

AGENDA
THE PORT AUSTIN VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 11, 2017

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. John Upthegrove
2. RRC Resolution
3. MDOT – Spring Street
4. Ambulance Board Representative
5. Noise Ordinance Amendment

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve:

August 14, 2017 Council Minutes

Acknowledge Receipt Of:

July & August Police Report

August 7th Fire Dept. Minutes

Income and Balance Sheet

PAYMENT OF BILLS - - - - - \$1,527.43

ATTORNEY:

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT / REQUEST:

DPW:

Police:

Clerk Report:

Treasurer Report: BS&A

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. Fireworks 2. Dog

Parks & Recreation ----- Polega & Jobe

- 1. Butterfly House

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

- 1. Gym 2. Feasibility Study 3. Independence 4. Easements update

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

- 1.

Water Task Force ----- Kendall, Maschke

- 1.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Adjourn:

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17 West State Street, Port Austin, MI 48467

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andreski, Brecht, Jobe, Kendall, Maschke, Polega, Confer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Thomas Rapson, Dale Hartsell, Chad Parrish, Amanda Nienaltowski

GUESTS PRESENT: Debbie Penn, Don Demaggio, Ron Gottschalk, Angie Stoutenburg, Barb King, Cameron Schwanitz

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

President Confer called the regular meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Roll Call was taken.

Public Comment: Cameron Schwanitz thanked everyone who supported the MSU students on their recent visit to Port Austin.

Angie Stoutenburg was present and discussed the Splash Pad idea. She explained what a splash pad is and the different types of systems. She plans to meet with the Parks and Rec. committee to work on a location. Three possible locations are Bird Creek Park, Veterans Park and Tower Park.

Polega commented that there will be a more formal presentation coming later, this is just to introduce the idea and start the discussion.

Agenda: John Upthegrove was present and explained that he has been observing the buzzards roosting in the trees at Gallup Park. They are killing the trees. He would like permission to use a rifle with blanks in it to shoot and scare them off at dusk. Some discussion was had. Confer suggested that maybe the police department do it or at least accompany Upthegrove when it is done.

Move Maschke, support Brecht to allow John Upthegrove accompanied by the Police Department to shoot blanks to scare off the buzzards at Gallup Park. Ayes: All

Upthegrove explained his second request. He would like permission to run a drain tile from the back of his brother's property through Tower Park to the ditch on Adams Street. The tile would be along the north property line of Tower Park. He handed out a drawing of the purposed location. Some discussion was had.

Moved Maschke, support Brecht to allow John Upthegrove to run the tile through Tower Park as presented. Ayes: All

Clerk Rapson explained the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities Resolution. This is one of the steps to become engaged in the RRC program so we will be eligible for MEDC grants. Brandt Rousseaux will be assisting Rapson with the other requirement which is the self evaluation.

Moved Polega, support Jobe to approve the RRC engagement resolution as presented. Ayes: All

Polega explained the West Spring Street project. MDOT will be beginning the repaving on Wednesday this week. They have asked the Village to make a decision on the parking issues from the main corner to Veterans Park. The Streets committee has looked at it and recommends shifting the lane line to the north, from the main corner to Veterans Park, eliminating parking on the north side. Polega commented that MDOT will also be posting the current areas of no parking better. Some Discussion was had. Brecht asked if there was any talk about widening. Polega commented that it would be very expensive and possibly not

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even feasible.

Moved Maschke, support Andreski to allow MDOT to proceed with the relining on West Spring Street, moving the line to the north, and to have no parking on the north side from the main corner to Veterans Park. Ayes: All

Council asked if Rapson could make up a flyer and have Hartsell distribute it to the residents and business along West Spring Street making them aware of the repaving project.

Maschke commented that she has been approached by several residents concerned about the parking along M-25 when Bird Creek Farms has their big events. Several members commented that Bird Creek Farms encourages people to park on the south side and to use the available lots.

