

AGENDA
THE PORT AUSTIN VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 13, 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. Scott Steigerwald – Solar Farms
2. Jason Zimmerman – Fire Hall
3. Village Hall Repairs
4. Township Police Contract
5. Township Road Millage Contract
6. Trash Contract
7. Auditor
8. Dizzy Daisy Local Approval
9. Chamber Rent

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Special Event

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve:

February 13, 2017 Council Minutes

Acknowledge Receipt Of:

Feb. 8, 2017 PAASWA Minutes

Jan. 2, 2017 Fire Dept Minutes

Feb. 6, 2017 Fire Dept Minutes

Fire Dept Budget

Income Statement and Balance Sheet

PAYMENT OF BILLS ----- \$ 10,595.72

ATTORNEY:

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT / REQUEST:

DPW:

Police:

Clerk Report: Grants Update

Treasurer Report:

BOARD REPORTS:

- Central Huron Ambulance Report:
- Downtown Development Authority Report: DDA Expenditure
- 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.

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

- 1.

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

- 1.

Ordinance ----- Kendall & Maschke

- 1. Fireworks 2. No Parking

Parks & Recreation ----- Polega & Jobe

- 1.

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, Kendall, Polega

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jobe, Maschke, Confer

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Thomas Rapson, Dale Hartsell, Mike Williams

GUESTS PRESENT: Barb King, Scott Steigerwald, Carl Osentoski, Jason Zimmerman, Harold

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

President Pro Tem Kendall called the regular meeting to order at 6:47pm.

Roll Call was taken.

Public Comment: Carl Osentoski from the Huron County EDC office was present and explained the Redevelopment Ready Communities program from MEDC. A community has to be “engaged” in the RRC program to be eligible for grants through MEDC. There are three things that need to be done for a community to be engaged.

1. Pass a resolution
2. Attend training
3. Self Evaluation

The next training is on March 20th in Lapeer. Council requested Clerk Rapson to attend the next training.

Agenda:

Scott Steigerwald was present and discussed some of the setbacks he has had at Bird Creek farms this past year and also a new idea he has. He has begun looking into a solar installation on his property. He is letting the Village know so that the discussion can be started early. Kendall explained that he has talked with John Upthegrove from the planning commission and they will begin working on guidelines since there is currently nothing in the ordinance that addresses solar.

Jason Zimmerman from the fire Department was present and discussed the purposed updates to the Fire Hall Façade. He handed out an estimated budget for the project. The money for the memorial part of the project has already been raised. He is requesting \$10,000 from the Village towards the project.

Kendall explained that some residents could possibly be paying for the project three times if the DDA, Village and Township all contribute. The finance committee will look into it.

The Annual budget for the Fire Department was also reviewed.

Moved Polega, support Andreski to approve the 2017-2018 Fire Department budget as presented.

Ayes: All

Rapson explained some of the main issues with the Village Hall. The singles need to be replaced on the building, the front vestibule is still leaking, and the carpet in the building needs to be replaced. The building committee will work at getting some estimates from contractors.

Kendall explained that after meeting with the Township on the Police contract it was decided that a flat rate billing would be the easiest and the Village would be receiving 100% of the Millage dollars coming in. It would be a flat \$2,900 per month, and would be a yearly contract. The Township will be writing up the new contract. Some discussion was had.

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Kendall also explained the road millage contract. After meeting with the Township, and also determining that there are no Township roads in the Village the amount will remain the same, \$25,000 per year. Brecht commented that it needs to be determined where the funds are coming from, Township General or Streets. That will dictate how the funds can be spent. More investigation is needed. The township will also be writing up the new contract.

Rapson explained meeting that was had with Gary from Emterra. Gary has not sent over the entire contract yet but he has sent over the new rates for the trash contract renewal. Some discussion was had. **Moved Andreski, support Brecht** to approve the new trash rates as presented. Ayes: All

Brecht explained that the finance committee met with the two auditors that were discussed at the last meeting. The committee's recommendation is to have Rehmann do the audit, three year contract with the first year cost of \$8,900. **Moved Polega, support Andreski** to go with the committee recommendation as presented. Ayes: All

Discussion was had on what was needed from Dizzy Daisy. We need proof of insurance from them. Harold from Dizzy Daisy was present and explained the other option that they have. There is a slightly different permit that they can apply for that would allow them to either do the Farmers Market or one of the pods. Some discussion was had. He said the permit would be for a "small winery tasting room". Harold will update the form for us.

Moved Andreski, support Polega to approve the "small winery tasting room" permit request as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Andreski, Brecht, Kendall, Polega Nays: 0 Absent: Jobe, Maschke, Confer

Some discussion was had on the Chamber rent. It is currently \$75 per month; they are requesting \$1 per month. No one from the Chamber was present to discuss. Issue was tabled until next meeting.

Correspondence: A letter of resignation has been received from Mike Williams, his last day will be March 31st. **Moved Polega, support Brecht** to accept the resignation as presented. Ayes: All
Some discussion was had on updating the application before posting for the position.

A special event request has been received from Kathleen Donahue for her "Wednesday's on Washington". Kendall reported that he has asked the planning commission to review it.

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

Kendall explained that the bill from Michigan Community Underwriters is inaccurate and a new invoice has been requested. That bill was subtracted from the list of bills.

Moved Brecht, support Andreski to pay the bills, with amendments, in the amount of \$8,316.72. Ayes: All
Rapson commented that Hartsell had given him two bills but they were left at the office.

Moved Brecht, support Polega to pay the two additional bills up to \$350. Ayes: All

Attorneys: NA

Department head report/requests:

DPW: Williams commented that they will be putting up the spring banners soon.

Police: Hartsell reported that he is still working on getting all the new equipment for the new patrol car.

Clerk: Rapson gave a brief update on the three grants, Façade, Patrol Car, and Pods.

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Some discussion was had on the pods.

Treasurer: Kendall explained the MERS 457 plan. It is a supplemental retirement program. There is no cost to the Village, but approval is needed to allow the employees to participate.

Moved Andreski, support Polega to approve the resolution of participation in the MERS 457 program as presented. Ayes: All

Ambulance: Rapson reported that they have hired a new coordinator.

DDA: Expenditures to be addressed next month.

Planning: NA

HRWA: NA

PAASWA: The water tower will be painted Silver and there is some discussion on the color of the lettering. Kendall reported that the PAASWA does not own the land that the tower is on, the Village does.

Committee Reports:

Finance: The new auditor will start on the audit in June.

Brecht commented that they are still working on the pension numbers.

Labor: Discussion on posting for DPW position. **Moved Brecht, support Andreski** to have Rapson post for the position once the application is updated by the committee. Ayes: All

Streets: Rapson commented that he has gotten the permits for the seawall from Pierson. He cannot read the scanned copy so he has asked Pierson to rescan them.

The committee would like to recommend that we hire Rob Stiverson to oversee the Stephen and Vine Street projects at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.

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

Water: Kendall reported that the task force is looking into the possibility of a bulk water station as one of the ways to sell more water.

Council Member Comments:

Polega thanked Williams for his time at the Village, and apologized for being late tonight.

With no further business; **Moved Polega**, 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 ___13th___ day of ___March___ 2017.

_____ Thomas Rapson, Village Clerk