

MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
January 4th, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.
VILLAGE OF PORT BYRON IL

The first January Board Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Kevin Klute, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday January 4th, 2016.

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

Absent: Sullivan and Wells

Mayor Kevin Klute declared a quorum to be present

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

Manny Rivera: RICO Sherriff

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

a. Computers

Some quotes were obtained, waiting on more to come in

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

NONE

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

John Chabrian stood and asked about progress on the work to be done on his property.

Brian Bitler explained that he has spoken with Eric in Public Works, and the work has been at a standstill until spring, as to do all the work at one time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC INFORMATION/FINANCE COMMITTEES

1. **Tug Fest Committee** **LIAISON CLINTON SULLIVAN**

NOTHING TO REPORT

2. **TIF** **TODD WIEBENGA**

a. Swanson Inducement Resolution

Todd Wiebenga has received 3 applications for TIF Funds. Randy Swanson would like to purchase and greatly renovate the existing Mean Mels building, in order to expand /move his current Riverbend Pizza business. He has been here 30 years and the present Mean Mels has gone through 10 owners to his knowledge. He would like to lease out his current building.

Trustee Sidor made motion to approve the TIF façade grant application for reimbursement up to \$5000.00 of \$11,668.27 estimate for the west facade, pending TIF and P&Z approval of plans, seconded by Trustee Meade

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

Nays: none

Absent: Sullivan, Wells

Mayor Klute declared the motion approved.

Trustee Sidor made motion to approve the TIF façade grant application for reimbursement up to \$5000.00 of \$12,540.64 estimate for the south facade, pending TIF and P&Z approval of plans, seconded by Trustee Meade

RC #3: Ayes: Sidor, Meade, Peterson, Bitler

Nays: none

Absent: Sullivan, Wells

Mayor Klute declared the motion approved.

Trustee Sidor made motion to approve Randy Swanson's TIF Application for renovation reimbursements up to 15%(not to exceed \$50,000) of \$326,971.00,pending TIF and P&Z approval of plans ,seconded by Trustee Meade

RC #4: Ayes: Sidor, Meade, Peterson, Bitler

Nays: none

Absent: Sullivan, Wells

Mayor Klute declared the motion approved.

Todd Wiebenga went on to submit a TIF 'budget' ...covering the next four years of payments. He added we may want to pay above current payments to cover expenses before the TIF runs out. He pointed out that we do have funds for more projects in the future as well as current.

**3. Village Finance Committee TRUSTEE SCOTT SIDOR
NOTHING TO REPORT**

4. Economic Development TRUSTEE CLINTON SULLIVAN
Clinton Sullivan was not present. The Mayor stated that the County has reached out to ask how interested we were in Dorrance Park, and he will meet with them in the future in an exploratory fashion. Trustee Peterson pointed out that that property is adjacent to the Academy site that we have for sale.

5. Planning/Zoning Committee TRUSTEE GERRY MEADE

a. Radar sign on Barber Creek Rd.--Sheriff's Dept.

Gerry stated that that is in the hands of the County. Hampton has not replied as of yet regarding the sign. The deputies are approaching speeding issue with a zero tolerance.

b. Village Church signs.

This is on the agenda for the agenda for the January 13 P&Z meeting.

**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

b. Price Study

Jared Fluhr gave an update. They are looking into what the board would like as to direction to any increases in rates or projects that would be of interest in the future before moving forward on the study. Main Street is a large project that is TIF eligible, but what other projects are looming priorities that need to be addressed in order to accommodate the study? Trustee Peterson pointed out that we should not use up TIF Funds for commercial projects at the expense of residential prospects. Jared pointed out that we are a little behind in planning, considering the economy, but it is still possible if we are aggressive and focused. Todd pointed out that there are plenty of TIF Funds available throughout the TIF to do projects.

10. IRDC Committee TRUSTEE WES WELLS

a. Updates

The next meeting is January 14 at 2PM

B. PUBLIC WORKS DON LOY

Trustee Bitler asked if anyone knew what MidAmerican was doing, regarding the hole dug in front of Dueys. Nobody was aware of what the project was but agreed that the hole was too large to be left without any communication as to what the project was about.

It was pointed out that the sign still needs to be repaired.

1. Recycling and Refuse TRUSTEE BRUCE PETERSON

NOTHING TO REPORT

2. Water/Sewer TRUSTEE WES WELLS

NOTHING TO REPORT

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 & 21, 2015 Board Meetings (C/A Item A)

REVIEW ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM	Action	Description
A	Approve	Minutes from the December 7 & 21,2015 Board Meetings

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Peterson made motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Trustee Sidor

RC #5: Ayes: Peterson, Sidor, Meade, Bitler

Nays: none

Absent: Sullivan and Wells

Mayor Klute declared the Consent Agenda approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Lou Dilauro wrote an email to the Board, regarding the TIF, and how its deeds seem to be overlooked. This will make its way to the website in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

a. Buy back well site in Byron Woods

This will be on next agenda

GALLERY – QUESTIONS, COMMENTS

Gerry Meade stated that it is a pleasure to work with this board and get things done with minimal fuss, especially since we represent differing parties. Trustee Peterson pointed out that our ERV has dropped, and this needs to be addressed. He would like feedback from the board and the community and we should set some goals in this regard. Dick Taber, a resident, stood and pointed out that there was a monument at Dorrance Park, dedicated from the original Academy Founders. The Mayor has gone to see this, and agrees that its recovery should be looked into.

Janine Ingalls asked about the bike ride, and its future. There is a ride already in the works for next year. Trustee Peterson feels that we should try to plan an event to set off

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the next ride, as Sparta has scheduled the ride to coincide with their annual Fall Festival.
Ideas anyone??

It was asked if there were any bites on the Academy Site. Possibly a grocery store?
There are none as of yet but we are looking for a tax based buyer.

ADJOURN

Trustee Peterson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Meade

All Ayes

Mayor Klute declared the meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Jan 19, 2016

Approved (Date)

Mayor – Kevin Klute

Village Clerk – Kari Rozeboom