

AGENDA
THE PORT AUSTIN VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 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. PAASWA Sewer and Water Rate Ordinance first reading
2. Credit Card
3. Chamber Special Events 2018
4. Special Event – Rose Festival
5. Volunteer Accident Policy

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Lucille Paionk - Taxes
2. Stompers – Thank you

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve:

October 9, 2017 Council Minutes

Acknowledge Receipt Of:

October Police Report

September and October PAASWA Minutes

Income and Balance Sheet

PAYMENT OF BILLS ----- \$6,368.48

ATTORNEY:

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT / REQUEST:

DPW:

Police:

Clerk Report:

Treasurer Report:

BOARD REPORTS:

Central Huron Ambulance Report:

Downtown Development Authority Report:

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. MERS

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

- 1. Job Descriptions

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

- 1.

Ordinance ----- Kendall & Maschke

- 1.

Parks & Recreation ----- Polega & Jobe

- 1.

Buildings, Grounds, Streets ----- Andreski & Polega

- 1. Gym 2. Independence 3. Easements 4. Street Classification

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, Jobe, Kendall, Maschke, Polega, Confer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Thomas Rapson, Dale Hartsell, Amanda Nienaltowski, Chad Parrish

GUESTS PRESENT: Deb Hubbard, Cameron Schwanitz, Seth Stapleton

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Roll Call was taken.

Public Comment: None

Agenda:

Fred Kendall gave a presentation about the proposed Sewer and Water Rate ordinance. Kendall explained the process that was undertaken to determine the fixed and variable costs and the fair share of those cost that each user should be paying. The new pricing will be easier for the customer to understand. The new pricing would be a Water Availability fee of \$55.31, Waste Treatment Availability fee of \$73.06, and a \$3.74 per thousand gallons of water used. Some users will see an increase while some will see a savings based on their usage.

A public hearing need to be held and then it can be considered for approval at the next regular meeting.

Some discussion was had on the number of days needed to post for the public hearing.

Maschke commented that it is not the ideal time of the year to be getting input from the residents.

Moved Maschke to send a letter to all PAASWA customers about the proposed rate changes.

Motion failed due to lack of second. More discussion was had on noticing customers.

Nienaltowski reported that Port Austin State Bank does no longer offer Credit Cards so she has gotten information from Independent Bank on the cards that they offer. Some discussion was had.

Moved Brecht, support Kendall to get a no fee, no bonus credit card from Independent Bank.

Ayes: All

Rapson explained the Special Event request forms that he has received from the Chamber for next year's events. The ones that require council approval are Farmers Market, Bocce Ball, Fourth of July Fireworks, and Tour Di Lago bike tour. Rapson also listed the others that do not require council approval.

Moved Maschke, support Andreski to approve all Chamber events as presented. Ayes: All

Confer explained the phone call that he and Rapson had with Mr. Sosnoski regarding the location of the Rose Festival. The stage was offered as a location but he would still like to use Veterans Park. Some discussion was had on the limited parking and congestion, and also that the new fit park will most likely be completed by then.

Moved Andreski, support Maschke to table the Rose Festival special event request.

Jobe commented that she will contact Mr. Sosnoski and discuss the location with him.

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Discussion was had on the Volunteer Accident Policy renewal. Confer commented that Marc Schillinger was going to check to see if our new liability insurance policy has this coverage in it.

Moved Andreski, support Polega to approve paying the renewal if it is necessary. Ayes: All

Rapson commented that a motion needs to be made to set the public hearing date.

Moved Polega, support Brecht to schedule the public hearing for the Sewer and Water rate ordinance as soon as legally possible. Ayes: All

Correspondence: A letter has been received from Lucille Paionk regarding her tax payment.

Nienaltowski explained that the county is not willing to waive the fees. Mrs. Paionk is asking that the Village reimburse her the \$22.98 in fees. Some discussion was had about setting precedent.

Moved Maschke, support Kendall to reimburse Lucille Paionk \$22.98.

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

Motion passed

Rapson read the thank you note form the Port Austin Stompers for letting them use the Gym this past year.

Moved Polega, support Kendall to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: All

Moved Polega, support Brecht to pay the bills in the amount of \$6,368.48. Ayes: All

Attorneys: NA

Department head report/requests:

DPW: Parrish reported that we have the big dump truck back and it is all fixed. Also the one ton had to be fixed.

Parrish also explained that we are only using the west side of the compost as the water department does not want us driving over top of their water, sewer, and gas lines that run on the East side of the property. Parrish asked how long the council would like him to have the lights on in Veterans Park. Consensus was to turn them off when snow comes.

Parrish commented that Jim Collier is not able to help much anymore for part time winter help. He has spoken with George Pettit and he can fill in as needed and has experience running equipment.

Moved Maschke, support Brecht to approve George Pettit for Part Time DPW help as needed.

Ayes: All

Police: NA

Clerk: Rapson explained that he received a phone call inquiring about medical marijuana and if the Village is considering an ordinance. Rapson reported that the prosecuting attorney has not scheduled a time to address the council regarding the changes in state law. Some discussion was had.

Chief Hartsell commented that he does not want it in Port Austin.

Treasurer: Nienaltowski commented that there has been no response from the previous auditors, and Rehmann has been given permission to proceed.

Nienaltowski explained that the new township hall will not be ready in time for the beginning of winter tax collection. She would like permission to set up a temporary office at the Village Hall to collect taxes.

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Moved Kendall, support Maschke to approve setting up a temporary office at the village Hall.

Ayes: All

Kendall had some question on the income statement.

Some discussion was had on what possible legal action could be taken against the previous auditors. Advice will be sought from the attorney.

Ambulance: Maschke gave a brief update on the ambulance. They have hired a company to give a 3 point analysis of the service.

DDA: NA

Planning: NA

HRWA: Jobe gave a brief update. They have narrowed down the computer bug that they were having.

PAASWA: NA

Committee Reports:

Police: Maschke commented that we need to talk with the Township regarding the police contract. Much discussion was had.

Confer commented that he will work on getting the committee to meet with township representatives to sort it out. Current contract expires December 31st.

Parks: Maschke asked if there is any more information on the Splash Pad. Polega commented, not at this time.

Buildings, Grounds, and Streets: Some discussion was had on the Gym. The Vine Street seawall has been started.

Fish: Brecht asked if there are any updates. Andreski commented that we are still waiting on NDG.

Council Member Comments: Confer commented that he went to MSU and listened to the presentations from the students that visited Port Austin. He has copies of their master plan boards and will be displaying them at the Village Hall or Welcome Center.

With no further business; **Moved Polega, support Maschke** meeting adjourned at 8:43 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 ___November___ 2017.

_____ Thomas Rapson, Village Clerk