

AGENDA
THE PORT AUSTIN VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, August 14, 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. Lynn Mayes
2. Cameron – MSU, Market, Etc.
3. Boat Dock Replacement
4. Outdoor Fitness Equipment
5. DDA Expenditures
- 6.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Tree
2. Judy Beam

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve:

July 10, 2017 Council Minutes

Acknowledge Receipt Of:

June Police Report
July 3rd Fire Dept. Minutes

PAYMENT OF BILLS - - - - - \$6,448.51

ATTORNEY:

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT / REQUEST:

DPW:

Police:

Clerk Report:

Treasurer Report:

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Polega

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Thomas Rapson, Dale Hartsell, Chad Parrish

GUESTS PRESENT: Carl Osentoski, Lisa Pridnia, Cameron Schwanitz, Sharon Upthegrove, Karen Mayes, Jane G, Alice Yaroch, Joanna Babcock, Judy Beam, Lynn Mayes, Marne Schwedler, Rich Yaroch, Colleen Angeluski, Robert Angeluski, Donna Silverman, Dianne Whitenack, James Whitenack, Richard Wojcik, Sandra Sobieski

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

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

Roll Call was taken.

There will be two additions to the agenda, Direct Deposit, and Spring Street.

Public Comment: Several residents were in attendance and expressed concerns about the corner of Sand and Larned Rd. There have been a lot of cars running the stop sign. Different options were discussed.

Donna Silverman commented that people are still speeding on east Spring Street by her house.

Maschke commented that she has gotten a few phone calls about bikes on the break wall and also dogs on veteran's beach. Some discussion was had.

Agenda: Lynn Mayes was present and explained a quote she had gotten from Holiday Lighting Services. They specialize in Christmas light installation. The lights would stay on the trees throughout the entire year, and can be left on the trees for up to three holiday seasons. Some discussion was had. The estimated cost for the 8 trees on the west side of Lake Street would be about \$5,000. She is hopeful that the Pricilla Club will fund it.

Moved Jobe, support Andreski to allow the installation of the Christmas lights if funding can be secured.

Ayes: All

Cameron Schwanitz explained the MSU Students. As part of a class, a group of MSU students will be doing a study of Port Austin. They will be developing plans to enhance the town. These plans could be used in the future for things like updating the master plan, zoning ordinance and development of the parks. The students will be making a visit to Port Austin in early September. Cameron is asking if the Village would consider donating up to \$1000 towards the cost of their visit. They already have rooms and some meals donated, and the Road Commission has also made a donation. Some discussion was had.

Moved Maschke, support Kendall to donate up to \$1,000 toward the MSU student visit. Ayes: All

Schwanitz would like to have a "night market" during girl's getaway weekend, which is September 22-24. It would run from 5pm – 9pm on Saturday. Council thought that would be a great idea.

Chad Parrish explained the proposal for new docks at the Village slips. He had also contacted the other company that the State had used, but he never received a call back from them. These docks would still be

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taken out each year. They will be a bit wider and also no poles. The funds would come from the dock fund and there is more than enough in the account. If we order them now then they can be ready to be put in in the spring.

Moved Maschke, support Jobe to order the new docks from Flotation Docking Systems as presented.

Ayes: All

Parrish was asked to find out what kind of warranty we will have on the docks.

Several ladies from the Pricilla Club were present to discuss their plans for the Fit Park. The location would be in Veterans Park as shown in the handouts. The DDA has committed to the ongoing maintenance cost and also will be contributing \$10,000 towards the project. They will be approaching the Pricilla Club for funding, and they are working on possible grants. They are looking for approval from the Council on the location. Some discussion was had on parking, ages, liability, and durability.

Moved Maschke, support Andreski to approve the location of the Fit Park as presented. Ayes: All

Rapson explained that at the last DDA meeting two expenditures were made that need council approval. One was the contribution of \$10,000 towards the Fit Park and also paying Thomas Rapson \$50/ meeting for taking the minutes and preparing the agendas.

Moved Andreski, support Kendall to approve the DDA expenditure of \$10,000 towards the Fit Park.

Ayes: All

Moved Kendall, Support Andreski to approve the DDA expenditure of paying Rapson \$50/ meeting.

