

Monday August 10, 2020

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andreski , Brecht, Bruce, Maschke, Murawski, Polega, Jobe

MEMBERS ABSENT:

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Amanda Nienaltowski, Kevin Jimkoski, Thomas Rapson

GUESTS PRESENT: Darcie Finan, Denise Gunkle, Don DeMaggio, Debra Hubbard, Christine Doyle, Lori Harris, Shirley Stier, Gary Stier, Diane Jodoin, Nicole Kent, Caren Voss

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

Agenda Additions: Charging Stations

Public Comment:

1. **Gary Stier** – approached the board regarding opening the discussion again on the 290 E Spring Street easement. The Village is at \$8000 plus closing costs at buyer's expense. Stier is still interested. Discussion was had. A reminder that there is a sewer main that runs in the easement. Polega to discuss further with Stier.
2. **Lori Harris** – read a letter to council regarding issues she experienced with the Port Austin Police Department and a dog issue. Her dog was attacked and killed by another dog in the Village limits on Saturday, July 11, 2020. She is asking for Chief Dale Hartsell's resignation.

Christine Doyle – commented on the dog ordinance. Mentioned areas where dogs are allowed on the beach?

Maschke reiterated that any complaints need to be in writing.

Caren Voss – mentioned there have been two dogs at large by her street lately.

Don DeMaggio – commented that dogs don't belong at the Farmers Market.

Nicole Kent (Chamber of Commerce Executive Director) – stated she has been patrolling the market to keep dogs out.

Agenda:

1. **Electric Car Charging Stations** – Discussion was had on adding Electric Car Charging Stations to town. There are grant programs out there for adding two stations, that have to be in the same location. Maschke asked who would pay for the electric and maintenance? She stated we are not in the business of making money.
Motion Andreski, support Bruce to approve pursuing the grant for the electric car charging stations. **Ayes: All**

Correspondence:

1. **Blessing Box** – A letter was received from Melissa Deming & Michelle Paionk regarding adding a Blessing Box to the community. A blessing box is a box that contains food, laundry items, hygiene products, etc for those in need. Discussion was had. Council recommends the ladies work together with the United Protestant Church, as the church already has a 24/7 outdoor pantry for similar purposes. Nienaltowski will refer the Ms Deming & Ms. Paionk to the United Protestant Church.

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Consent Agenda:

Motion Bruce, support Polega to accept the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: All

Bills:

Motion Bruce, support Brecht to approve the bills in the amount of \$11,213.27, including the additions of Thomas Rapson (\$163.73), Thumb Cooling & Heating (\$570.45), and Custom Window Boxes (Louise Nagel)(\$322.50). Ayes: All

Attorney:

None

Department head report/requests:

DPW:

Tree Removal: Crew Chief Rapson received quotes for a tree removal on State Street. Rice Tree Removal was \$622 and Endeavor Tree Services was \$725.

Motion Brecht, support Maschke to approve the tree removal quote from Rice Tree Removal for \$622. Ayes: All

Plow Truck: Rapson also mentioned that the newer plow truck was in for repairs again. Requesting the committee needs to look for alternative solutions.

Visitor Center Air Conditioning: Rapson received quotes on replacing the one of Visitor Center Air Conditioning units. Thumb Cooling & Heating \$2474.53 and Air Tech \$1538.00 (Run True) or \$1693.00 (Tran). Discussion was had regarding warranties, quality products, etc.

Motion Bruce, support Jobe to approve the Tran unit with Air Tech with 10-year warranty for \$1693.00. Ayes: All

Police: Office Jimkoski had nothing to report.

Clerk: Nienaltowski updated that the road right of way violation letters for temporary obstructions went out and all were taken care of by the property owners.

A blight complaint was also received again for 291 East Spring Street. Chief Hartsell did go and speak with the current residents.

Board Reports:

DDA: Small loan was paid off approximately \$96,000.

Planning: Finalizing Master Plan

Committee Reports:

Labor, Personnel, & Police: Maschke restated that complaints need to be in writing. There is a form on the Village's website. Maschke will set up a committee meeting regarding police.

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Ordinance:

Maschke brought up issues with Emterra, the garbage company. They have failed to pick up many residents this year and glass with left all over in front of Jane Mayes' property by the recycle truck. Nienaltowski to invite new Emterra Rep to the September meeting for discussion.

Steigerwald's Property M-53: Maschke wants this property's weeds cut per our Grass and Weed Ordinance. Nienaltowski to send out letter.

Boat at Thumb Lumber: Maschke received a call regarding the boat that was left at the old Thumb Lumber. It has been moved to between the car wash and the empty lot to the East. Can this be ticketed? Is it abandoned? Discussion was had. Maschke to call previous owner of Thumb Lumber.

Nienaltowski to add on Agenda: 1. Grass Ordinance 2. Abandoned Boat 3. Mailboxes

Parks & Rec:

Splash Pad Update: Everything is approved and ordered.

Streets:

Sidewalks: Andreski stated repairs will start after Labor Day.

Council Member Comments:

Jobe: Mentioned the recycling truck and if this process was correct.

Maschke: 1. Did the breakfast vendor for Thurs-Sunday back out? Yes

2. We are not the mask police.
3. Harbor Commission: What's going on with this? Can we please turn the lights on in the parking lot? Motion Bruce, support Andreski to send a letter to Brian Dunn at the DNR Port Crescent State Park office to inquire about this. Ayes: All
4. Tomlinson's Fence: Andreski stated the removal will be on Thursday.

With no further business; **Moved Bruce, support Andreski** meeting adjourned at 8:02 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 10 day of August 2020.

_____ Amanda Nienaltowski, Village Clerk