

Monday September 14, 2020

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brecht, Bruce, Maschke, Murawski, Jobe

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andreski, Polega

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Amanda Nienaltowski, Kevin Jimkoski, Thomas Rapson

GUESTS PRESENT: Deb Hubbard, Nicole Kent, Lou Schillinger, Gary Vastros, Gary Stier,

Agenda Additions: Harbor Commission

**Agenda:**

1. **Harbor Commission:** Lou Schillinger was present to discuss the Port Austin State Harbor. He stated that the situation today is different than years prior. DNR won't consider turning the harbor over to the Village until 100% finished. We've lost our summer season for 2020. There is a need to communicate with DNR/State and keep our harbor at the top of their lists. Murawski commented that he just wants the harbor fixed. DNR is looking for 2-3 people to have communications with. Brecht asked if we need to reinstate the harbor commission or create a committee? Maschke mentioned the millage rate that is stated in the original harbor commission resolution. Murawski recommends that the Village form a Harbor Committee. His recommendation is Lou Schillinger, Del Ruth, and the Village of Port Austin President. **Motion Bruce, support Brecht** to appoint the Village President, Del Ruth, and Lou Schillinger to a harbor committee with now stipends. Ayes: Brecht, Bruce, Jobe Nay: Maschke
2. **Emterra:** Gary Vastros (Emterra Representative) was present to listen to concerns regarding the village trash and recycling.

Jobe explained how there have been issues with the glass being dumped/broken from the trucks, as well as the trucks running the road edges and ruining the grass.

Brecht wants to know how our recycling works. It is being separate and really recycled?

Maschke also mentioned that numerous people have not been getting picked up for garbage.

Mr. Vastros stated that the recycling gets taken to a center and mechanically sorted. He'll be taking these other issues to Curtis (supervisor).
3. **Gary Stier:** Talked with TJ Polega again about the easement on East Spring Street. Stier is at \$5,500. Discussion was had. Stier stated he has maintained the easement for 32 and not comfortable at \$8000. Council stated that DPW did maintain that property for a number of years.
4. **Audit:** Brecht gave a summary of the 2019-2020 audit. Highlights were as follows:
  - a. Net position change was due to how Rehmann and Nietzsche grouped items (Nietzke removes the equipment rental since it isn't a true revenue).

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- b. Street Lighting – can't be from Act 51. Auditors looking into if the other street revenues can cover this expense.
  - c. Incomes vs expenses are in good shape.
  - d. Pension is at about 70% and in a healthy condition.
  - e. Checks and balances are the same as years past. Small staff makes some of this hard.  
Treasurer will bring receipt of books to the council each month for review.
5. **Resolution for State Highway Right of Way:** This is the state form to designate who can submit for road closures.  
**Motion Bruce, support Maschke** to designate the Clerk to authorize road closures on behalf of the Village of Port Austin. Ayes: All
6. **Special Event: Samantha Lewis & Ted Williams** would like to have a special event at the 4 way stop on Lake and Spring Streets October 10, 2020 at 3pm-3:30pm.  
**Motion Brecht, support Maschke** to approve the Special Event Form for Samantha Lewis and Ted Williams. Ayes: All
7. **Special Events Form Procedures:** Maschke discussed issues she's seen with events around town on Village property not going through the correct Special Event Form procedures. Nicole Kent (Chamber of Commerce Director) noted this procedure and it will be corrected moving forward for the Village Green events.
8. **Gym Grant Update:** In order to proceed with grant opportunities for the gym, the DDA and Village need to sign an agreement for an unconditional easement as there is a road easement that runs through the property. **Motion Jobe, support Bruce** to agree to enter into an easement agreement. Ayes: All
9. **AVCI:** AVCI has approached the Village about renting space on the water tower. Discussion was had. Lease to be send to the attorney for review.

**Correspondence:**

1. **Huron Regional Water Authority- Rate Change:** Acknowledged receipt of this item.
2. **PAASWA – Rate Change: Motion Bruce, support Jobe** to approve the Port Austin Area Sewer and Water rate change from \$3.74 to \$4.29 per thousand gallons of water. Ayes: All
3. **Lori Harris – Updated Letter in response to August 10, 2020 Meeting:** Acknowledged receipt of this item.
4. **Huron County Drain Commission Letters:** Clerk Nienaltowski attended the redistricting meeting. The Village has gained a portion of Bird Creek Drain and Cramp Drain. Bird Creek Drain at Large for a 1 year assessment is \$25.20, Cramp Drain for a 1 year assessment is \$140.40.

**Consent Agenda:**

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

**Bills:**

**Motion Bruce, support Maschke** to approve the bills in the amount of \$12163.28 including the additions of Ferris, Schwedler, & O'Mara (\$35.00). Ayes: All

**Attorney:**

None

**Department head report/requests:**

**DPW:**

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**Right of Way Encroachments:** Crew Chief Rapson has a list ready for the Right of Way encroachment violators.

**Plow Truck:** Glenn Phillips still has one of the previous trucks discussed. Rapson to figure out what he needs and spend within budget numbers.

**Easement:** Complaint about Pointe Aux View easement was verbally received. No easement sign and it is blocked by a white picket fence. Rapson to get a sign for the easement.

**Bird Creek Gate:** Is the gate ok to pull out? Council recommends pulling it out.

**Catch Basin/Sidewalk:** The catch basin and sidewalk by the Miniature Golf/Railroad street is on the list to be fixed.

**Police:** Chief Hartsell commented on a juvenile breaking in to places over the last month. The situation has been taken care of.

He also stated we have a number of camper issues in town.

**Clerk:** Nienaltowski updated information regarding the August revenue sharing. We did receive a payment that was as projected. Our CVTRS will actually be 1 ½ times it's normal \$519 payment. It is being replaced with CARES Act monies.

**Board Reports: none**

**Committee Reports:**

**Ordinance:**

**Steigerwald's Property M-53:** Grass/weeds are in the process of being taken care of. The next step is the trailers.

**Boat at Thumb Lumber:** Update on abandoned boat on Grindstone Road- It is still there. Someone has tagged their name to it.

**Butterfly House:** Jobe asked if the butterfly house was violating any ordinance due to the weeds? The new net is being stored in the DPW. **Motion Brecht, support Jobe** to get have Mike Martin clean up the butterfly house for up to \$300. Ayes: all

**Board Member Comments:** None

With no further business; **Moved Bruce, support Brecht** meeting adjourned at 8:41 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,

**Monday September 14, 2020**

At a regular board meeting conducted on the   14   day of   September   2020.

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