

Monday February 8, 2021

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Debra Hubbard, Lou Schillinger

Public Hearing called to order 6:21pm.

Brecht gave highlights on the 2021-2022 budget. Independence Street & East Spring Street are budgeted for in the Major Streets fund – using the majority of the reserve funds and a loan. Loan could be paid off in 3-4 years with the extra revenue from the increased levying of the street millage and shifting local tax revenues 100% to Major Streets & 0% to Local Streets. A snow plow truck is also allocated to 60% Major Streets, 40% Local Streets division as in years past. Street lighting and road projects were discussed in more depth. General Fund allocated for the Water Tower Parking lot project coming from reserve funds. All other items requested by department heads have been entered into the budget.

Public Comment: none

Public Hearing adjourned: Motion Bruce, support Polega to adjourn. 6:40pm. Ayes: All

Regular meeting called to order at 6:40pm.

Public Comment: Debra Hubbard handed out council certificates from the election.

Agenda:

- 1. Harbor Committee:** Murawski requests the Lisa Pridnia be added to the harbor committee.
Motion Polega, support Andreski to appoint Lisa Pridnia to the Harbor Committee. Ayes: All
- 2. 2021-2021 Budget– Motion Bruce, support Polega to approve the 2021 -2022 Budget as presented. Ayes: All**
- 3. 2021-2022 Street Tax Revenue Percentage – Discussion was had on the percentage division of local tax millage to Major and Local Streets. Motion Polega, support Bruce to set the 2021-2022 Street Tax Revenue to 100% Major Streets, 0% Local Streets. Ayes: All**
- 4. Harbor Update – Lou Schillinger presented the council with an update on the Port Austin State Harbor. Harbor will be open in the spring. Cedarville (2rd bidder) is ready to start pending the state.**
- 5. 2020-2021 Budget Amendments – Motion Polega, support Bruce to approve 2020-2021 budget amendments as presented. Ayes: all**
- 6. Employee Raises – Budget for 2021-2022 allows for up to 3%. Polega discussed there should be performance reviews/setting goals for employees. Discussion was had. Hartsell/Rapson/Nienaltowski were asked for their input as department heads.**

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Motion Brecht, support Bruce to give full time employees 2.5% for 2021-2022 fiscal year. Ayes: All

It was suggested that twice a year reviews be done on the employees.

7. **MERS Payment Unfunded Liability – Motion Maschke, support Brecht to approve payment of \$5000 toward the MERS unfunded liability. Ayes: all**
8. **Wade Trim/Farmer Market Project – Bruce discussed visiting Dodge Park in Sterling Heights. They have an ice rink/farmers market structure that is approximately 165X80. Discussion was had on the structure and how something similar would fit the plans.**
9. **Easement Request – Bruce discussed an easement needed for consumers energy between the fire department and 8637 Lake Street. Motion Maschke, support Polega to approve the easement as presented. Ayes: all Abstain: Bruce**

Correspondence: none

Consent Agenda:

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

Bills:

Motion Bruce, support Polega to approve the bills in the amount with additions, \$8421.46 . Ayes:

All

Attorney:

none

Department head report/requests:

DPW:

- Winter carnival snow removal will be done this week. Polega inquired about snow removal on sidewalks; what's needed? Discussion was had.

Police:

- Citation was issued for 291 East Spring Street. Citation was paid; blight has not been addressed by the owner. 14 days then another citation will be issued.

Clerk:

- Gallup Park Slides Insurance Claim was issued.
- AVCI mentioned a 10X20 building to be put by water tower when the contract was picked up. Nienaltowski mentioned this as it is not in the contract.

Board Reports:

Ambulance: Meeting on Wednesday.

Committee Reports: None

With no further business; **Moved Bruce, support Andreski** meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Clerk Certification

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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 8 day of February 2021.

Amanda Nienaltowski Amanda Nienaltowski, Village Clerk