

AGENDA  
*THE PORT AUSTIN VILLAGE COUNCIL*  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, February 11, 2019

Call Meeting to Order at **6:00 pm Budget Hearing**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call: Andreski, Brecht, Bruce, Jobe, Maschke, Polega, & President Murawski

Additions/Deletions/Revisions to Agenda

**PUBLIC HEARING – Budget Hearing 6:00 pm**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

**REGULAR MEETING: 6:30pm**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

AGENDA:

1. Tax Levy Ratio Streets Funds – Proposing 70% Local 30% Major from 50% Local to 50% Major
2. Approve 2019-2020 Budget
3. 2018-2019 Budget Adjustments
4. Set Bird Creek & Vets Park Pavilion Rental Rates
5. Gallup Park Improvement Savings Acct – Approve Signatures
6. MERS unfunded liability pension payment

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Special Event Request – Dave Dybowski

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve:

January 14, 2019, Council Minutes

Acknowledge Receipt Of:

January Police Report

Balance Sheet & Revenue & Expenditure Report

January 7, 2019, Port Austin Fire Dept Minutes

PAYMENT OF BILLS ----- \$7481.30

ATTORNEY:

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT / REQUEST:

DPW:

Police:

Clerk Report:

Treasurer Report:

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 Murawski is a member of all Committees

Finance, Grants & Insurance ----- Brecht & \_\_\_\_\_

- 1.

Labor, Personnel & Police ----- Jobe & Maschke

- 1.

Motor Pool & Operations ----- Brecht & Andreski

- 1.

Ordinance ----- \_\_\_\_\_ & Maschke

- 1. Noise

Parks & Recreation ----- Polega & Jobe

- 1. Bridge            2. Splash Pad

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

- 1. Easements            2. Sidewalk Repairs 2019-2021

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

- 1.

Water Task Force ----- Kendall, King

- 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 (6:12pm), Brecht, Bruce, Maschke, Polega,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Murawski, Jobe (via telephone)

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Amanda Nienaltowski, Dale Hartsell, Chad Parrish

GUESTS PRESENT: Ben Muir

President Pro Tem Polega called the Public Hearing for the 2019-2020 Budget to order at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Roll Call was taken.

Treasurer Nienaltowski went over the 2019-2020 proposed budget and highlights. Highlights included:

**General Fund:**

- \$204,000 was added as a revenue and an expense for the Splash Pad Grant
- Increasing the Ambulance Subsidy expense from \$2700 to \$3984 due to the anticipated increase from Central Huron Ambulance
- Clerical Wages decrease of \$9000 for combining Clerk/Treasurer positions
- DPW requested a new screener for the compost site in the amount of \$4200
- Fire Dept Building Expense of \$20000
- Betty Drain assessment completed in 2018. Savings of about \$4000
- Increasing full time employee benefit of Dental/Optical from \$700 per person to \$1000
- Bird Creek Park expense: amount includes a part-time DPW worker

**Major Streets Fund:**

- Proposing local tax levy revenue ratio to be split 30% Major Streets 70% Local Streets, currently 50/50
- Allocating \$350,000 from reserve funds to be used to resurface Independence Street
- Capital Outlay for snow plow truck upgrade

**Local Street Fund:**

- Proposing local tax levy revenue ratio to be split 30% Major Streets 70% Local Streets, currently 50/50
- Capital Outlay for snow plow truck upgrade

All funds have balanced budgets for 2019-2020.

Public Comment: NA

**Motion Bruce, support Polega** to close Public Hearing at 6:25 pm.

President Pro Tem Polega called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Public Comment:** NA

**Agenda:**

Brecht explained how auditors said we could distribute street tax levies at whatever ratio the council sees fit. Currently, 50/50 has been the ratio. This ratio has helped Major Streets to be ready for the work on Independence Street. Local funds are in need of more of this ratio to prepare for future projects.

**Moved Brecht, support Maschke** to distribute street tax levies 30% Major Streets 70% Local Streets for

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2019-2020. **Ayes: All**

**Moved Bruce, support Andreski** to approve the 2019-2020 Budget as presented. **Ayes: All**

**Moved Bruce, support Andreski** to approve the 2018-2019 Budget Adjustments. **Ayes: All**

**Moved Maschke, Support Brecht** to set Bird Creek Park Pavilion and Vets Park Pavilion Rent at **\$100** each effective 2/11/19. **Ayes: All**

A generous donation of \$7250 was made by the Port Austin T-Ball and Coach Pitch League to be reserved for Gallup Park Improvements. The league extended a huge thank you to all the businesses/organizations/volunteers who helped make the program a success.

**Moved Maschke, support Andreski** to approve new savings account named Gallup Park Improvements. **Ayes: All**

Nienaltowski will send a thank you letter to the league for their donation.

Discussion was had on the Village's MERS underfunded liability and the current contributions being made by the Village and employees. Underfunded liability is not at risk, but not at 100%. Bruce asked if this type of payment was done in previous years. No, but the underfunded level can effect credit ratings/bonds. Payment was budgeted for current FY. Discussion also on part-time employees options.

**Motion Maschke, support Brecht** to make a payment from the 2018-2019 Budget to MERS underfunded liability pension in the amount of \$5000. **Ayes: All**

**Correspondence:** Special Event from Dave Dybowski was discussed for use of the Gym on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. Tabled until further information is received.

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

Two additions to the bills in the amount of \$1647.21. Nienaltowski also pointed out a State of Michigan Unemployment payment for Mike Williams first quarter 2018. Maschke explained in speaking with the unemployment office, the Village is a reimbursing employer, so the Village owes only when an employee draws unemployment. Jobe discussed a 2012 law change of voluntary quit and whether or not this has to be paid. Discussion was had on this subject

**Moved Bruce, support Andreski** to pay the bills, as amended, in the amount of \$9128.51. **Ayes: All**

**Attorneys:** NA

**Department head report/requests:**

**DPW:** Old plow truck needs to be fixed.

**Police:** NA

**Clerk:** Nienaltowski will look into a USDA grant for a snow plow truck upgrade .

**Treasurer:** NA

**Ambulance:** Meeting Wednesday

**DDA:** NA

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Planning: NA

HRWA: Meeting is Thursday.

PAASWA: NA

**Committee Reports:**

**Labor, Personnel, & Police:** Maschke commented on the dumpster on Spring Street. Dale Hartsell to talk with owner/dumpster company.

**Motion Maschke, no support** to have the dumpster moved in 10 days.

**Parks & Recreation:** Maschke asked for an estimated start date of Splash Pad. Discussion was had on what the County needs for plans. Polega will get something is writing to bring to the council and the County.

**Buildings, Grounds, & Streets:** Independence Street options were discussed. A 3 year sidewalk program was discussed. Committee will work on recommendations/plan.

Grants to add a bike/walking path were also discussed for Independence Street. Nienaltowski will contact Carl Osentoski at the EDC to see available options.

With no further business; **Moved Maschke, support Polega** meeting adjourned at 7:30 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 \_\_\_11\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_February\_\_\_\_ 2019.

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