

Monday October 14, 2019

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andreski, Bruce

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Amanda Nienaltowski, Dale Hartsell, Josh Kidd

GUESTS PRESENT (Regular Meeting): Monica Schwanitz, Mary Ellen Babcock, Betsy Loegel, Seth Stapleton- Huron County View

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

Don Binkley, Village Auto Sales LLC was added to the agenda as #5.

Public Comment:

None

Agenda:

1. **Betsy Loegel** – addressed the board about DPW picking up leaves and brush in the summer months, in addition to the fall and spring pickup. She is concerned that we have an elderly population and that this would be beneficial.

Ms. Loegel also discussed revisiting the issue that occurred with her zoning permit for an accessory building. She'd like to see a formal denial form for the Zoning Inspector to be adopted. She provided an example.

Discussion was had on both topics. Ordinance committee will look at a formal ordinance for leave/brush pickup.

2. **Audit** – Brecht updated the board on the 2018-2019 Audit that was performed by Rehmann. Key points included:
 - a. MERS Pension Plan is currently underfunded. Moving forward the council may consider new employees on a different type of retirement plan that is less costly for the Village. Rehmann can help with this, but would not be able to perform the audit as it would conflict.
 - b. Funds looked good. Major Street fund is growing in anticipation of repairing Independence Street. Brecht discussed finalizing/moving forward with that project.
 - c. DDA loan renewal seemed at a high rate, according Rehmann.
3. **Budget Adjustments** – Motion Polega, support Maschke to approve budget adjustments as presented. Ayes: All
4. **Recreational Marijuana Ordinance** – Discussion was had. Comments included: Do we want to ban completely? Do we want to protect the Village until more information on the laws is available or are we totally against? This ordinance can be revisited and would be a placeholder until more information regarding establishments/State information is available.

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Motion Maschke, support Jobe to adopt Ordinance 126-19 to prohibit marihuana establishments.

Ayes: all

5. **Village Auto Sales** – The business name is changing to an LLC and the state is requiring municipal approval that it meets all municipal requirements for the dealer classification of used vehicle dealer.

Motion Maschke, support Polega to approve Village Auto Sales, LLC's Used Vehicle Dealership as presented. Ayes: All

Correspondence:

1. **Ron Gottschalk Request** – requested the easement at Vine Street be added to the blacktopping list.
Noted
2. **Rehamnn Audit Proposal** – discussion was had. Tabled
3. **Phil Green** – Grant Seminar
4. **LIAA Public Notice**
5. **Special Request Form – Pumpkin Palozza**
Motion Polega, support Jobe to approve the request. Ayes: all

Consent Agenda:

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

Bills:

Motion Polega, support Jobe to approve the bills as presented, with the addition of Ordus Ford \$104.95 in the amount of \$20,010.07. Ayes: All

Attorney:

1. The Attorney is following up with the house on West Spring Street in regards to the blight still, and the blocking of the street right of way issue.

Department head report/requests:

Police: Hartsell will be giving out Port Austin Police Dept safety clip on lights to the kids at Halloween.

Clerk/Treasurer: Need to look at part-time office help to fill in Mondays during tax seasons plus sick/vacation days.

Board Reports:

HRWA: Operator in charge position was extended an offer. Next meeting is Oct 21.

Committee Reports:

Buildings & Grounds: List of sidewalks repairs was discussed. Brecht commented that we need quotes and get this set over winter for spring.

Council Member Comments:

Jobe:

- Mentioned buzzards are back at Gallup Park

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Maschke:

- Thank you to Betsy Loegel
- Set up a committee meeting for Ordinance and Police

Brecht:

- Asked about a Wade Trim update on the Gym and Bird Creek projects. A group from DDA met the week prior. Preliminary drawings should be available next meeting.

With no further business; **Moved Maschke, support Polega** meeting adjourned at 7:23 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 ___14___ day of ___October___ 2019.

_____ Amanda Nienaltowski, Village Clerk