

AGENDA
THE PORT AUSTIN VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 10, 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. Karen Mayes
2. Set check signers at PA State Bank
3. Set check signers at Frankenmuth Credit
4. Approve Frankenmuth Credit Union Membership
5. Special Event Request – Bird Creek Farms

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Huron County Prosecuting Attorney
2. Craig Murchison

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve:

June 12, 2017 Council Minutes

Acknowledge Receipt Of:

April 12th & May 10th PAASWA Minutes

Balance Sheet and Income Statement

May Police Report

PAYMENT OF BILLS - - - - - \$6,700.61

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 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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17 West State Street, Port Austin, MI 48467

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Thomas Rapson, Dale Hartsell, Chad Parrish, Amanda Nienaltowski

GUESTS PRESENT: Deb Hubbard, Emily O'Dell Robbie, Judy Beam, Margaret Young, Janette Ziel, Martha Thuemmel, Alice Yaroch, Karen Mayes, Joanne Babcock, Pat M, Ashley Volk, Tyler Pettit, Brandt Rousseaux, Terry Boyle

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

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

Roll Call was taken.

Several additions were added to the agenda, Farmers Market request, Independent Bank, and Amending of minutes.

Public Comment: Martha Thuemmel was present and thanked the Council for the donation of the Grindstone to the Historical Society. It is now installed in its new location.

Tyler Pettit was present and discussed the written complaints that himself and other neighbors have submitted regarding the blight issue at two rental houses on East Spring.

Officer O'Brien reported that Chief Hartsell has given the residents notice regarding the blight.

They have until the 20th to clean it up.

Much discussion was had.

Agenda: Karen Mayes, Alice Yaroch, and Joanne Babcock, from the Pricilla Club were present to discuss a purposed Adult Fitness Park. Pictures of other parks were shown as an example. They explained that they are still working on the layout and placement and potential cost. They are looking for three things from the Village. 1: Place, they would like to put it in Veterans Park. 2. Coverage under the Villages liability insurance. 3. Have the project included in the Village's Rec. Plan, which would allow for the potential submission for DNR grants.

Some discussion was had. They need to know by the end of August so they can proceed with presenting it to the Pricilla's at their annual meeting.

They were thanked for presenting the information and the Council will work on the three items requested for the August meeting.

Discussion was had on setting the signers at PA State bank and at Frankenmuth Credit Union.

Moved Polega support Kendall to set Amanda Nienaltowski, Thomas Rapson and Dan Confer as the signers at Port Austin State Bank. Ayes: All

Moved Polega support Kendall to set Amanda Nienaltowski, Thomas Rapson and Dan Confer as the signers at Frankenmuth Credit Union. Ayes: All

Confer and Kendall explained that to stay completely insured we still need to move money to another bank. They have talked with Independent Bank and they have the best rates.

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Some discussion was had.

Moved Maschke, support Andreski to enter into a depository relationship with Independent Bank and move up to \$500,000 to Independent Bank. Ayes: All

Moved Maschke, support Brecht to set Amanda Nienaltowski, Thomas Rapson and Dan Confer as the signers at Independent Bank. Ayes: All

Confer discussed amending the minutes from the months that he was not here but was on the phone listening. He would like to be not listed as absent since he was listening.

Some discussion was had. Brecht asked how we could legally list him as present since he was not able to vote. Discussion was had on by-laws and making sure it is done properly.

Moved Maschke, support Brecht to amend the Minutes from February through April to list Dan Confer as “present by phone”. Ayes: All

Discussion was had on the Special Event request form from Bird Creek Farms. There are a lot of dates listed on this request. Discussion was had on how the noise ordinance does not list a “quiet” time, it is very strict, and things can be enforced at anytime of the day.

Much Discussion was had.

Moved Maschke, support Kendall to approve the event on July 15th for the music to be allowed until 11:00pm. Ayes: All

Discussion was had on the other dates that are listed that are before the next council meeting.

The ordinance committee will be meeting tomorrow.

Moved Polega, support Maschke to allow the ordinance committee to make the decision to approve the events that will be before the next council meeting. Ayes: All

Kyle and Scott Steigerwald arrived at the meeting and Confer explained the motions that had just been approved. Kyle explained that most of the music will be up on the patio at the restaurant and only a few will be on the big stage.

Scott explained that they have the Pierogi festival on August 12 which will be before the next meeting and he has a polish band coming to play. They will be playing between 4pm and 7pm.

