

AGENDA
THE PORT AUSTIN VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 26, 2009

Call Meeting to Order at 8:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call: Bruce, Hogan, Nichols, Ranger, Andreski & President Murawski

Additions/ Deletions/ Revisions to Agenda

AGENDA:

1. Appointments - Murawski
2. Discussion on insured money - Ranger
3. Discussion on delinquent personal property taxes - Ranger
4. Discussion on FOIA letter
5. Cancel December 28th Meeting ?

CORRESPONDENCE:

Roy Russell

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve:

October 12th, 2009 Council Minutes

Acknowledge Receipt Of:

PAYMENT OF BILLS----- \$ 1,053.63

ATTORNEY:

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT / REQUEST

Dick Babcock:

Dale Hartsell:

Clerk Report:

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

October 26, 2009 8:00 p.m.

President Murawski is a member of all Committees

Finance, Grants & Insurance-----Chair Ranger & Bruce

Labor, Personnel & Police-----Chair Ranger & Nichols

Motor Pool & Operations-----Chair _____ & Bruce

Ordinance-----Chair Nichols & Andreski

Parks & Recreation-----Chair Ranger & Nichols,

Press Management-----Chair Nichols & Bruce

Public Buildings & Grounds-----Chair Bruce & _____

Special Events-----Chair Bruce & Nichols

Streets, Sidewalk, Drains & Lighting-----Chair Hogan & _____

Waste Management-----Chair Hogan & Andreski

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Adjourn:

Monday, October 26, 2009

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce, Hogan, Nichols, Ranger, Andreski & President Murawski

MEMBERS ABSENT:

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Thomas Rapson, Brad Strozski, Dick Babcock, Bob Horetski

GUESTS PRESENT: Joyce Stanek, Ray Braun, Darcie Finan, Charlie Parks, Fred Valasek, Mike Nichols

President Murawski called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Councilmember Hogan.

Roll Call was taken.

Murawski has one addition to the agenda. Meeting times was added as number 6.

Murawski has chosen his appointments to fill the various vacancies.

For the position on the DDA, term expiring 2010 he recommends appointing Jason Zimmerman.

Nichols feels that Jason is a good choice for this position. **Moved Bruce, support Andreski** to appoint Jason Zimmerman to the DDA, term expiring 2010. Ayes: All

For the position on the DDA, term expiring 2013 he recommends appointing Bob Buckley.

Ranger feels that this is one of the best appointments that could be made for this position.

Moved Bruce, support Andreski to appoint Bob Buckley to the DDA, term expiring 2013. Ayes: All

For the first position on the Planning Commission, term expiring 2012 he recommends reappointing Rory

Andreski as the representative from Village Council. **Moved Nichols, support Bruce** to reappoint Rory

Andreski as the Village Council Representative on the Planning Commission, term expiring 2012. Ayes: All

For the second position on the Planning Commission, term expiring 2012 he recommends reappointing Rob

Mouton. **Moved Bruce, support Andreski** to reappoint Rob Mouton to the Planning Commission, term

expiring 2012. Ayes: 5 Nays: Ranger

For the third position on the Planning Commission, term expiring 2012 he recommends appointing Jim

Warchall. Murawski read the letter received from Warchall. **Moved Bruce, support Ranger** to appoint Jim

Warchall to the Planning Commission, term expiring 2012. Ayes: All

For the one position on Council, term ending 2011 he recommends appointing Brian Toner. **Moved Bruce,**

support Andreski to appoint Brian Toner to the Council, term ending 2011. Ayes: All

Murawski asked Hogan if he would serve as President Pro Tem. Hogan accepted.

Ranger would like to talk about insured money. Ranger had passed out a handout to all of the members that showed the amounts that are in the Village accounts at PA State bank. Ranger felt he needed to talk about it as there is quite a bit of money in the bank. He did find out that PA State bank has one of the best ratings in the area, 5 stars out of 5 stars. Discussion was had on the subject and possibly paying off the loan. Ranger will find out some more details on how much we are really cover for under FDIC.

Monday, October 26, 2009

Ranger has a letter that was sent to someone about delinquent personal property taxes. He read the letter while leaving the names out. They have been delinquent since 2005. Ranger knows that the township is also owed money and we might be able to coordinate with them in their efforts. Ranger would like permission to talk to Chris Boyle and work with the township. Ranger was given the go ahead to work on it.

