

Monday January 11, 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: Nicole Kent, Paul Nienaltowski

**Public Comment: none**

**Agenda:**

- 1. 2021 Meeting Dates– Motion Polega, support Brecht to approve the 2021 meeting dates as presented. Ayes: All**
- 2. 2021-2022 Budget Hearing – Motion Polega, support Bruce to set the 2021-2022 Budget Hearing for 6:15pm on February 8, 2021. Ayes: All**
- 3. 2021 Tax Rate – Street Millage Discussion was had on increasing the levy on the streets millage. Village has collected 1.0208 for many years. The original millage is frozen at 3.3182 before any headlee rollbacks. Discussion was had on the millage and projected projects that it would be used for. King mentioned that this year many people are already struggling so is raising this a good idea? The streets that are in need of repairs were discussed. Brecht proposes the Village implement a policy to match any new sidewalks (footage or cost) with the same in repairing existing sidewalks. Improve on what we have as well as new. **Motion Brecht, support Andreski to increase the street millage rate for 2021 to 2.500 mills. Ayes: All****

Discussion was had on having a plan in place to justify the increase and use towards sidewalks and the roads that need repairs. Barb would like a plan to post in the paper.

- 4. AVCI Lease – Bruce checked with Thumb Radio and the rental rate is a fair rate. **Motion Polega, support Bruce to approve the AVCI Lease with bill credits for services to our facilities as last discussed. Ayes: All****
- 5. DDA Appointment – removed**
- 6. Farmers Market Project –DDA is going out for bids on two more blue buildings for the Village Green. Bruce discussed the rest of the project and projected project for the Gym/Farmers Market concept drawings from Wade Trim that are currently being discussed. Some ideas would like to be changed. Discussion was had. **Motion Maschke, support Bruce to have Wade Trim remove the bridge to Bird Creek, add a larger Farmers Market shelter with in ground system for ice rink, and add dockage on the south side of Bird Creek Park. Ayes: All****
- 7. Butterfly House – Bruce discussed the need for a subcommittee for the butterfly house. **Motion Polega, support Brecht to appoint Deanna Kidd to manage the butterfly house project. Ayes: All****

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Discussion was had on parking at Water Tower Park. **Motion Brecht, support Bruce to have Stiverson draw up two parking lots for Water Tower Park. Ayes: All**

**Correspondence:**

1. **Winter Carnival Special Event- Motion Maschke, support Andreski to approve the Winter Carnival Special Event as presented. Ayes: All**
2. **Boat Dock Application – Vercnocke**
3. **United Protestant Church Meeting Request- Motion Brecht, support Andreski to approve the request through the end of February. Ayes: All**
4. **Huron County Community Foundation – Donations Nienaltowski to send a thank you for the Zamboni and Gym Renovations donations.**

**Consent Agenda:**

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

**Bills:**

**Motion Bruce, support Maschke to approve the bills in the amount with additions, \$1818.50 . Ayes:**

**All**

**Attorney:**

none

**Department head report/requests:**

**DPW:**

- Line Street Tree – Get bids for Line Street tree and trees at Gallup Park for next meeting
- Wash out at docks needs to be addressed this spring. Andreski to get a proposal.
- DPW has access to all of the Mollison Building now.
- Gallup Park- DPW had to put more cones up as there were some ruts from people parking up closer to the pavilion.
- The new truck has been doing ok. Village really needs a truck with the belly blade not the front “V” blade. Would like to see put in for next budget.

**Police:**

- Blight letter was sent to the 291 East Spring Street.
- Laptops have been received.

**Clerk:**

- A request for a quote from Miracle Recreation has been received in the amount of \$1290.00. Nienaltowski has put this in with the insurance company.
- Splash Pad grant extension has been submitted to the DNR.

**Board Reports:**

**Ambulance:** Meeting on Wednesday. Expect an increase in the ambulance subsidy for the budget of \$1 per person.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance, Grants, & Insurance:**

**New Committee for Farmers Market/Gym: Murawski/Bruce/Polega**

- Budget for next meeting. Please have numbers to Nienaltowski by 1/22/2021. Discussion was had on

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borrowing for projects.

**Parks & Recreation:**

- Budget for picnic tables and trash cans.

**Buildings, Grounds, and Streets:**

- Street Light Bases – check on the company would repaired them prior. Bruce would like council to look at the light pole behind his residency and the medical clinic. See if it should be removed or leave it alone.

**Board Member Comments:**

**Brecht:** Discussed considering replacing any street lights. Discussion was had on the costs of this.

**King:** Needs to be on some committees.

With no further business; **Moved Bruce, support Maschke** meeting adjourned at 8:12 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 \_\_\_11\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_January\_\_\_ 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_ Amanda Nienaltowski, Village Clerk