Moved Polega, support Kendall to approve the music for the Pierogi festival on August 12th from 4pm to 7pm. Ayes: All

Maschke asked Scott Steigerwald about cutting the grass at his property located just south of the ice cream shop on M-53. Steigerwald commented that it is agricultural and he has it in a program to let it grow natural. Maschke also inquired about the trailers on the property, Steigerwald commented that the plan was to renovate them into food trailers in the future.

Correspondence: A letter has been received from the Huron County Prosecuting Attorney offering to attend a meeting and discuss the new medical Marijuana laws. Rapson was asked to invite him to the August meeting. Kendall had copies of some information regarding the law for the council to review.

A thank you letter was received from Craig Murchison with the Great Lakes Cruising Club. Rapson was asked to share the letter with the businesses listed in the letter.

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

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There was one addition to the bills, CPAM police conference for \$375.

Moved Brecht, support Jobe to pay the bills, with additions, in the amount of \$7,075.61. Ayes: All

Attorneys: NA

Department head report/requests:

DPW: Parrish reported that there are 7 pedestal lights out in Veterans Park and by the Welcome Center. The price for Zimmerman to repair them would be \$1,120. To convert them all, 31 total, to LED the cost would be \$1,985.00. Some discussion was had.

Moved Brecht, support Maschke to have Zimmerman Electric convert all 31 pedestal lights to LED for a cost of \$1,985.00. Ayes: All

Parrish also commented that he has been approached by some residents of Forest Creek to pick up brush in there. It would just be only if a resident put it out not a company. He wanted to make sure that it was alright. Consensus was yes as it is similar to us picking up on other private drives in town.

Parrish also reported that there is an issue with the turbo on the big plow truck; he is still looking into the problem.

He also reported that there have been some serious messes in the men's bathroom at the Welcome Center 2 weeks in a row now.

The signs for "public restrooms" are installed.

Police: Hartsell commented that the body cams are in. He is working on the Spring Street Blight.

Clerk: Auditors were here last week.

Treasurer: The \$45,000 from the Village Green grant has been received.

Ambulance: NA

DDA: NA

Planning: NA

HRWA: NA

PAASWA: NA

Committee Reports:

Finance: Brecht commented that the committee will be able to look at the numbers after the audit is done.

Labor: Maschke explained that we do not offer any benefits to Melissa O'Brien and she is working an average of 32 hours per week. The labor committee would like to recommend that we offer 3 personnel days and holiday pay which would be time and ½ for any holidays worked. The committee recommends that this be retroactive back to March 1st 2017 as this is the anniversary date of when she moved to the sergeant position.

Moved Polega, support Kendall to approve the committee's recommendations as presented. Ayes: All

Question was raised about offering the Holiday Pay to the other part time officers. The committee will look into it.

Ordinance: Letters regarding the dumpster ordinance rules have been sent out to all businesses that have dumpsters. Some discussion was had on what it covered and if the compactor at the IGA would be

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included.

Parks and Rec: Polega commented that the Lions club would be meeting soon to go over the finances on the Butterfly house project. Polega also explained that the group that has been talking about a Splash Pad is only asking for the Village to include it in the Rec. Plan at this point. They are still trying to determine a location.

Building, Streets: Andreski commented that Stiverson is still working on the numbers for independence Street.

Polega commented that he will work on getting an estimate for redoing the carpet in the Village Hall.

Maschke explained her concerns regarding the Gym. Some of her concerns are;

- No Bathrooms
- No heat
- Roof Leaks
- Mold in the Basement

It is costing us about \$2,000 a year. She feels that something needs to happen with it. Either sell it to move, sell it to fix up or tear it down and redevelop the property.

Much Discussion was had.

Terry Boyle was present and he feels that it is a Historical Building and should be saved. There are grants that could be used to develop it. More discussion was had.

Maschke, Confer and Boyle will meet and start working on a plan.

Water: Kendall reported that the next meeting is in two weeks and the website is almost complete.

Council Member Comments: Jobe commented that she has had a business owner comment that they feel the bathroom signs are working.

Brecht commented that he received a complaint about some vehicle damage on West Spring Street where it is narrow. Andreski commented that MDOT is looking at some possible changes in that area.

Special Event Request from the Farmers Market was remembered and explained. They are asking for permission to allow some vendors to stay set up on the Village Green grass until 4pm.

Moved Polega, support Kendall to approve the special event request as presented. Ayes: All

Confer thanked Kendall for running the meetings while he was away. He also commented that he is working on getting some signs for the beach and break wall that explain the dangers of the current and the importance of wearing life vests.

With no further business; **Moved Polega, support Maschke** meeting adjourned at 8:34 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 ___10th___ day of _____July_____ 2017.

_____ Thomas Rapson, Village Clerk