

Monday February 12, 2024

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andreski, Bronson, Murawski, Brecht, King, Polega

MEMBERS ABSENT:

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Amanda Nienaltowski, Dale Hartsell, Thomas Rapson, Mark Gembariski

GUESTS PRESENT: Dean Avola, Deb Hubbard, Sherry Seley, Mary Babcock

Regular meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.

Public Comment: Sherry Seley was present to discuss her property and inquired if she could have electricity on the lot. Discussion was had. The Village does not approve electrical permits.

Agenda:

- 1. 2024-2025 Budget – Motion Polega, support Andreski to approve the budget, as amended, in the public hearing. Ayes: All**
- 2. 2024-2025 Wages – Motion Brecht, support Polega to approve 3% wages increases for all employees. Ayes: All**
- 3. 2023-2024 Budget Amendments – Motion Andreski, support Brecht to approve budget amendments, as presented. Ayes: All**
- 4. Port Austin Jetski Rental – Motion Polega, support Andreski to approve the 2024 contract for \$600.00 with an additional lift. Ayes: All**
- 5. Line Street Lot – Ad was run in the Huron Daily Tribune for bids and the adjacent property owners were contacted for their interest. One bid was received. Motion Brecht, support Bronson to accept K&T Leasing LLC’s bid of \$8,000 for the Line Street Lot (3237-830-229-00) contingent upon removal of the shed located on the lot. Ayes: All Abstain: Polega**
- 6. Center Street Storm Sewer – DPW Supervisor Rapson gave an update on the issue. To fix to the road cost is approximately \$5,000-\$6,000. To fix across the road cost is approximately \$15,000-\$16,000. Motion Brecht, support Polega to approve up to \$15,000 to go across the road with repairs. Aye: All**
- 7. PAASWA Support Letter – Motion Polega, support Brecht to approve a letter of support to be written for PAASWA’s application for Community Funding through Lisa McClain’s office. Ayes: All**
- 8. Central Huron Ambulance Resolution – Motion Polega, support Brecht to approve. Aye: All**
- 9. Resignation – Motion Polega, support Brecht to accept, with regret, Dianne Maschke’s resignation from the council, PAASWA, and Central Huron Ambulance boards. Ayes: All**
- 10. MEDC Grant Update – Mitigation Clerk Nienaltowski explained the findings of the SHPO 106 Application. To move forward, a mitigation process will need to be completed regarding a case study on gym and the efforts the Village has made to look into all costs/options.**

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11. **Election** – Township Clerk Hubbard gave out election paperwork. Deadline to file is June.

12. **Port Austin Chamber** – Chamber Director Giovanni was present. Would like to propose 2 new events.

- a. Wednesday Evening Farmers Market
- b. Bike Night

Motion Polega, support Andreski to approve the events as discussed. Ayes: All

13. **Zoning Issue** – As of today, the shed is still on the property. Zoning Administrator Gembarski stated if the property owner wants to move it to the rear of the lot, it needs to be 3’ off the rear property line. Property owner states he could not get a crane in due to weather restrictions. Daily fines to start 2/13/2024 until shed is moved.

Correspondence: Port Austin School Property – discussion and committee formed with the following committee members: Robin Bronson, Todd Murawski, TJ Polega, Amanda Nienaltowski, Dale Hartsell

Consent Agenda:

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

Bills:

Motion Polega, support Brecht approve the bills in the amount of \$5788.19. Ayes: All

Attorney: Golf cart ordinance draft – review and add to March agenda

Department head report/requests:

DPW – DPW garage painting. Quote was received. \$3600 for North Side. \$3200 for West Side. Get quote for Visitor Center painting also.

Police:

- Fee Policy review – sent to Police Committee for discussion on increasing police report fees, parking ticket fees, and body cam/zip drive copy fees.

Clerk:

- Emterra will be receiving a letter from the Village attorney regarding the post pandemic fees.
- Post for open board positions.

Board Reports: none

Committee Reports: none

Council Member Comments: none

With no further business; **Moved Brecht, support Polega** meeting adjourned at 7:30 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 12 day of February 2024.

Amanda Nienaltowski, Village Clerk