

Monday August 12, 2019

*PORT AUSTIN VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING*  
*17 West State Street, Port Austin, MI 48467*

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce, Jobe, Maschke, Andreski, Brecht, Murawski

MEMBERS ABSENT: Polega

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Amanda Nienaltowski, Josh Kidd, Dale Hartsell

GUESTS PRESENT (Regular Meeting): Darcie Finan-Morgan, Monica Schwanitz, Mary Brosnan-Peters, Kenneth Sosnoski, Terry Ross, Ken Kuszynski, Helen Ranger, Mary Ellen Babcock

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

**Public Comment:**

A concerned resident provided a handout regarding the MOA and hearing damage /speech interference assessment. She would like to see a resolution from council to help save our health and hearing.

Terry Ross: Updated the council on the meeting that was had at the county commissioners meeting regarding the MOA. Air force wants/needs our input. Mr. Ross also presented copies of resolutions from other communities opposing the proposal.

**Agenda:**

1. **Ken Kuszynski-** Library has had an issue with snow melt and the sidewalk in front of the library. They would like to take the two downspouts from the library and tie them into the storm sewers.

**Motion Maschke, support Bruce** to grant permission to the Port Austin Township Library to tie in underground to the storm sewers at no cost to the Village. Aye: All

2. **Master Plan** - Murawski presented information regarding a group, LIAA, that will look at our master plan and make amendments/suggestions free of charge. They have a Coastal Resilience Team that partners with local coastal communities to provide this service.

Murawski read a resolution allowing LIAA to assist in this process. The Village of Port Austin agrees to allow LIAA to assist the Village of Port Austin Planning Commission in updating the Master Plan and also developing Master Plan amendments that result in greater coastal and community wide resilience, through the Planning for Resilient Coastal Communities Grant Program.

**Motion Bruce, support Maschke** to the above resolution. Ayes: All

3. **North Street & Railroad Street** – Discussion was had on the catch basin located by Birdie on the Fly on North Street. It has begun to deteriorate. Clancy Bros Excavating has quoted \$5000 to fix properly.

**Motion Bruce, support Maschke** to approve Clancy Bros Excavating to fix the catch basin located at North Street in the amount of \$5000. Ayes: All Abstain: Andreski

4. Bird Creek Park deck boards were discussed. The boards were fixed today, August 12.

**Correspondence:**

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1. **Ken Sosnoski: Letter of Interest DDA** – presented the council with his background and interest in being on the DDA for the Village. His background includes quantitative and analytical skills and he is a business owner within the DDA district.
2. **Army Corps of Engineers** – Nienaltowski explained this is a renewal agreement regarding the ability to put the safety ring and cabinet on the breakwall. It is a 5 year agreement.
3. **Special Events: Form Car Cruise In**

**Motion Bruce, support Jobe** to approve the special event as presented. Ayes: All

**Consent Agenda:**

**Motion Bruce, support Jobe** to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: All

**Bills:**

**Motion Brecht, Support Maschke** to approve the bills as presented, with amendment to the allocation of Rehmann's bill for the audit. Road funds should be split 50/50 . Ayes: All

**Attorney:**

1. The Attorney is following up with the house on West Spring Street in regards to the blight still. He has spoken with the owners and is working towards a resolution.
2. Murawski discussed the issues of temporary fences in the road right of ways. Issue to be sent to the attorney for review.

**Department head report/requests:**

**DPW:** Railroad Street sidewalk to the library needs attention as well as Vine Street.

**Motion Maschke, support Jobe** to have DPW fix the Vine Street sidewalk where there is an issue. Ayes: All

**Police:** Maschke would like a meeting.

**Clerk/Treasurer:** Independent Bank CDS are up for renewal. Nienaltowski will research rates. Reminder that taxes are due September 16 also.

**Committee Reports:**

**Ordinance:** Ordinance committee looked into a complaint about grass behind the Kooky Golf fence to the south. They deemed there to be no action to take.

The blight home on Larned Road was discussed. No clean up has been done to date. Work expected to be started soon.

The old Thumb Lumber building was also discussed. Clancy's are expected to resume clean up in the fall.

**Parks & Recreation:** Maschke discussed Bird Creek Park clean up and how she wants to see plans for the Splash Pad. She is concerned about the erosion at the park as well. Discussion was had.

**Council Member Comments:**

**Jobe:**

- Discussed the large chair on the corner of State and Lake. A large metal piece of Turnip Rock was added since last meeting. The chair needs to be moved this fall.

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- Mentioned that John Upthegrove has taken care of the turkey vulture problem at Gallop Park.

**Maschke:**

- Agreed the big chair needs to be moved soon. Where is it going?
- Welcome Center has had a few issues. Chairs from the meeting room are out in the lobby and shouldn't be, windows need to be cleaned. Discussion was had on the Chamber of Commerce and their office usage.

With no further business; **Moved Bruce, support Maschke** meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

**Clerk Certification**

I the undersigned, Amanda Nienaltowski, 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   12   day of   August   2019.

\_\_\_\_\_ Amanda Nienaltowski, Village Clerk