

Monday July 13, 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, Elaine Tomlinson, Don DeMaggio, Debra Hubbard, Mike Cecil

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

Public Comment: Deb Hubbard, Port Austin Twp Clerk, reminded those present that anyone running for the Village of Port Austin election that paperwork is due to her by Tuesday, July 21, 2020.

Agenda:

1. **Elaine Tomlinson-** Mrs. Tomlinson approached the board regarding the sand build up on her property fence located next to Bird Creek Park. She did speak with Mr. Hentschal at the Huron County Road Commission. Mr. Hentschal did give Mrs. Tomlinson permission to remove the chain link fence on the county's property at her expense. She is asking if the Village would like the gate removed also and if the Village would remove the sand from the beach side and continue maintenance of the sand moving forward. Discussion was had. The chain link fence acts as a barrier; could be an ongoing issue moving forward either way. No action was taken.
2. **Harbor Commission Resolution was removed.** Discussion was had on the current state of the harbor repairs/docks.
3. **Vets Park Sprinklers:** DPW Supervisor Rapson discussed the issues with the Vets Park Sprinkler system. A quote was received from Lee's Landscaping for 3hp or 5hp pumps. Rapson recommends the 5hp pump.

Motion Bruce, support Polega to approve the purchase of a new 5hp pump from Lee's Landscaping for Vets Park at a cost of \$3389.25. Ayes: All

4. **Peddler Permit** – Village Green coordinators are asking for the peddler permit fee to be waived for breakfast food truck vendor Thurs-Sunday for the rest of the 2020 season. Discussion was had. Council discussed waiving the hour restriction of 96 hours per year and keeping the daily fee. This would be a one time exclusion.

Motion Bruce, support Polega to waive the 96 hours per year restriction on the peddlers permit and to approve the breakfast food truck for the 2020 season Thursday through Sunday and must pay the daily \$25 fee, plus responsible for trash. Ayes: All

5. **Ambulance Resolution** – Motion Maschke, support Bruce to approve the Central Huron Ambulance Resolution as presented. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Bruce, Andreski, Maschke, Brecht, Jobe, Polega
6. **Overnight Parking** – Farmer Market has requested permission to put more “no overnight parking” signs at the gym parking lots. Discussion was had on who would be enforcing this.

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Motion Polega, support Andreski to approve the Farmers Market to install more “no overnight parking” signs. Ayes: All

Correspondence:

1. **Cecil Letter:** Mike Cecil was in attendance and discussed the storm drain issue at the property on Union and Vine Street (167 Union). Discussion was had. Is removing the drain altogether an option?

Motion Bruce, support Maschke to approve fixing the storm drain at 167 Union. Ayes: All

Mr. Cecil also complimented the Village on the progress that has been made in town over the last few years.

2. **Betsy Loegel** – A letter of intent was received from Ms. Loegel in regards to being on the Port Austin Harbor Commission. No action was taken.

Consent Agenda:

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

Bills:

Motion Bruce, support Brecht to approve the bills in the amount of \$3901.54. Ayes: All

Attorney:

Dog Issue – An email was received from Lori Harris a visitor to town that had an incident occur between her dog and another dog. Her dog was attacked and killed. The letter is to be forwarded on the chamber of commerce, Village attorney, and Village liability insurance representative.

Right of Way – Discussion was had regarding enforcing the right of way and parking ordinances. DPW and Police will make a list of names/addresses of any current violators. They will have 5 business days to remove any illegal items in the right of way.

Department head report/requests:

DPW: Crew Chief Rapson updated on the status of Rainbow Restoration and the visitor center project. It has been treated for the mold and dry walled.

Rapson updated on the butterfly house. Clean up is in process. The net is on order; insurance did cover the cost and labor of putting up a new one. There was a water leak detected at the site as well this spring.

Rapson also noted that the 4th of July went good from DPW end.

Rapson noted that DDA purchased 10 of the large metal picnic tables. They were received and put out for the 4th of July weekend as well.

Machke inquired about maintenance on the bathrooms at Bird Creek, specifically painting. Rapson will look into.

Police: 4th of July went fine. Thank you to Patti Finan for helping with the parade again.

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Clerk: Nienaltowski updated the 2019 audit and will also be submitting paperwork she and Brandt Rousseaux have been working on with the Cares Act for Hazard Pay and Payroll Reimbursement during COVID-19.

Board Reports:

HRS: Interviewing for an additional F2 Licensee.

Committee Reports:

Parks & Recreation: A dog park was discussed. Discussion was had on putting a dog waste bag unit by the breakwall. No action was taken at this time.

Ordinance: Jobe discussed the RV on Spring Street parked in the old Corely's Restaurant lot. Isn't this against the ordinance? Discussion was had. No action was taken.

Jobe also questioned if there were signs at the fitness park about the ages allowed for use. Yes, there are signs addressing this.

Maschke brought Steigerwald's lot coming into town from M-53 and it being a violation of the grass ordinance. No action was taken at this time. Grass/Weed Ordinance will be added to the agenda for further review.

Boat dock sidewalk and storm sewer update (Cecil/Goretski) to added to the next agenda as well.

Council Member Comments:

With no further business; **Moved Bruce, support Polega** meeting adjourned at 8:03 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 ___16___ day of ___July___ 2020.

_____ Amanda Nienaltowski, Village Clerk