

AGENDA
THE PORT AUSTIN VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 26, 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. John Pridnia
2. Trick or Treat hours – 5:30 – 7 pm
3. Zoning Revenues & Expenses and Council Meeting Costs

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve:

September 12, 2011 Council Minutes

Acknowledge Receipt Of:

August 18th, 2011 Planning Commission Minutes

June 16th, 2011 DDA Minutes

August 10th, PAA SWA Minutes

August 2011 Monthly Police Report

PAYMENT OF BILLS - - - - - \$ 680.14

ATTORNEYS:

Sosnoski recommendation

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT / REQUEST:

Bob Horetski:

Dale Hartsell:

Clerk Report:

Treasurer Report:

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

September 26, 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.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Ray Braun

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Councilmember Bruce.

Roll Call was taken.

A letter from Thumb Arts Guild was added to the agenda under correspondence.

John Pridnia explained what is happening with the DNR harbor improvements. They plan to go out for bid in the beginning of October for what is called phase 2. Phase 2 includes the improvements to the gas dock, bath house, utility upgrades, and some dredging. They are hoping to have funding for the west dock replacement in 2013.

Pridnia was asked about the breakwall flow through. He commented that when Candice Miller was here she looked at the wall and the issues including the repairs needed on the last section of the wall and the need for a flow through. She has requested that the Army Corp visit the site and look at the issues. Miller will also be offering assistance to the Lighthouse acquisition effort.

Pridnia commented that now that the lights are off in the Park for the season, he feels it is a bit dangerous when you drive through because you cannot see some of the things that are close to the road.

Pridnia presented a conceptual drawing of a sign for the Welcome Center. He estimates that it will cost about \$2,200 dollars to build and install. It follows the theme of the sculpture in the park. Pridnia is looking for Village approval to proceed and find the funding.

Moved Bruce, support Ranger to approve the sign concept as presented and to allow John Pridnia to seek funds and proceed at no cost to the Village. Ayes: All

Moved Bruce, support Ranger to set the Village Trick or Treat hours to 5:30 – 7:00 pm on Halloween. Ayes: All

Some discussion was had on the number of council meetings per month and the cost savings for going to one meeting a month. Discussion was had on day and time.

Moved Hogan, support Bruce to hold one council meeting per month, on the second Monday at 6:30pm, for 6 months, starting in November. Ayes: all

Discussion was had on raising the Zoning Permit Fee to \$75 to cover costs.

Moved Hogan, support Bruce to set the Zoning permit fee at \$75, starting immediately. Motion was rescinded.

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Much discussion was had on the fees and expenses.

Moved Hogan, support Bruce to raise the Zoning Permit fee to \$75 and maintain the \$50 per permit to Zoning Administrator Mark Gembarski. Ayes: All

Much discussion was had on reducing the pay received for a ZBA meeting.

Moved Hogan that the Zoning administrator gets \$25 and that the meeting pay be reduced to \$20.

Motion withdrawn

Moved Hogan, support Nichols to set the Zoning Board or appeals meeting pay at \$20.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Andreski, Bruce, Hogan, Nichols, Ranger, Toner, and Murawski

Nays: 0

Correspondence: Discussion was had on the letter received from TAG requesting the use of the Welcome Center meeting room. Council requested that TAG fill out the applications for the dates and times requested.

Rapson commented that he has several copies of the PAASWA audit if someone would like one.

Public Comment: NA

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

Moved Ranger, support Hogan to pay the bills in the amount of \$680.14 Ayes: All

Attorneys: Hogan suggested that attorney Boyle attends the next meeting to discuss his recommendations regarding the Sosnoski property, and answer any questions the Council may have. Much discussion was had on the potential conflict of interest that Boyle would have. Rapson was asked to e-mail Boyle and request that he attend the next meeting and be ready to give recommendations if he is in conflict.

Department head report/requests:

Bob: Bob has talked with Terry Boyle about moving the fountain that he put by the street so it does not get hit with the snow plow during the winter.

He is also working on getting the faucet in the women's bathroom at the Welcome Center fixed. The company is sending the part at no cost to us.

Dale: Hartsell would like the Council to raise the fee charged for a copy of a police report from \$2 to \$5.

Moved Bruce, Support Toner to raise the Police report fee from \$2 to \$5. Ayes: All

Hartsell reported that the parents of the kids that did the damage at Gallup Park have agreed to pay the full amount.

Clerk: Rapson handed out the certificates of election to Murawski, Bruce and Toner.

Treasurer:

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Planning: Andreski reported that the public hearing for the Kooky Golf rezoning request has to be rescheduled.

Hogan asked if the commission has addressed the issue of accessory buildings on vacant lots yet.

DDA: Murawski reported that the DDA had some discussion on paying the balance of the Village's line of credit after the Village receives all of the grant funds.

Committee Reports:

Special Events: Straw bale voting going on right now.

Public Buildings: Committee will work on possible cost savings at the Welcome Center and Veterans Park.

Streets: Spring Street bridge work will be in the second week of October.

Council Member Comments:

Nichols: It has been a nice 4 years working with all of you.

Ranger: It has been nice working with you too Rene.

With no further business; **Moved Bruce, Support Hogan;** meeting adjourned at 9:19 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 26 day of September 2011.

_____ Thomas Rapson, Village Clerk