

Monday May 11, 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, Dale Hartsell, Thomas Rapson

GUESTS PRESENT: Elaine Tomlinson

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

Public Comment: None

Agenda:

1. **Farmers Market** – Bruce discussed the chamber wants to get everything going for the Farmers Market. It can open under the Governor’s Order with essential vendors (food and nursery vendors). Chamber is asking for the Village to supply hand sanitizers stations. Cintas was contacted and has them available for \$5.50 per week. Discussion was had. Who would refill/police them? Chamber also is working on policies and procedures to have in place for social distancing. 10 stations at \$5.50 per week for 4 months is \$880. Stations would be placed at welcome center, village, hall, library, market entrances, etc.

Motion Polega, support Bruce to approve up to \$900 for Cintas hand sanitizer stations for town with Cintas filling and maintaining. Ayes: All

2. **Easements** – Polega discussed Prospect Street easement. Not much the Village can do at this point. Committee recommends not doing anything at right now as it will continue to just wash out. Same situation as Liberty Street easement.

Correspondence:

1. **Kuhn Letter:** Adams Tree was discussed. DPW Supervisor Rapson has two quotes to remove the tree that is on our property; Endeavor \$650 & Rice \$850
Motion Maschke, support Bruce to approve Endeavor to remove the tree and stump on Adams Street. Ayes: All Discussion was had. Murawski will look at the right of way ordinance regarding trees, landscaping, replanting, etc.
2. **Air Advantage:** Village received a check for \$6625 from Air Advantage towards amounts past due. Sending contract and past due amounts to the attorney. May have another company that wants to come in as well.
3. **Huron County Community Foundation:** Village received a check for \$500 from the Huron County Community Foundation on behalf of the Pointe Aux Barques Donor Advised Fund for the Port Austin Gym Project. Nienaltowsk to send a thank you letter.
4. **Elaine Tomlinson:** Letter states she is asking for assistance in the sand build up between her fence and the cyclone fence on Bird Creek. Cyclone fence is probably the county’s. Discussion was had. Issue sent to Parks and Rec Committee.

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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 \$2449.04, with the addition of MML \$665. Ayes: All

Attorney:

West Spring Street Blight complaint was updated. A recommendation as received from the attorney. Issue tabled until next month.

Employee Handbooks: Attorney has a list of recommendations to be added or changed.

Motion Maschke, support Polega to adopt the attorney's recommendations for the employee handbooks. Ayes: All

Department head report/requests:

DPW: Crew Chief Rapson updated the status Vets Park Sand. It is a constant battle with the winds at this point. Looking at possibly replacing a few pieces to equipment with a compact tractor. In the mean time, Andreski will take a look and see if he can help.

Electric box by the docks was filled in as there was a large hole.

Bird Creek erosion still happening. Muskrat nuisance is being taken care of. Rapson has permission from the DNR with a permit to trap. 10 muskrats were removed last month.

Clerk: Nienaltowski updated on COVID-19 losses in revenue. To date, \$350 in rentals have canceled with a number of rentals just rescheduling to later dates.

Nienaltowski also spoke with the attorney about the boat docks. Council had wanted commercial boats to have first option. Attorney needed more information. Council would like an April 1st commitment for commercial boats then if they can't be filled move on to individuals 3 days later.

Board Reports:

No meetings to update.

Committee Reports:

Finance, Grants, & Insurance: Rapson discussed an issue that was had with the boat docks. A post came loose, lags bolts had completely pulled out. DPW moved and relaged, the post was later found in the water. Damage was done to Paul Nienaltowski's boat, but none to the dock itself. Ken Lind from EMC was up to assess the situation. Basically, if we put a claim it on our insurance it will get denied. Similar to the tree/car situation we had before. It should go through Paul's insurance as our rental contract states. Jobe asked if there was neglect on the village's part? Discussion was had on reinforcing the docks. Rapson will contact the dock system representative for more information.

Motor Pool & Operations: Rapson reported that the street sweeper is getting fixed and no further information on a plow truck.

Ordinance: Maschke would like to have the zoning denial form taken care of next meeting.

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Parks and Recreation: Bruce discussed the idea of a dog park at the baseball field since there is no baseball this year. Discussion was had. Nienaltowski to contact the insurance company about liability and report back.

Buildings and Grounds: Getting bid documents for the sidewalks; Adams, corner of Washington and Arthur, and State Street by Schwedler's house.

Council Member Comments:

Mashcke: Asked about the Splash Pad and Welcome Center work. Everything is on hold at this point. Rapson will call Rainbow Restoration and see if they are back to work yet. Also Huron County Fair has been canceled.

With no further business; **Moved Bruce, support Murawski** 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 ___11___ day of ___May___ 2020.

_____ Amanda Nienaltowski, Village Clerk