

MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
December 21st, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.
VILLAGE OF PORT BYRON IL

The second December Board Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Kevin Klute, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday December 21, 2015.

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR KEVIN KLUTE

ROLL CALL / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(Any item on this agenda could result in possible action.)

Roll Call #1: Present: Trustees Peterson, Sidor, Meade, Bitler, Wells, Sullivan

Absent: none

Mayor Kevin Klute declared a quorum to be present

Also Present: Graham Lee: attorney; Jared Fluhr: MSA

Barb Cray: Treasurer

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

- a. Annual Notice of Meetings
A list of meeting dates for 2016 was created. This is available on the website.
- b. Computers
The present office computers are leased. That lease expires in March. The equipment will need to be replaced. Some bids will be obtained.
- c. Budget
The mayor announced that the next budget meeting will be Dec. 23rd at 10AM

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

The Lighting Contest Winners are announced:

Business Winners:

1st Prize: LSI **2nd Prize:** Peackocks Tavern

Residential winners:

1st: Jerry Conner **2nd:** Chad Hurry **3rd:** Jeffrey Maring

Honorable Mention:

Ron Wastyn, Robert Day, Marianne Melody, Donald Johnston, Virginia Carpenter, Scott Speer
George VanVooren, and Pat McDearmon

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO WERE INVOLVED....we hope to have even more participants next year!

The Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

GALLERY (Comments must be limited to 5 minutes per person, 30 minutes per subject.)

John Chabrian presented an agreement that had been entered with the Village regarding his property at 416 S. High. He claims it was not honored and that Phase 1 was not done and Phase 2 was not completed. Jared Fluhr commented that he believes the tasks were completed but John did not agree.

Jan Anderson is still concerned with the reckless driving on Barber Creek Rd. and feels it is not being addressed aggressively enough. She is not sure what the Class 3 truck route refers to.

Gerry Meade spoke with Officer Erickson who said it should not be a problem to get the speed limit lowered and that The Village could do it with permission from state authority. The state told him that IDOT does not play a role with County routes. John Massa, a county hwy engineer, then told Mr. Meade that a request was made in 1997 and did not meet criteria for urban density and/or average radar speed. Residents feel that the officer presence has become predictable and is, therefore, ineffective....perhaps they could move around? Residents gave permission for an

officer to park in their drive to 'change things up a bit.' It was suggested that a stationary speed radar sign be placed. Officer Rivera has shared with board members that he has identified, and spoken with, the major offenders. Trustees attempted to assure the residents this issue has not been put on the back burner, and is being addressed. It was asked if we were going to get our own police force back and the board replied that this was not a topic of discussion at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC INFORMATION/FINANCE COMMITTEES

1. **Tug Fest Committee** **LIAISON CLINTON SULLIVAN**
NOTHING TO REPORT
2. **TIF** **TODD WIEBENGA**
There will be a meeting December 28th at 6PM
3. **Village Finance Committee** **TRUSTEE SCOTT SIDOR**
 - a. Treasurers Report incl. P&L and Registers for Nov., 2015 (C/A Item B)
4. **Economic Development** **TRUSTEE CLINTON SULLIVAN**
The empty building on Main Street has been purchased by Chad Pregracke and he is in the process of rehabilitating the property. Contracts are signed on the property across the street, which was purchased by the Village.
5. **Planning/Zoning Committee** **TRUSTEE GERRY MEADE**
 - a. Minutes from the Sept. 9, 2015 P&Z Meeting (C/A Item C)
 - b. Speed reduction on Barber Creek Rd.
Already covered during Gallery session
 - c. Village Church sign request
7 local churches plan to design a sign to place at the entrances to Port Byron. Gerry will deal with IDOT regulations.
P & Z will further discuss this at future meetings
 - d. Repair of 2 Riverfront signs
There are 2 signs near the bike path, a stop sign and another, that are nearly fallen down and need to be replaced if they cannot be repaired.
 - e. High Street beautification study
This is a proposed 2016 P&Z project. Trustee Peterson would like to prioritize High Street in regards to sidewalk repair and commercial properties. Trustee Meade would also like a Childrens Playground to be on the priority list.
6. **Ordinance, Grants & Audits** **TRUSTEE WES WELLS**
NOTHING TO REPORT
7. **Personnel** **TRUSTEE BRIAN BITLER**
NOTHING TO REPORT
8. **Public Health** **TRUSTEE BRUCE PETERSON**
NOTHING TO REPORT
9. **MSA**
 - a. Updates- will be covered in IRDC

NOTHING TO REPORT

10. IRDC Committee TRUSTEE WES WELLS

a. Updates

Survey Monkey results were distributed.

Water System Project #1 priority was to replace 4”water mains with 8” pipe. This is a project that cannot be done without moving the mains, and destroying sidewalks on the east side, which are planned for replacement. Trustee Wells asks that we look further into the project specifics, as a whole, in order to do this in the most efficient manner.

Trustee Sidor made motion to approve the expenditure of \$500 for a central layout and cost assessment, seconded by Trustee Wells

RC #2: Ayes: Sidor, Wells, Peterson, Sullivan, Bitler, Meade

Nays: none

Absent: none

Mayor Klute declared the motion approved.

B. PUBLIC WORKS DON LOY

1. Recycling and Refuse TRUSTEE BRUCE PETERSON

NOTHING TO REPORT

2. Water/Sewer TRUSTEE WES WELLS

Wes asked what MidAmerican was doing down on Main St. by Dueys...nobody was aware what the digging was about.

3. Buildings & Grounds/Streets & Street Lights TRUSTEE BRIAN BITLER

NOTHING TO REPORT

4. Cemetery TRUSTEE GERRY MEADE

NOTHING TO REPORT

5. Administrative MAYOR KLUTE

a. Minutes from the December 7, 2015 Board Meeting (C/A Item A)

REVIEW ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM	Action	Description
-A	Approve	Minutes from the December 7, 2015 Board Meeting UNAVAILABLE
B	Receive	Treasurers Report incl. P&L and Registers for Nov.,2015
C	Receive	Minutes from the September 9 th , 2015 P&Z Meeting

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Meade made motion to approve Items B and C of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Trustee Sidor

RC #: Ayes: Meade, Sidor, Peterson, Wells, Sullivan, Bitler

Nays: none

Absent: none

Mayor Klute declared the Consent Agenda Items B and C approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

Gerry Meade asked about the Wish List request from Team 218 regarding the proposed website. No response has yet been received.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Sidor stated that The Byron Woods Association would like to purchase the Well Pump site to construct a Park for the area.

GALLERY – QUESTIONS, COMMENTS

Tommy asked about the Water Taxi ridership, which is not yet determined as it isn't yet decided if there will be a water taxi.

John Chabrian asked who is accountable for the funding of the projects regarding his property. He was told that this all needs to be looked into yet.

Lou DiLauro asked if the property across the street from Village Hall was purchased with TIF Funds, he was told that it was. He asked if it was planned for demolition. He was told yes, it would be torn down by our Public Works Dept. and possibly a training site for the Fire Dept. The property first needs to be deemed as surplus.

Lou asked about a market analysis for the Academy site, which is not back yet.

Lou also asked about the Rental Inspection Ordinance, if that would be subject to public input. He was told that there would very well be a public hearing.

ADJOURN

**Trustee Peterson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Bitler
All Ayes**

Mayor Klute declared the meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Jan 4, 2016

Approved (Date)

Mayor – Kevin Klute

Village Clerk – Kari Rozeboom