Rapson explained the FOIA letter that was received. He reported that he has sent a response so that we meet our FOIA requirements but he could not answer all of the questions as no claim had been filed so there are no claim numbers. Ranger will work on it with Rapson to find out who is liable in this situation.

Discussion was had on whether to cancel the December 28th meeting. It falls between Christmas and New Years. Decided that it was too early to cancel it as they do not know what might be going on. Rapson was asked to have it on the agenda for the November 23rd meeting.

Murawski would like to talk about possibly changing the meeting times for the winter months. Much discussion was had on meeting times and dates. Nichols does not like the Monday morning meetings as she feels there is not enough time to work on things after they get their agendas on Friday. Research will be done as to when other meetings are and possibly getting the packets out early for morning meetings. Rapson was asked to have it on the agenda for next meeting.

Correspondence: A thank you from Roy Russell has been received.

Public Comment: Tony Loewe commented that he is happy with the smooth transition that has taken place with the new president. He also feels that all the boards need to have full time Village residents so that quorums can be made and so that the best interests of the Village are maintained.

Moved Bruce, support Hogan to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: All

Discussion was had on the bills regarding shopping outside of town at Wal-Mart. Bruce feels that we should not be shopping at Wal-Mart for things that can be gotten in town. We need to keep the tax dollars as local as possible. Much discussion was had on the topic. **Moved Bruce, support Nichols** to stop shopping at Wal-Mart and to pay off and cancel the Wal-Mart credit card. Ayes: 4 Nays: Ranger, Hogan

Rapson has one addition to the bills; it is to reimburse Chief Hartsell for his expenses at the conference he recently attended. It is in the amount of \$405.95

Moved Bruce, support Hogan to pay the bills, with the addition of \$405.95, in the amount of \$1,459.58
Ayes: All

Department head report/requests:

DPW Dick: Babcock is wondering about the policy on jury duty. Labor will look into it.

Walt will be going in to have his knee scoped so he may be asking for a six week period off.

Babcock would like to know what to do with the old swing set and spring horses from Gallup Park. He has had an offer of \$75 for one of them. Rapson was asked if he could work on posting them on Craig's list for \$75 a piece or best offer.

The street paving is on hold until the weather breaks.

Heat core went out on the backhoe, he has TNT looking at it, could be kind of expensive, only had a one year warranty.

Monday, October 26, 2009

Police Dale: Nichols mentioned that she had discussed with Hartsell and Rapson an idea of getting a security camera that we could put in businesses at random to deter some of the break-ins that have happened lately. Discussion was had with officer Strozeski on what he thought the department needed. He suggested a tazor. Many of the other departments have them. Discussion was also had on sources for possible grants for the police department.

Clerk: Would like permission to send the donation from the DDA and the donation from the Pricilla club totaling \$12,000 for the Gallup Park Playscape, to Miracle of Michigan to go towards the invoice. It will keep them from charging us interest until the grant funds come in.

Moved Nichols, support Ranger to send the payment to Miracle. Ayes: All

DDA: Bruce feels that we need to have a notary here in the Village office. Rapson asked if the Village would cover the cost of the fees and other requirements as long as that person stayed a village employee. Bruce said that would be a good option. Rapson will look into it.

The ground breaking for the Visitors Center was had the other day.

Murawski mentioned that he is working on getting the Army Corp to finish the third section on the break wall with the improvements they are currently doing.

Committee Reports: Committees will stay the same until Brian Toner is on board.

Insurance: Committee had a meeting with MERS to review the Health Insurance. Committee is still working on finding a replacement.

Ordinance: Sending the invoices for grass cutting has resulted in one being paid already.

Public Buildings: Bruce will talk to Gembarski about the back door at the Village Hall.

Special events: Winter chill meeting went well, lots of good ideas.

Council Member Comments:

Nichols is wondering if we could do the same thing as Caseville did in setting up a tax capture for our industrial district. Murawski will be meeting with Carl Osentoski, and will talk to him about it.

Bruce is happy with the appointments made today.

Moved Bruce; Meeting Adjourned 9:04 p.m.

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 foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Village of Port Austin at a regular board meeting conducted on the _____ day of _____ 2009.

_____ Thomas Rapson, Village Clerk