

MINUTES
BOARD MEETING

Monday September 21st, 2020, 6:00 P.M.
VILLAGE OF PORT BYRON IL
Meeting conducted via Zoom

The Village Board Meeting was called to order by Mayor Bruce Peterson at 6:06 p.m. on Monday, September 21st, 2020. Via Zoom meeting/Trustees present

ROLL CALL / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call #1: Present: Trustees Wayne Oney, Patty Lindley, Dustin Sloan, Gerry Meade, Bo Mathis, Brian Bitler
Absent: None
Mayor Bruce Peterson
Also Present: Sarah Gorham, Attorney; Amy Gonzalez, RI County Sheriff

GALLERY

Thai Town café owners Greg and Monthira Kerner reported that they are having zoning issues with Rock Island County running their food truck from their home. They have requested a zoning meeting through the county to resolve the problem. They asked the board if they would be willing to issue a permit for them to run their food truck in downtown Port Byron. They are looking into renting a business space to store their produce.

Mayor Peterson said that he would be willing to issue a special event permit for a 6-8mth period and to advice the board when they have decided on when they would like to proceed with setting up downtown.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC INFORMATION/FINANCE COMMITTEES

- 1. VILLAGE FINANCE WAYNE ONEY**
 - a. Audit – Jim Taylor
 - b. General Construction – Retainage Payment – Sarah Gorham

Jim Taylor from Carpentier, Mitchell, & Goddard Inc. presented our FY20 Village audit. He highlighted that the audit was favorable. He reported that there was an increase in assets and a decrease in liabilities.

Attorney Sarah Gorham requested that we pay General Construction, monies due for the Wastewater Treatment Plant sludge removal lawsuit, in the amount of \$89,325.17 (previously voted on and approved)

- 2. TIF BRUCE PETERSON**

Mayor Peterson reported that the Village has reached and approved an agreement with the Gibson's for their project.

Mayor Peterson reported that the federal funds received for the sidewalk project has been increased, leaving more monies in the TIF fund. He said that the Rebuild Illinois Grant is a \$1.5 million grant and that the approval of that could be coming by the end of the year.

3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PATTY LINDLEY

Trustee Lindley reported that they will try to have an October meeting.

4. MSA/ IRDC COMMITTEE WAYNE ONEY/JARED FLUHR

a. North Utilities Extension – North Shore Dr. sanitary sewer

Mayor Peterson reported that when the Comprehensive Plan in 2008 it was the desire of the board to have water and sewer extended to North Shore Dr and North River Dr. for current and future residents. As a property owner on North Shore Dr. he has interest in providing it. He feels that there is enough TIF funds and reserve to fund this project. TIF is going to save \$250,000 due to grants awarded for the sidewalk project. TIF is also going to see a big return if the Rebuild Illinois Grant is approved. The investment of the Post Office and Solar panels will also give the Village a return to TIF. He also stated that there are EPA loans that are available. He stated that previously \$5 million has been invested in providing residents with water/sewer and only 7 people have hooked up.

Jared Fluhr reported that North Shore Drive sewer extension will be approximately \$1,150,000 and water extension will be \$600,000. North River Drive sewer extension will cost approximately \$650,000 and water extension will be \$535,000.

Dustin Enright (1400 N. Shore Dr) reported that he has 15 acres that he would like to develop when water/sewer gets extended to the North end and that they are willing to provide an easement for a lift station. He also said that they would be willing to provide design assistance. They are waiting to develop their land for homes until the Board decides. Their plans are to include 15 homes. They are looking at 3-5 years before they would begin construction.

Ben Farrer (1317 N. Shore Dr) reported that last year his well was contaminated with e-coli due to the river flooding and that he is still having issues with it. He has been adding bleach in his well. He is still bringing in bottled water. This is the first time he has had well issues in the 12 years he has lived there.

Mayor Peterson reported that the county ordinances state that everyone within 300ft of a water/sewer line must hook up. Peterson says that there are residence within 300ft and that the county has not enforced this ordinance in Port Byron. He says that there are residents that are polluting the river with sewage during flooding.

Trustee Sloan reported that as a Village we are falling short financially in the water/sewer department due to not having the residents hooked up to the previous water main project that was done that cost the Village \$5 million dollars in a loan that we are making payments on. He said that previous meetings were held about the last project and the residents that are within hook-up locations said that they will hook up when their septic and wells fail.

Trustee Lindley reported that we are going to be getting a new software for water/sewer billing and a new handheld that is going to cost the Village a substantial amount of money. She feels that is where we need to spend the money.

Trustee Sloan reported it would cost about \$4 million total to do the entire water/sewer extension, plus boring under the train tracks. He said that if the rebuild Illinois grant goes through for \$1.5 million dollars, that has not been approved, we are looking at taking a \$2.5 million dollar loan back over 20 years and that would be a short fall in addition to our water/sewer short fall that already exists. He wants to look into this project after there are grants that have been approved for this project.

Mayor Peterson reported that he can not file for grants until he has all of the information. He is asking to move forward with studies and engineering to take in front of the EPA and to file for grants. He asked Jared Fluhr to create a proposal for the plans.

