

Monday December 13, 2021

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Amanda Nienaltowski, Thomas Rapson, Dale Hartsell

GUESTS PRESENT: Nicole Kent, Lance & Joanne Murphy, E. Tomczak, Judy Beam, Bob Brodie, Robert Greenan, Caren Voss

Regular meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

Public Comment: none

Agenda:

- 1. Huron Regional Water Authority** – King explained there is an open position on the Huron Regional Water Authority Board. King recommends Brandt Rousseaux. **Motion Polega, support Andreski to appoint Brandt Rousseaux to the open position on Huron Regional Water Authority. Ayes: All**
There is also an alternate position open. This was tabled.
- 2. Port Austin Area Sewer & Water Authority** - also needs a new member appointed from the Village. No action was taken
- 3. Dog Park** – Judy Beam was present to express her interest in helping to establish or move forward with a community dog park. She had handouts regarding grants.
- 4. Brodie Easement** – Bob and Jean Brodie submitted a letter regarding the public easement next to their property on Stephans Street. Bob Brodie was present and asked what the Village's plan was. It was stated that nothing would be done at this time. DPW to put shale down on the easement for now.
- 5. 2022 Meeting Schedule** – **Motion Maschke, support Brecht to approve the 2022 Meeting Schedule as presented. Ayes: All**
- 6. Speed Limit Signs** – Maschke would like to see the speed lowered coming in to town from the south. Chief Hartsell explained that this is a state decision, as it is a state highway. They could do a study and potentially increase the speed.

Correspondence:

- 1. None**

Consent Agenda:

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

Bills:

Motion Bruce, support King approve the bills in the amount of \$27,304.77. Ayes: All

Attorney:

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Air Advantage Right of Way Permit/Contract – Attorney looked it over and he recommends signing it. It is non exclusive and there is a hold harmless clause in the contract. For transparency, our attorney does also represent Thumb Electric Company (who is purchasing Air Advantage). There was a question on if this is for lines already in place or would the company have to ask Village permission for future projects. Tabled until further discussion with the attorney.

Village Green Contracts – under attorney review

Department head report/requests:

DPW:

- Snow Truck update
- Damage at Gallup Park Pavilion. State Street is currently blocked off.
- Skating Rink temporarily closed
- Compost Site – may need to change processes there. Consumers ran a line up the driveway and the current burn pile is too close now.

Police:

- Officer Jimkoski working on grant for the speed signs
- A second letter will go out to East Spring Street (Kasper's) for a 2nd offense on blight.

Clerk/Treasurer:

- **American Rescue Plan Funds-** funds were received in the amount of \$32,552.00. After the new year, more discussion will be had on a plan for these funds.
- **Winter Carnival Special Event – Motion Bruce, support Polega to approve a beer tent for the 2022 Winter Carnival either on Railroad Street or the Village Green. Ayes: All**

Board Reports:

Ambulance – Maschke gave an update. Very busy with transfers.

Committee Reports:

RRC – need to finish up the Redevelopment Readiness Community

Harbor – Public Meeting with DNR to discuss the plans for the Port Austin State Harbor.

Farmers Market – Plans continue

Council Member Comments:

Maschke –

- Carpeting for the office? Nothing yet for a quote.
- Cleaning for Visitor Center windows. Need to get on a schedule with company.

Brecht – Merry Christmas

Bruce – Merry Christmas & thanks to Dirty Time Landscaping, DPW, and Thumb Cooling & Heating for Gallup Park storm damage cleanup.

With no further business; **Moved Bruce, support Murawski** meeting adjourned at 7:13 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,

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At a regular board meeting conducted on the __13__ day of ____December _____ 2021.

_____ Amanda Nienaltowski, Village Clerk