

**AGENDA**  
*THE PORT AUSTIN VILLAGE COUNCIL*  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Monday, January 9, 2017**

Call Meeting to Order at **6:30 pm**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call: Andreski, Brecht, Jobe, Kendall, Maschke, Polega, & President Confer

Additions/Deletions/Revisions to Agenda

**AGENDA:**

1. Vine Street
2. Appointments
3. DDA Expenditure - \$5,000 Discover the Blue
4. Budget Amendments
5. Set Budget Hearing Feb, 13<sup>th</sup> 6:15pm

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approve:

December 12, 2016 Council Minutes

Acknowledge Receipt Of:

Balance Sheet Income Statement

**PAYMENT OF BILLS ----- \$ 1,101.67**

**ATTORNEY:**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT / REQUEST:**

DPW: 2017 Budget Items

Police:

Clerk Report:

Treasurer Report:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

January 9, 2017 6:30 p.m.

President Confer is a member of all Committees

Finance, Grants & Insurance ----- Brecht & Kendall

- 1. Road Millage

Labor, Personnel & Police ----- Jobe & Maschke

- 1.

Motor Pool & Operations ----- Brecht & Andreski

- 1.

Ordinance ----- Kendall & Maschke

- 1. Fireworks

Parks & Recreation ----- Polega & Jobe

- 1. Bird Creek Park

Buildings, Grounds, Streets ----- Andreski & Polega

- 1. Vine Street Sea Wall    2. Gym    3. Feasibility Study    4. Independence

Fish Cleaning Station ----- Mike Morgan, Todd Murawski, Andreski

- 1.

Water Task Force ----- Kendall, Maschke

- 1.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Adjourn:

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*17 West State Street, Port Austin, MI 48467*

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andreski, Brecht, Jobe, Kendall, Maschke, Polega at 6:45, Confer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Steve Schmidt, Joyce Stanek, Barb King, Deb Hubbard, Darcie Finan, Lynn Mayes, Brandt Rousseaux, Mike Pierson

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Roll Call was taken.

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

Confer reviewed the items on the agenda and added Lynn Mayes as #6.

Item one, Vine Street was skipped to wait for Mike Pierson from Pierson Piling.

Confer would like to reappoint Fred Valasek to the PAASWA board.

**Moved Andreski, support Jobe** to reappoint Fred Valasek to the PAASWA board. Ayes: All

Confer explained that he is still working on reviewing the DDA appointments.

Confer asked Joyce Stanek to please submit a letter for next meeting if she would like to remain on the PAASWA board.

Kendall commented that he will be stepping down from the Planning Commission, as there cannot be two council members on the board. Andreski will remain on. Barb King was asked if she could list the position in the next Port Austin News and Rapson will put it up on the website.

Treasurer Nienaltowski has provided a breakdown of the budget adjustments. The breakdown was reviewed. Discussion was had on a cost of living raise. That will be discussed at the budget hearing next month.

**Moved Polega, support Brecht** to approve the budget amendments as presented. Ayes: All

Williams commented that he has some DPW budget requests for next year. Finance committee will review as they are preparing the budget for next month.

**Moved Brecht, support Polega** to set the Budget Public hearing for February 13<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 6:15pm.

Ayes: All

Lynn Mayes addressed the council regarding Christmas decorations. She feels that the Village should look into getting some new, large, and hopefully inexpensive decorations. Some discussion was had. Mayes commented that the Pricilla Club is willing to help. Jobe will work with Mayes to start looking into it.

Rapson briefly explained the DDA expenditure. All DDA expenditures need to be approved by Council. The DDA had a meeting last week and made a motion to pay \$5,000 for the Discover the Blue advertising that the Chamber has been paying. Steve Schmidt commented that he would like to see the DDA continue to do this in the future also.

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Joyce Stanek explained that the first year that we joined the Discover the Blue program, the DDA paid for the full \$5,000. The next year the Chamber started fund raising for the cost and the DDA paid \$3,000 and the Chamber \$2,000. The following years the Chamber raised the full \$5,000.

Darcie Finan commented that the Chamber has already raised \$4,000 towards it this year from the Wheel Barrow raffle. Some discussion was had.

**Moved Polega, support Kendall** to approve the DDA expenditure of \$5,000 towards the Discover the Blue.  
Ayes: All

Mike Pierson was present to discuss the Vine Street Sea Wall. He has worked up drawings and a cost estimate for the project. It would be a Steel Wall at the bottom about three feet high off the water with tie backs. Then 8 feet back would be the first set of blocks, 2 high with tie backs and then another 8 feet back the next set of blocks, 2 high with tie backs. He would also pour cement between the steel and the first row of blocks. The drawing shows the entire project including the neighbor's portion, but the price is for just the Village 40 feet, except for the cement cost, which he still needs to separate.

Discussion was had on time frame, other options, need for repair, and other possible easements that need improvements.

Polega feels that now that we have a plan the Village needs to do its due diligence and go out for bids on the project.

**Moved Maschke, support Polega** to go out for bids on the Vine Street Sea Wall. Ayes: All

Pierson was asked to refine his cost estimate in regards to the concrete and have his bid in by next meeting. Committee will work on getting other bids.

#### **Correspondence:**

**Public Comment:** Darcie Finan commented that there has been some comments made that the DDA paid for the Village Green "pods". She checked with Nienaltowski and the Village has paid 100% of the \$71,911.56 spent on the project from General and Street funds.

Rapson explained that we plan to get \$45,000 back from the Grant.

Finan also commented that she is ok with the project; she just feels the proper information needs to be shared. Much Discussion was had.

Maschke asked explained the recent changes at the chamber, Finan has resigned as Chamber President and Chris Boyle is now Chamber President. The board needs to appoint 2 new members. The Chamber is also looking to hire a new executive director. Discussion was had on the job description, Village Green, and changes to the market.

**Moved Kendall, support Brecht** to approve the consent agenda as Presented. Ayes: All

There are several additions to the bills.

**Moved Polega, support Maschke** to pay the bills, with amendments, in the amount of \$3,565.12.

Ayes: All

**Attorneys:** NA

#### **Department head report/requests:**

DPW: Williams commented that he has a third bid for the tractor clutch repair. Committee will review.

Police: Hartsell commented that he has the police budget done and has given it to Nienaltowski.

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Clerk: Rapson explained the special event request from Thumb Artist Studio Tour. They would like to do an Art Fair on the weekend before the Fourth of July. They are requesting the use of Veterans Park.

**Moved Polega, support Kendall** to approve the request as presented. Ayes: All

Rapson also explained that he will be attending a meeting in Caro to learn about the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities program. This is now a required program to be able to receive MEDC grants like the Façade Grant we have used in the past. He will have more information after the meeting.

Treasurer: NA

**Committee Reports:**

Finance: Kendall reported that the committee is working on getting bids for our Audit and will have a recommendation by next meeting. They will be working on the road millage contract for next month also.

Parks: Some discussion was had on Bird Creek. It was removed from the agenda for now.

Buildings and Grounds: Committee is working on some ideas for the Gym; they should have more info in February. Some discussion was had on the gym art project.

Fish: Rapson commented that he has spoken with Betsy at the DNR and she was going to check on the status of the approval.

Water: The committee will be meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Some discussion was had.

**Council Member Comments:** Jobe wished everyone a Happy New Year.

With no further business; **Moved Polega, Support Maschke** meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

**Clerk Certification**

I the undersigned, Thomas Rapson, 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 \_\_\_9<sup>th</sup>\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_January\_\_\_\_\_ 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_ Thomas Rapson, Village Clerk