

AGENDA
THE PORT AUSTIN VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 10, 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. Vine Street
2. Floating Dock Bids
3. Budget Adjustments
4. Pollination Garden
5. HRWA Alternates

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. MDOT letter
2. Complaint - PAK

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve:

August 13, 2018 Council Minutes

Acknowledge Receipt Of:

Audit Report

July 2, August 6, Fire Dept Minutes

July Police Report

Cash Summary, & Revenue & Expenditure Report

PAYMENT OF BILLS ----- \$2,806.93

ATTORNEY:

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT / REQUEST:

DPW: Tree Removal – Washington St.

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.

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

1.

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

1.

Ordinance ----- Kendall & Maschke

1. Noise

Parks & Recreation ----- Polega & Jobe

1. Rec. Plan 2. Bird Creek 3. Bridge 4. Splash Pad

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

1. Easements 2. Charging Station

Fish Cleaning Station ----- Mike Morgan, Todd Murawski, Brandt Rousseaux, 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, Jobe, Maschke, Confer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kendall, Polega

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Thomas Rapson, Dale Hartsell, Amanda Nienaltowski

GUESTS PRESENT: Ron Lamke, Mary Gottschalk, Seth Stapleton, Judy Beam, Betsy Loegel

President Confer called the regular meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Roll Call was taken.

Public Comment: Judy Beam was present as asked if the Village was planning on ordering anymore of the crack sealer that is being used on the tennis courts. Lakeside would like to share an order if we are. Council is ok with sharing an order if we are doing one. Rapson will check with Parrish and let Beam know. Beam also commented that they are patiently waiting the fixing of the anchors at the courts.

Betsy Loegel was present and discussed her zoning permit application. She waited 4 weeks for a response from Mark Gembarski. She does not agree with his reasoning for denying her application which she will be addressing the Planning Commission on. She feels that the process should move smoother and in a more timely fashion.

Agenda: Vine Street Seawall project was discussed. A letter has been received from Stiverson regarding change orders to the project and additional costs. Rob Stiverson was present and explained his letter. There are two separate topics, additional costs of work already completed, and addressing the drainage issue. His main concern is if the Village is being treated fairly. He recommends paying the balance of the original contract price which is \$10,393. Discussion was had on the drainage and washout issues. Pierson is willing to share in the cost of doing a trench drain system. Stiverson feels a curb would work just as well and would be a less expensive option.

Moved Andreski, support Jobe to pay Pierson the balance of the original contract price in the amount of \$10,393.00. Ayes: All

Moved Brecht, support Jobe to refer the additional cost to the streets committee for review, and to have all parties meet on site to discuss the items, and then to have the committee make a recommendation to the Council. Ayes: All

Rapson opened and read the two bids for the old floating docks. Dave Strzeski for \$350.99, and Port Austin Marina for \$1,000.

Moved Brecht, support Maschke to accept the bid from Port Austin Marina for \$1,000. Ayes: All

Nienaltowski explained the budget adjustments.

Moved Brecht, support Andreski to approve the budget adjustments as presented. Ayes: All

Confer commented that no one is present to discuss the Pollination Garden. Issue was tabled.

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Confer commented that Kendall will be out of town for the next Huron Regional Water meeting. Confer is willing to be the alternate. **Moved Maschke, support Andreski** to appoint Dan Confer as alternate on the Huron Regional Water Board. Ayes: All

Correspondence: Rapson explained the letter from MDOT. They have turned down the requests for reclassification of streets. We can request again at a later date.

Rapson also explained the complaint forms received on the music at PAKs. Some discussion was had. The issue will continue to be monitored.

Rapson also explained the complaint received regarding a trailer on Prospect Street. Some discussion was had. Mark Gembarski is reviewing it.

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

Moved Maschke, support Andreski to pay the bills in the amount of \$2,806.93. Ayes: All

Attorneys: NA

Department head report/requests:

DPW: Rapson explained that we had gotten a request to look into taking down a maple tree on Washington Street that is getting bad and has ants in it already. It is on the Village road way. Parrish has gotten two prices on having it removed. Tri-County Tree Service for \$1,160 and Rice Tree Service for \$998.

Moved Maschke, support Brecht to approve the bid from Rice Tree Service for \$998 to remove the tree on Washington Street. Ayes: All

Police: Hartsell commented that he is waiting for Melissa to come back from leave. She is doing better.

Clerk: Rapson reported that he had been contact by Chad Gainor inquiring if the Village would be interested in setting up free Wi-Fi in the Village. He is currently working with Harbor Beach. Some discussion was had.

Rapson has gotten a price from Rainbow Restoration on getting the Welcome Center carpet cleaned. It would be approximately \$325 based on the Sq footage of the room. **Moved Maschke, support Brecht** to have Rainbow Restoration clean the Welcome Center carpet after Halloween. Ayes: All

Rapson and Confer have sent a letter to the Township Board requesting the Road Millage funds that were not paid due to the gap in dates from the old contract to the new contract.

Rapson reported that the Port Austin Historical Society has invited the Village Council to hold the October Council Meeting at the History Center. They would also be providing dinner for the Council before the meeting. Dinner would be at 5:30pm with the meeting at the regular time of 6:30pm.

Moved Maschke, support Jobe to accept the invitation as presented. Ayes: All

Treasurer: Nienaltowski commented that taxes are closing up this week on Friday. She also reported that she will be meeting with Independent Bank to discuss the uninsured amounts.

Nienaltowski and Confer briefly discussed some main concerns from the auditors, too few people double checking things, uninsured funds, and having the DDA funds listed in the Village accounting system.

All are being addressed.

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Ambulance: Maschke commented that we need to keep in mind a possible subsidy increase next year.

DDA: NA

Planning: NA

HRWA: NA

PAASWA: confer commented that there are PFAS in Port Austin.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Audit report has been received. Brecht reviewed some items from the report including the items previously mention along with retirement funding, and street funds. The street funds received from taxes including the township contribution can be split between local and major streets however we choose, however the Act 51 has to be split according to the State. Brecht also commented that the General fund is allowed to loan to the street funds for projects. Some discussion was had on street funds.

Ordinance: Maschke commented that things are going good with the blight and dumpster violations. Another round of grass letters may have to be sent to some.

Parks: Jobe commented that she is still working on the Rec. Plan and she is just trying to coordinate schedules with Monica Schwanitz who is willing to help.

Confer commented that we could possibly be scheduling a special meeting to address an agreement on Bird Creek Park.

Maschke asked if everything at the Butterfly house is completed. It is unsure.

Andreski discussed having a concept plan for Tower Park so that improvements are placed appropriately. Monica Schwanitz would be willing to do the plan; her cost would be approximately \$1,000.

Moved Andreski, support Jobe to approve up to \$1,000 to have Monica Schwanitz do a concept plan for Tower Park. Ayes: All

Council Member Comments:

Maschke commented that Gernith's birthday party went very well. She also commented that there are some Puerto Ricans already in town.

Jobe also commented that Gernith's party was very nice.

Confer commented that we now have 24 new Puerto Rican residents in town. Thumb Area Transit has been helping with transport. Discussion was had on St. Michaels Church having a welcoming dinner for them and if the Village wants to do something similar.

With no further business; **Moved Brecht, support Jobe** meeting adjourned at 8:03 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 ___10th___ day of _____September____ 2018.

_____ Thomas Rapson, Village Clerk