

Monday February 10, 2020

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jobe

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Ron & Marilyn Lamke, Jim Grant, Sarah Straight, Angela Alaouie

Public Hearing called to order at 6:15pm. Murawski led the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment: None

Brecht summarized the 2020-2021 budget. He explained there was not raise last year for employees, but that was supplemented by increasing the dental/optical reimbursement. Brecht also explained the other bullet points on the budget notes; included are Independence Street and Sidewalk by Birdie on the Fly, purchase of snow plow truck, new line item was added for change in retirement plan for new hires, and backhoe tires and liner for the main truck.

Discussion was had. Need an updated quote for Independence Street and East Spring Street.

Motion Bruce, support Maschke to close the Public Hearing at 6:29pm. Ayes: All

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

Public Comment: None

Agenda:

1. **Approval 2020-2021 Budget - Motion Maschke, support Polega** to approve the 2020-2021 as presented. Ayes: All
2. **2019-2020 Budget Amendments – Motion Bruce, support Polega** to approve 2019-2020 budget amendments as presented. Ayes: All
3. **Josh Kidd Resignation Letter – Motion Polega, support Bruce** to accept Josh Kidd's resignation letter. Ayes: All
4. **Splash Pad Letter** – Polega explained the letter from Rob Stiverson concerning the Splash Pad. No bids were received in the initial bidding. How should we move forward? Discussion was had on moving to potable water. Todd Murawski will approach PAASWA at their next meeting to discuss options. **Motion Polega, support Bruce** to allow Murawski to approach PAASWA about the issue. Ayes: All
5. **Special Events Forms – Motion Polega, support Maschke** to approve the Chamber of Commerce's new special events forms for 2020. Ayes: All
6. **3% Raise to Full Time Employees – Motion Maschke, support Bruce** to approve 3% raise to full time employees who have been with the Village at least a year. Ayes: All

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7. **MERS Unfunded Liability Payment – Motion Brecht, support Maschke** to approve the payment of \$5000 to MERS for the Village’s unfunded liability. Ayes: All
8. **Auditors** – Brecht discussed the proposals from Rehmann (current auditor) and Nietzke and Faupel. Discussion was had regarding the two proposals. **Motion Bruce, support Polega** to approve Nietzke and Faupel’s audit proposal for 2020-2022. Ayes: All
9. **Stier (Spring Street Easement)** – Polega discussed what the Village would like in terms of price for the easement that Mr. Stier is entertaining to purchase from the Village next to his property on East Spring Street. Village is firm on price. Polega discussed that price and does not look that we will enter into a contract to sell.
10. **DPW Supervisor** – Village will be looking for the DPW position. **Motion Maschke, support Bruce** to approve current DPW worker Thomas Rapson to move to the DPW Supervisor position. Ayes: All

Correspondence:

1. RRC Packet
2. Shoreline Water & Erosion Meeting

Consent Agenda:

Motion Bruce, support Brecht to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: All

Bills:

Motion Bruce, support Brecht to approve the bills as presented.. Ayes: All

Attorney:

Council questioned where the status of the West Spring Street blight house. Bruce and Nienaltowski had discussed this with Attorney Kyle O’Mara last month. Council questioned the timeliness of the attorney’s responses. Nienaltowski will also add the list of attorney outstanding tasks under this heading each month.

Department head report/requests:

DPW: Rapson updated council that the major things are up to date before Kidd resigned. John Rapson has been filling in as needed for plowing. Brecht asked if there would be more quotes on for the plow truck.

Police: Chief Hartsell thanked Council for the raise. Officer Jimkowski started this pay period.

Clerk: Nienaltowski received a letter requesting permission to plant a memorial tree in Veterans Park for Genevieve Schmidt by the David Rees Family. Discussion tabled. Murawski and Nienaltowski will get in touch with David Rees for further discussion.

Nienaltowski put in an application for the Huron County Community Foundation Placemaking Grant for 2020 in the amount of \$1000 for wayfaring signs in the Village. The application has been accepted and will be pitched Feb 19 in Harbor Beach. Nienaltowski will attend the pitch event on behalf of the Village.

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Board Reports:

Ambulance: Meeting this Wednesday. Adding Bingham services will be discussed.

Planning: LIAA had another meeting regarding the Master Plans. Maschke mentioned Betsy Loegel's form she presented at a previous meeting. Maschke believes the Village should implement that form or something similar as far as approval/rejected and reasoning. Issue moved to Ordinance Committee.

PAASWA: Murawski will be attending the meeting Weds.

Committee Reports:

Labor, Personnel, & Police: Interviews for DPW January 20.

Council Member Comments:

Mashcke: Discussed the Grant Coordinator Position. She would like a firm commitment on financial input. Discussion was had. Exploring options on who is out there for the position.

With no further business; **Moved Bruce, support Andreski** meeting adjourned at 7:27 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 ___10___ day of ___February___ 2020.

_____ Amanda Nienaltowski, Village Clerk