA board, \$45 per meeting, starting with the meetings for 2017. Ayes: All

Rapson briefly explained the Pension waiver of underfunded status. This is required by the state. It appears that it is partially due to our audit not being submitted yet.

Brecht asked if we have heard anything from the auditors? Rapson commented he e-mailed them last week and has not gotten a response. Brecht commented that we should call them daily until we have the audit. Confer commented that he will call Doug tomorrow.

Moved Brecht, support Andreski to approve submitting the waiver to the state as presented. Ayes: All

Some discussion was had on the purposed Swing Bridge from the State Harbor to Bird Creek Park.

Moved Maschke, support Andreski to approve locating the Swing Bridge at Bird Creek Park providing that a lease has been entered into with the county, and also to give permission to the Lions Club to pursue grants through the Village to help fund the Swing Bridge. Ayes: All

Correspondence: Maschke commented that a letter was sent to a business regarding complying with the dumpster ordinance. They have complied but also have some questions. She will be calling the owner tomorrow.

Moved Brecht, support Andreski to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: All

There were several additions to the bills; an updated list was given to the council.

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Moved Maschke, support Brecht to pay the bills, with additions, in the amount of \$3,984.33. Ayes: All

Attorneys: NA

Department head report/requests:

DPW: Parrish commented that the school is willing to contribute up to \$2,000 towards the ball fields as long as it is matched by the Village. Much discussion was had on the topic including what improvements need to be done.

Moved Brecht, support Andreski to spend up to \$2,000 towards improvements at the Ball Fields as long as it is matched dollar for dollar from the school. Ayes: All

Parrish was asked to keep Council updated on what is being spent.

Parrish reported that the transmission on the old plow truck has been fixed and he had to replace the batteries on the new plow truck. It was noted that more stone is falling off the Welcome Center. They will continue to glue it back on when the weather gets warm.

Police: Hartsell thanked the local businesses for their support of the Fireworks casino trip.

Hartsell has also contacted the attorney to have them write up policies on taser, and body camera use. Sergeant Obrien also attended a training last week.

Clerk: Rapson reported that he has the copies of the plans from the MSU students at his office if anyone is interested in looking at them. He also reported that he has not gotten any complaints on the new water rates.

Treasurer: NA

Ambulance: Meeting is this week.

DDA: NA

Planning: NA

HRWA: NA

PAASWA: NA

Committee Reports:

Ordinance: Maschke commented that the committee will be ramping up enforcement of the ordinances.

Parks: the following were added to the committee list; Bird Creek, Bridge, Splash Pad

Water: Confer commented that press releases have gone out and the Detroit Free Press will be running and article also.

Council Member Comments: NA

With no further business; **Moved Maschke, support Brecht** meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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 ___12th___ day of _____March_____ 2018.

_____ Thomas Rapson, Village Clerk