Ayes: All

There are several employees interested in direct deposit for their paychecks. It is available through Independent Bank. It would be a separate checking account at Independent. There is a small fee per month for the service.

Moved Maschke, support Kendall to approve setting up direct deposit through Independent Bank.

Ayes: All

Andreski explained that MDOT is willing to work with the Village on changing the parking along West Spring Street, possibly including shifting the lanes over. Much discussion was had. MDOT will possibly be repaving West Spring in the fall. MDOT just needs the Village to tell them what we want to do. Discussion was had on possibly doing a traffic study.

Moved Maschke, support Jobe to have Polega continue to work with MDOT on the issue.

Ayes: All

Correspondence: Rapson explained the letter that was received regarding the tree on West State Street. A large branch came down on July 28th and damaged two cars owned by Kyle Steigerwald. Rapson is working with the Village's insurance to see if there is any coverage for the damage. Parrish has gotten two quotes on having the tree removed. Discussion was had on whether insurance will cover taking the tree down.

Moved Kendall, Support Maschke to accept the quote from Endeavor Tree to have the tree removed, and to see if the insurance will cover the cost. Ayes: All

Judy Beam was present and discussed her letter. Confer addressed the gym questions. Much discussion was had on how to get public input on what should be done with the gym.

A town hall meeting will be had on September 5th at 6pm to gather input from the residents.

Beam also explained her concerns with the "bubbling" on the tennis courts.

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

Moved Maschke, support Brecht to pay the bills in the amount of \$6,448.51. Ayes: All

Attorneys: NA

Department head report/requests:

DPW: Parrish reported that the mechanic is looking at what is wrong with the big dump truck.

Police: Hartsell commented that he will be getting the old patrol car to B&K Auction next week. More discussion was had on the issues at Sand and Larned.

Maschke asked why the council does not have the July police report this month. Hartsell commented that it is difficult to keep up with them in the summer with all the things going on. He will get caught up as things slow down. Maschke also commented that we will be working on the Township contract in September.

Clerk: Rapson explained that we will be having a ZBA before the next council meeting.

Rapson also explained that he has only been able to get one price on new carpet in the Village Hall. Kendall asked if it was for carpet squares, no. Rapson was asked to get more prices and on squares.

Rapson reported that since the roof has been replaced there have been no leaks in the front vestibule. The dry has been repaired in the vestibule also.

Treasurer: Kendall explained that with the transfers to Independent Bank we should be fully insured now.

Ambulance: Rapson explained that he would like to set down from the ambulance board before winter. He is looking for a replacement.

DDA: NA

Planning: The commission is working on solar installation regulations.

HRWA: Kendall reported that the budget is done and operating costs are the same.

PAASWA: Kendall reported that they are still looking for unaccounted water.

Committee Reports:

Ordinance: Discussion was had on flashing signs in town. It would be a zoning issue.

Discussion was had on amending the noise ordinance to include time frames, 11pm on Friday and Saturday, and 10 pm on weekdays.

Moved Maschke, support Andreski to move forward with amending the ordinance to include the time frames, 11pm on Friday and Saturday, and 10pm on weekdays. Ayes: All

Maschke would like a letter sent to Scott Steigerwald regarding cutting the grass on the property next to tasty freeze. Much Discussion was had.

Moved Kendall, support Maschke to table until contact can be made with the attorney. Ayes: All

Parks and Rec: Landscaping should begin at the butterfly house next week.

Water: Kendall gave a brief update on the committee's progress.

Council Member Comments:

Maschke commented that the DPW will be putting up a paper towel dispenser in the Welcome Center to help cut down on messes.

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She also commented that we should check with the attorney on where our authority ends in regards to the Break wall.

More discussion was had on flashing or scrolling signs.

Moved Jobe, support Brecht to recommend that the Planning Commission readdress the regulations on flashing and scrolling signs. Ayes: All

Kendall commented that we need to have the financial reports from the treasurer and he would like to see her attend more meetings.

Confer agreed with having the treasurer attend more meetings.

With no further business; **Moved Jobe, support Maschke** meeting adjourned at 8:27 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 ___14th___ day of ____August____ 2017.

Thomas Rapson, Village Clerk