Rapson explained that Dianne Maschke has agreed to sit on the Ambulance board as the Port Austin representative. **Moved Kendall, support Polega** to appoint Dianne Maschke to the Central Huron Ambulance board, replacing Thomas Rapson. Ayes: 6 Abstain: Maschke

Maschke explained the copy of the amended Noise Ordinance. Some discussion was had. **Moved Kendall, support Maschke** to approve the amended Noise Ordinance as presented. Ayes: All

Correspondence: NA

Moved Polega, support Kendall to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: All

There was one addition to the bills in the amount of \$530.69

Moved Brecht, support Polega to pay the bills, with addition, in the amount of \$2,058.12. Ayes: All

Attorneys: NA

Department head report/requests:

DPW: Parrish commented that they are getting ready for fall. We should have the plow truck back before snow comes.

Police: Hartsell commented that the old car is at the auction right now and is up to about \$1,300.

Clerk: Rapson commented that everyone has a form for direct deposit if they would like to receive their council pay that way.

Treasurer: Nienaltowski explained the quote on the BS&A software update. This is the accounting software we use for taxes, payroll, etc. Our current version will soon not be receiving updates. The quote is for the updated version. It could be broken down and done in phases. It can wait until next fiscal year; she just wanted to bring it to the board's attention. Some discussion was had on how secure our systems are. The county has talked about possibly extending their security to the smaller communities.

The auditors are still trying to meet with the previous auditors so they can finish things up. Updated Balance and Income sheets are in your packets.

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Ambulance: Rapson gave a brief update on the last meeting.

DDA: NA

Planning: NA

HRWA: Kendall commented that they are still having some issues with the system as they did in June. They are continuing to trouble shoot and replace components to fix the problem.

PAASWA: Kendall commented that two pumps in a lift station failed, but it is getting fixed and the insurance is covering the repairs. The painting of the Water Tower will be resumed soon.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Kendall spoke about the audit and the DDA possibly covering the cost of their portion. Their by-laws require them to use our auditor. It will be looked into.

Police: Maschke reported that the committee has met and reviewed the Township police contract. Confer commented that they will try to meet with some of the township board.

Parks and Rec: Polega reported that the butterfly house is up and running.

Polega explained the purposed updates to the Rec. Plan. He briefly went through the basics of what needs to be updated including things like the new projects, fit park and splash pad, and also updating items that have been completed. Also changing the plans for the gym to including saving and renovating. The committee is looking for approval to update the plan and post for a public hearing to be held before the next council meeting. Some discussion was had.

Moved Kendall, support Andreski to approve the committee updating the Rec. Plan and to set a public hearing on October 9th before the regular council meeting.

Buildings, Grounds, and Streets: Jobe spoke about the gym surveys that were returned. 65 Renovate, 14 Tear down/sell, and 21 leave as is.

Much Discussion was had on the topic. Confer commented that we had several volunteers step forward and he will be organizing the committee so a plan on how to move forward can be developed.

Maschke spoke about the Omelia Street easement. It is only 25 ft wide and it appears the neighbors are encroaching on the easement.

The Vine Street Easement project should be starting soon.

Brecht spoke about the reclassifying of some of our streets from “local” to “major”. There are no major streets on the west side of town, Washington, State and possible Sand should be reclassified. This would mean more funds from the State of Michigan also. This was talked about last budget year and never done. The committee will work on it.

Water: Kendall reported that the committee will be meeting tomorrow to review the website.

Some discussion was had.

Council Member Comments:

Brecht commented that there are a lot of yellow lines painted on sidewalks. We need to address some of our existing sidewalks.

Maschke commented that there are no designated handicap spots in town. Some discussion was had on possible spots or ways to make temporary spots during the market. The streets committee will look into if there are permanent spots available.

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Jobe commented that she will not be here for the next meeting. She will be in Poland.

With no further business; **Moved Polega, support Maschke** meeting adjourned at 8:19 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 ___11th___ day of _____September____ 2017.

_____ Thomas Rapson, Village Clerk