

Monday December 9, 2019

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andreski, Brecht, Bruce, Jobe, Maschke, Polega (Pro Tiem)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Murawski

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Amanda Nienaltowski, Dale Hartsell, Josh Kidd, Mealissa Obrien

GUESTS PRESENT: Gary Stier

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

Public Comment:

None

Agenda:

1. **Gary Stier** – addressed the board about acquiring the rights to the easement currently to the east of his property at 290 East Spring Street. Discussion was had regarding water/sewer lines, if any, that ran through the easement, history of the property, etc. Research to be done by Buildings and Grounds Committee.
2. **Motion Maschke, support Bruce** to appoint Barb King to the Port Austin Area Sewer and Water Board to fill Fred Valasek's term. Ayes: All
3. **Motion Bruce, support Jobe** to appoint Brandt Rousseaux as an alternate to the Huron Regional Water Authority. Ayes: All

Correspondence:

1. **Dan Lauwers Letter**

Consent Agenda:

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

Bills:

Motion Bruce, support Maschke to approve the bills as presented for November and December, with the addition of Site One \$182.36 in the amount of \$25,783.26. Ayes: All

Attorney:

- The attorney Right of Way letter was discussed. Added under Ordinance Committee.
- Yellow blighted house on West Spring Street by Thumb Well Drilling was discussed. No further correspondence from attorney. Clerk will check into MML/Insurance attorneys to see if we can move forward with a response.
- Outstanding boat dock rental from 2018 was discussed. Clerk will send another certified invoice. Next step possibly small claims court.

Department head report/requests:

DPW: Kidd discussed DPW will be working on the street sweeper maintenance. Cost to be about \$800 for brooms/guides/etc. **Motion Bruce, support Brecht** to approve \$800 towards the street sweeper. Ayes: All

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Board Reports:

Ambulance: Board is looking at becoming a central training facility in correlation with STAT, a third party company. Cost would be \$15,000 per quarter to start up. This endeavor would generate revenue for the ambulance. Discussion was had.

DDA: Initial plans for the Gym/Farmers Market from Wade Trim include modest updates to the gym and year round activity.

Planning: Commission still working with LIAA to update the Master Plan.

HRWA: Discussion was had on the prospective replacement for the current plant operator.

Committee Reports:

Labor, Personnel, & Police: Committee met regarding police coverage/schedule. Discussion was had. Full time option was discussed. Topic was tabled.

Part time office worker was discussed to fill in during tax seasons and as needed. **Motion Maschke, support Bruce** to approve Donna Strozkeski at \$10 per hour to be the part-time fill in bondable office worker. Ayes: All

Finance, Grants, & Insurance: Brecht discussed speaking with Rehmann's colleague regarding MERS/retirement programs options. Discussion was had.

Motor Pool: New snow plow was discussed. DPW supervisor will get pricing.

Ordinance: Leaf pickup, right of way, blight, price of parking tickets will be researched.

Parks & Recreation: Splash Pad has been approved by the state to go out for bids. Maschke discussed the erosion issue on the Bird Creek Channel. DPW will look into setting traps.

Buildings & Grounds: Sidewalks repair tabled till spring.

Council Member Comments:

None

With no further business; **Moved Bruce, support Polega** meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

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 9 day of December 2019.

_____ Amanda Nienaltowski, Village Clerk