

Monday September 13, 2021

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: King

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Bob & Jean Brodie, Helen Hemmel

Regular meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

Public Comment:

1. Helen Hummel – expressed concern regarding the kayakers using the boat launch at the harbor. This is a state property issue. Council suggested talking to the DNR.

Agenda:

1. **Light at Osentoski Realty** – Maschke opinion is the street with be fine without the light. Discussion was had. **Motion Maschke, support Andreski to approve the removal of the DTE street light on East Spring Street by Osentoski Realty.** Discussion was had on if there was a need somewhere else for it. It is DTE's pole and responsibility. **Ayes: All Abstain: Bruce.**
2. **Wayfinding Corbin Design** – Erica Bruce was present from the Port Austin Chamber. She presented the same proposal that was presented at the DDA and Chamber meetings for Corbin Design to create a plan/analysis for wayfinding in Port Austin. Chamber has committed \$11,000 and DDA has also committed \$12,000 towards the project. Corbin can begin October 10. The proposal does not include installation and fabrication.

Motion Bruce, support Andreski to approve \$12,000 for Corbin Design Proposal. Ayes: All
Discussion was had on which fund to pay out of. No decision was made.

Motion Bruce, support Polega to approve the DDA's expenditure of \$12,000 toward Corbin Design. Ayes: All

3. **Hendrick's Construction Management** – DDA approved \$5,000 towards Hendrick's Construction Management for pre-construction of the Gym/Farmers Market project.
Motion Polega, support Brecht to approve the DDA's expenditure of \$5,000 to Hendrick's Construction Management. Ayes: All
4. **Police Contracts** – Committee met and proposes the contract for Pointe Aux Barques be \$4,000. There has not been an increase since the inception of the agreement. **Motion Maschke, support Bruce to approve the Pointe Aux Barques contract at \$4,000 for April 2022-March 31 2023. Ayes: All**
No discussion on Port Austin Township contract for this meeting.
5. **DPW Full Time Position** – **Motion Maschke, support Polega to accept with regret Aaron Goretski's letter of resignation. Ayes: All**
Discussion was had on filling the vacancy. **Motion Maschke, support Polega to approve Jerry Kula (current seasonal full time employee) to the full time position at a rate of pay of \$14.85. Ayes: All**

Part time DPW search continues....

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6. **Bob & Jean Brodie – Road End Easement** - Bob and Jean Brodie were present to discuss their letter submitted to the council regarding the road end easement next to their property at 201 Lakeview Street. They expressed their concern of the growing problem concerning erosion and the integrity of their seawall next to the village's portion. They are looking for the Village to resolve. Discussion was had. Committee to research and revisit at next meeting.
7. **Carfest Beer Tent – Motion Maschke, support Polega to allow the Chamber of Commerce to have a beer tent at Carfest 2021. Ayes: All**
8. **Budget Adjustments – Motion Brecht, support Maschke to approve the budget amendments as presented. Ayes: All**
9. **Motorbikes at Huron Castings Corp Services (299 Grindstone Rd)** - There have been issues with residents at this location driving motorbikes and trespassing on neighboring properties. Discussion was had. **Motion Bruce, support Maschke to send a certified letter to the property owner discussing the issue. Ayes: All**
10. **DDA Appointment** – Murawski shared the with regret Chris Boyle resigned from the DDA. Murawski would like to appoint TJ Polega to the vacancy. **Motion Bruce, support Andreski to approve the appointment of TJ Polega to the DDA. Ayes: All Abstain: Polega**

Correspondence:

1. **Ted Bialczak Letter** – Letter is in regards to safety issues down Farrar Street. Discussion was had on adding more police coverage in that area.

Consent Agenda:

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

Bills:

Motion Bruce, support Maschke to approve the bills in the amount of \$55936.68 with additions. Ayes: All Abstain: Andreski

Motion Polega, support Maschke to approve the final bill for the Splash Pad in the amount of \$27895.32. Ayes: All Abstain: Andreski

Attorney:

Dog Ordinance – Discussion on the wording. Need to ask the attorney if we can use “may” instead of “shall”

DDA State Treasury Letter – Nienaltowski explained that she's been working with the state on the correspondence. She will keep the boards updated.

Department head report/requests:

DPW:

- **Street Light Base Quotes** – power coating verses epoxy is less laborious thus cheaper. Discussion on the quotes received at last meeting. **Motion Polega, support Maschke to approve American Technical in the amount of \$4192.50 to do the light pole bases. Ayes: All**
- Truck is built

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- Pavers that were removed by Consumers Power need to finish being replaced. Mike’s Landscaping had been contracted by Consumers to do this. Police to resolve this issue/contact Mike’s or Consumers.

Police:

- None

Clerk/Treasurer:

- Liability insurance reps have been contacting the hall to submit proposals. Council at this time is not interested in a different company.
- Village property taxes are due tomorrow 9/14/2021.

Board Reports:

***Ambulance** – They had an inspection that wanted documentation regarding the merge with Bad Axe from 25 years ago. Maschke was able to locate this information. She also stated to anticipate an increase in subsidy in the future.*

Committee Reports:

Ordinance – Maschke wants the ordinance either revamped or enforced.

Parks & Rec – Water tower and Splash Pad can be removed from Committees.

Gym – Chamber has earmarked \$30,000 towards the project.

Council Member Comments:

Maschke – expressed concern about the shape of the Visitor Center after rentals. Tables and chairs should be put back as they were.

With no further business; **Moved Bruce, suppot Murawski** meeting adjourned at 7:41 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 13 day of September 2021.

_____ Amanda Nienaltowski, Village Clerk