

Monday March 9, 2020

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jobe (via Phone)

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Amanda Nienaltowski, Dale Hartsell, Thomas Rapson, Aaron Goretski

GUESTS PRESENT: Debra Hubbard

Public Hearing called to order at 6:15pm. Murawski led the pledge of allegiance.

**Public Comment:** None

**DNR Recreation Passport Grant:** Discussion was had on the Recreation Passport Grant that Brandt Rousseaux is working on behalf of the Village for the Gymnasium Renovations. The Grant match would be 30% of the total cost of the project, which includes tuck pointing, renovation of bathrooms, roof repairs, window and door replacement, new HVAC system, new electrical system, lighting replacement, basketball backboard replacement, interior painting, and engineering. Total estimated cost of the project is \$213,000. Village match would be \$64,000 and \$149,000 from the grant, if approved. Maschke asked what the long term goals are for the gym. Discussion was had on the future of the Gym/Village Green area and potential future grants.

**Motion Bruce, support Polega** to close the Public Hearing at 6:30pm. Ayes: All

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

**Public Comment:**

**Debra Hubbard (Port Austin Township Clerk):** She has the nominating petitions for the 2020 election for the Village of Port Austin. They are due by July 21, 2020 for the November ballots. Minimum of 6 qualified signatures are needed with a maximum of 20. Packets available at the Village and the Township offices.

**Agenda:**

- 1. Grant Resolution: Recreation Passport 2020:** Brecht asked where the matching money was coming from? Murawski stated General Savings. Much discussion was had on the project, including some of the estimate numbers not being realistic, some council member wanting firm commitments from the other entities about financial contributions, this grant being match for the bigger grant involving MEDC, etc.

**Motion Bruce, support TJ** to approve the recreation passport grant program resolution for \$64,000 match toward the Port Austin Gymnasium Renovation Project. Roll call taken:

Ayes: Bruce, Polega, Andreski

Nayes: Brecht, Maschke

Absent: Jobe

Motion carried.

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2. **RRC Fellowship Application:** Discussion was had on applying. **Motion Mascke, support Bruce** to table.
3. **Shetler Carpet Cleaning Quote:** Having a cleaning fee added to the rental agreement was questioned.

**Motion Polega, support Andreski** to accept Shetler's quote to clean the carpet, tile, and chairs at the Visitor Center and to have the rental contract sent to committee for review. Ayes: All

**Motion Brecht, support Maschke** to increase the Visitor Center rental fee to \$50 per hour with a \$25 cleaning fee per rental. Discussion was had.

4. **Special Events (approve separate)**
  - a. **Boccee Ball 2020:**  
**Motion Bruce, support Polega** to approve the Boccee Ball 2020 Event to include the selling and serving of alcohol. Ayes: All
  - b. **PACP Great Event 2020:**  
**Motion Bruce, support Polega** to approve the PACP Great Event 2020 to include the serving of alcohol and the closure of Railroad Street. Ayes: All
  - c. **Girl's Weekend 2020:**  
**Motion Polega, support Maschke** to approve Girl's Weekend (Paris in Port Austin) 2020 as presented. Ayes: All
5. **New DPW Hire:** Aaron Goretski was introduced as the new DPW worker. Interviews are conducted and committee recommended Mr. Goretski for the position.  
**Motion Brecht, support Bruce** to approve Aaron Goretski as DPW worker retroactive to Feb 24, 2020. Ayes: All

**Correspondence:**

1. Huron County Sheriff's Department Letter from Sheriff Kelly Hanson was presented stating the appreciation for the use of the boat dock and that being based in Port Austin has saved many lives over the years.

**Consent Agenda:**

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

Murawski attended the PAASWA meeting regarding the Splash Pad tying in to the municipal water. They will be waiving the Ready to Serve fees and will be refunding approximately \$6600 each year back to the Village for the over and above they collect for garbage. This will be used towards the water usage for the Splash Pad.

**Bills:**

**Motion Bruce, support Polega** to approve the bills as presented., with the additions of \$75 Huron Daily Tribune and \$234.77 for Farmer Co-Op. Ayes: All

**Attorney:**

West Spring Street Blight complaint was updated. Nienaltowski spoke with attorney and an agreement is being sent to the property owner to be signed and notarized stating the owners will have 45

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days to fix the issue o the Village has the right to demolish and put a lien on the property. Letter is dated March 5, 2020

Employee Handbooks: no update. Nienaltowski will send a reminder email to get status on this project.

**Department head report/requests:**

**DPW:** Crew Chief Rapson updated the status of the Visitor Center. A new water heater was installed. Rainbow Restoration will be in next week to repair the drywall in the meeting room closet. He is also still looking for a truck for the upcoming 2020 snow plowing season. Bruce asked about the collars on the streetlight and repainting them. Rapson will get quotes.

**Police:** Chief Hartsell stated Officer Jimkoski is doing a good job.

**Clerk:** Nienaltowski updated that the MERS new retirement program paperwork was in. She'd also like to change platforms for the Website to a more modern approach. Discussion was had. Lastly, the Village did not receive the Huron County Community Foundation Placemaking Grant for 2020.

**Board Reports:**

**Ambulance:** Maschke updated that the ambulance did take over part of Bingham Township. Gemini Group is paying for a year's rent for an apartment in the Ubly area. The ambulance is looking for donations for furnishings. Maschke also stated the annual subsidy may increase next year.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance, Grants, & Insurance:** Working on rental agreement.

**Parks & Recreation:** Splash Pad is re-engineered, submitted to the state, and re-bidding will begin soon.

**Sidewalks:** Get quotes and getting on the list.

**Motion Bruce, support Maschke** to approve Rapson permission along with the committee to approve sidewalks for 2020. Ayes: All

**Chief Hartsell:** The water main break tow bill was addressed. Village is not paying. Nienaltowski to send to PAASWA.

**Council Member Comments:**

**Mashcke:** Discussed the form again for Zoning Administrator. Mashcke would like to set up a meeting with Mark Gembarski to discuss the form and timeframe of when permits come in and when approved/denied next Wednesday.

With no further business; **Moved Bruce, support Mascke** meeting adjourned at 7:45 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   9   day of   March   2020.

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