

Monday February 14, 2022

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andreski

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Amanda Nienaltowski, Thomas Rapson, Dale Hartsell, Kevin Jimkoski

GUESTS PRESENT: Judy Beam, Rob Creenan (Huron Daily Tribune)

Public Hearing called to order at 6:15pm.

Agenda:

1. **2022-2023 Budget Hearing** – Brecht gave a synopsis of the budget for 2022-2023.
 - Major highlights:
 - **Ambulance Subsidy Increase**
 - **Mollison Building Garage Doors**
 - **John Deer Tractor with Attachments**
 - **Veterans Park Rock Wall Repairs**
 - **Independent Street Construction/Repairs**

Discussion was had.

Motion Bruce, support Murawski to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:26 pm.

Regular meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

Public Comment: none

Agenda:

1. **2022-2023 Budget** – Motion Polega, support Maschke to approve the 2022-2023 Budget as presented. **Ayes: All**
2. **2022-2023 Employee Wages** – Discussion was had.
 - a. **Motion Maschke, support King to approve Officer Kevin Jimkoski to a rate of pay of \$20.00 per hour. Ayes: All**
 - b. **Motion Polega, support Bruce to approve a 3% wage increase to all employees. Ayes: All** Clerk Nienaltowski asked for clarification that Officer Jimkoski would receive this on top of the \$20.00 rate. Council agreed that this was the motion.
 - c. Maschke asked for the ambulance rep meeting pay be increased from \$45 per meeting to \$50. **Motion Polega, support Bruce to approve the increase of the ambulance meeting pay to \$50.00. Ayes: All**
3. **2021-2022 MERS Payment towards Unfunded Liability** – Motion Polega, support Maschke to approve \$5000 to MERS towards the Unfunded Liability. **Ayes: All**
4. **2021-2022 Budget Amendments** – Motion Bruce, support Brecht to approve the 2021-2022 budget amendments as presented. **Ayes: All**

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5. **Judy Beam – Dog Park Progress Report** – Judy Beam gave an update on the information she found on Dog Parks in Michigan. She has started a Facebook page. Major components are funding and location. She will be connecting with Carl Osentoski at the EDC office in Bad Axe, and Brand Rousseaux, who has knowledge of grant opportunities.

6. **Central Huron Ambulance Resolution – Motion Bruce, support King to approve the 2022 Central Huron Ambulance Resolution, includes the subsidy increase from \$5 per person to \$10 per person.**
Ayes: All

Correspondence:

1. None

Consent Agenda:

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

Bills:

Motion Bruce, support Brecht approve the bills in the amount of \$18667.15. Ayes: All

Attorney:

none

Department head report/requests:

DPW:

- Snow Truck update – It's here!
- King asked about the curb in front of the Port Austin Township Library and cleaning that up of snow/ice. The Library does have a person that is supposed to be maintaining grounds for winter.
- Old Truck – to be put on auction for minimum bid of \$30,000.
- Nienaltowski to put ad on Facebook for part-time/seasonal DPW help.
- Compost Site – Rapson looked into moving the compost site to Hellem's Road where the dredgings were disposed of on PAASWA property. Compost site would still be for Village residents only. Rapson approached PAASWA, and the PAASWA board is researching legality & liability.

Police:

- **Motion Maschke, support Bruce to approve the purchase of the 2022 Ford Interceptor to replace the totaled 2013 Ford Interceptor in the amount of \$38625.98, including accessories. Ayes: All**
- Chief Hartsell would like permission to attend North Huron Schools periodically at the superintendent's request to mingle with students/staff.

Clerk/Treasurer:

- Insurance claims update: police car and Gallop Park are completed.
- Finalizing the amount due from the Splash Pad Committee. The DNR has issued final payment of the grant.
- **Motion Bruce, support King to approve the 2022 Parks & Recreation Program. Ayes: All**

Board Reports:

PAASWA– Maschke volunteered to be appointed to the Port Austin Area Sewer & Water Authority as a Village representative. Motion Bruce, support Polega to appoint Dianne Maschke to fulfill the rest of Bob Golochowicz's term on the PAASWA board. Ayes: All

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Huron Regional Water Authority needs an alternative representative.

Committee Reports:

Council Member Comments:

Maschke – Happy Valentine’s Day!

Brecht – Asked about a sidewalk repairs update. Rapson to pick a couple of blocks and get moving on this project. **Motion Brecht, support Bruce to approve getting bids, consistent with the sidewalk that was done on Washington Street. Ayes:All**

With no further business; **Moved Bruce, support Murawski** meeting adjourned at 7:33 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 February 2022.

_____ Amanda Nienaltowski, Village Clerk