Trustee Lindley motioned to postpone the North Shore Dr. extension discussion until the Oct 5th meeting, seconded by Trustee Bitler

**Roll Call #2: Ayes: Trustee Lindley, Bitler, Sloan, Mathis, Oney, Meade
Nays: None
Absent: None
Mayor Bruce Peterson declared motion passed**

5. PLANNING/ZONING COMMITTEE GERRY MEADE
None

6. ORDINANCE, GRANTS & AUDITS PATTY LINDLEY

Trustee Lindley reported that she is still working on several ordinances and is working with other agencies to complete them.

7. PERSONNEL BRIAN BITLER
a. Executive Session to be held at October 5th meeting

Mayor Peterson has decided to cancel the Executive session scheduled for October 5th. He reported that he meet personnel that he was having issues with and that the situations have been resolved.

B. PUBLIC WORKS DON LOY/ERIC SIKKEMA

1. PUBLIC WORKS (RECYCLING/REFUSE, BLDG. & GROUNDS/STREETS & STREET LIGHTS DUSTIN SLOAN/BRIAN BITLER/BO MATHIS
a. Werner Restoration – Building construction
b. Security cameras at shop
c. Midwest Media Blasting – removal of Village Hall mural - \$1,200

Clerk Engels reported that Kristie has been in communication with Werner and that the insurance company is in negotiations with Werner about payment amounts from the flooding repairs.

Trustee Sloan reported that Eric Sikkema had received several bids for cameras at the shop. He says that someone was picked up down there at night trespassing.

Trustee Lindley asked if we could put our own system in that films.

Trustee Sloan said that there is already a camera in the front at the shop and that we could add a DVR.

Trustee Mathis asked if it would be cheaper to put a gate up front to prevent trespassing.

Trustee Sloan motioned to postpone the camera discussion the Oct 5th meeting, seconded by Trustee Mathis

**Roll Call #3: Ayes: Trustee Sloan, Mathis, Bitler, Lindley, Oney, Meade
Nays: None
Absent: None
Mayor Bruce Peterson declared motion passed**

Clerk Engels reported that the mural at Village Hall is peeling and unrepairable.

Trustee Sloan stepped outside and reviewed the condition, confirming that it needed to be removed.

Trustee Lindley suggested that before approving this cost of sandblasting she would like maintenance to try to remove it with a pressure washer.

Trustee Meade motioned to approve \$1,200 to Midwest Media Blasting to remove the mural, seconded by no one

Mayor Bruce Peterson declared motion failed

Trustee Sloan motioned to have our maintenance department power wash the mural for removal, seconded by Trustee Oney

**Roll Call #4: Ayes: Trustee Sloan, Oney, Mathis, Bitler, Lindley, Meade
Nays: None
Absent: None
Mayor Bruce Peterson declared motion passed**

2. WATER/SEWER BRIAN BITLER

a. Motor at North Lift Station – Mississippi Valley Pump - \$6,975

Trustee Bitler reported that the Motor at the North Lift Station has failed and needs to be rebuilt again. It was rebuilt last year for the same price. It is \$14,000 for a new one and the rebuild is \$6,975. Don is going to be looking into a different pump design to try to find something that will last longer.

Trustee Lindley motioned to have the motor at the north lift station rebuilt for \$6,975 from Mississippi Valley Pump, seconded by Trustee Meade

**Roll Call #5: Ayes: Trustee Lindley, Meade, Sloan, Oney, Mathis, Bitler
Nays: None
Absent: None
Mayor Bruce Peterson declared motion passed**

3. CEMETERY GERRY MEADE

None

4. ADMINISTRATIVE

a. Minutes from 090820 Board Meeting (C/A Item A)

V REVIEW ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

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| A | Approve | Minutes from the 090820 Board Meeting |
| B | Receive | RCPBFPD Report for Aug 2020 |
| C | Receive | TIF Minutes Aug 2020 |

VI MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

**Trustee Lindley made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Trustee Sloan
All "Ayes", no "Nays" - Mayor Peterson declared motion approved**

VII CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Campaign packets available – to be returned Nov 23rd
- b. Voting polling locations update

Clerk Engels reported that nominee packets for the 3 Trustee positions and the Mayor position are available that Village Hall. They are due back by Nov. 23rd

Clerk Engels reported that there will not be early voting in Port Byron. Election day voting will be at the library. The trolley will not be provided by the county this year due to Covid.

VIII OLD BUSINESS

Sarah Gorham reported on the changed water bill ordinance. She responded to Trustee Lindley’s question about charging attorney fees for collections for unpaid bills. She said that if we have to place a lien on a foreclosed property that attorney fees would not be covered. If we filed a civil suit, it is possible to make the homeowner responsible for the attorney’s fees.

Trustee Sloan reported that he has been in touch with Mitch, the scout who is restoring the old gazebo. He will be meeting Mitch soon.

Trustee Sloan reported to Trustee Meade about the water tower accrual account. The Village is showing \$1.7 million dollars in reserve. He would like to look into it for the painting of the water tower.

IX NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Oney reported that the solar training plans and bids are going to be presented to the next IRDC meeting.

- X GALLERY – QUESTIONS, COMMENTS** (Comments must be limited to 5 minutes per person, 30 minutes per subject.)

XI COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Peterson reported that the Rotary group will be doing a River clean-up project from Hampton to Cordova next weekend.

XII ADJOURN

**Trustee Sloan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Mathis
All Ayes, No Nays – Mayor Peterson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55pm**

Approved (Date)

Mayor – Bruce Peterson

Village Clerk – Jamie Engels

