

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

The first July Board Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Kevin Klute, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday July 6, 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: Steve Haring- MSA; Deb Laleman-treasurer; Don Loy-Public Works

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

The First Annual Baby Blues and Barbecue fest went well!! Thanks to Clinton Sullivan and Wes Wells for all their work in putting it together

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

There were several attendees in the Gallery, who came to speak regarding the agenda item concerning Ann's Helping Hands and the correspondence referring to it as an eyesore. Ann McCarrell stood and read a letter she had written. It pointed out that the recent correspondence is not the first to mention her place of business, but it was the first that suggested the Village, or anyone, help with a solution. She went on to say that Ann's is not about material needs, but a ministry that provides many forms of support not visible as one passes the building. Ann provided some statistics of the recipients benefitting from her generosity in the last year....reaching as far as Haiti.

William Taylor of 104 Prairie Street stood, demanding to know why he was receiving ordinance violations.

Another resident pointed out that she is unclear as to what the ordinances are as there are old cars in yards and homes with scaffolding and weeds. The mayor stated that the present Board is taking the appearance into account

Kelly Wassell(sp?) took the subject back to Ann's, and suggested that the Village and/or Township provide extra pickup to Ann's (2 or 3 times per week) and for the surrounding towns to go together to write letters to all residents to stop dropping off their 'junk' for Ann to take responsibility for. Drop offs are to be during store hours only, to be accepted or rejected at Ann's digression. She pleaded for the community to embrace Ann's, as Ann has embraced the community and all of its members.

Ed Murphy stated that Ann's needs to stay front and center in the community and he would rather live in a community with nice people and ugly property than in one with ugly people and nice properties.

Amber Cravens read a letter she had composed in praise of Ann and her impact in our community.

David Lohman asked about funding for the Academy demolition. He feels that the demolition and asbestos abatement should have been bid separately at a savings of \$40-50K.

Bob Wilson pointed out that the green spaces are neglected and the tug site is overgrown. He feels that Board is not proud of our community. Mayor Klute pointed out that Bob is on a village committee and should have recommended this at the committee level before bringing it to the gallery. Mr. Wilson feels a plan is a waste of money if the money already spent on employees isn't enough to keep it maintained. Roy Shearer, who had submitted photos of some overgrowth that needed attention, pointed out that we need signs at the public docks because nobody knows they can be used by the public. Trustee Meade pointed out that we do have new signs, one of which points out the launch site. Perhaps the public docks should have been included in that order. Trustee Peterson addressed the complaint about the gardens; and stated that maintenance of the gardens is included in the new plan. Mr. Shearer asked about repair of the seawall and Don Loy stated that they aren't falling in, but the blocks are being thrown in and the task isn't being ignored.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC INFORMATION/FINANCE COMMITTEES

1. Tug Fest Committee **LIAISON CLINTON SULLIVAN** NOTHING TO REPORT

2. TIF **TODD WIEBENGA**

a. Library Application

The library has submitted an application for TIF assistance, in the form of a grant, to install new front doors which are in need of repair and need to meet ADA requirements. Mr. Simmons introduced the new director, Kimberly Riley.

Trustee Peterson made motion to approve the Library application for repairs, not to exceed \$12,000, seconded by Trustee Sullivan.

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstain: Bitler

Mayor Klute declared the motion approved.

3. Village Finance Committee **TRUSTEE SCOTT SIDOR**

a. Treasurers Report, incl. P&L and registers for May, 2015(C/A Item D)
Everything looks good.

4. Economic Development **TRUSTEE CLINTON SULLIVAN**

a. Blues Fest Update

Great turnout!! Everything went well...until they ran out of food (noted for next year.)

5. Planning/Zoning Committee **TRUSTEE GERRY MEADE**

The new wayfinding signs are installed along Hwy 84. The sign directing traffic to town on I80 should be installed within 90 days.

a. Striping at Ann's Helping Hands-update

Still no word from Bi-State as to who has primary right of way.

b. Restroom Upgrades

Painting, plumbing and electrical upgrades are planned. Electrical is completed and painting is being addressed. The plumbing remains. Bruce received bids for porcelain fixtures from JL Brady and Petersen. The

present fixtures are stainless steel which are difficult and expensive to maintain.

Trustee Meade made motion to approve the low bid from Petersen Plumbing for new restroom fixtures, not to exceed \$8900, seconded by Trustee Peterson

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

Nays: Bitler

Absent: none

Abstain: Wells

Mayor Klute declared the motion approved.

d. Minutes from the May 13, 2015 P&Z Meeting (C/A Item B)

6. Ordinance, Grants & Audits TRUSTEE WES WELLS

a. Resolution 150607: In support of local control of project labor costs

At the June Board Meeting, it was decided not to adopt the Prevailing Wage Ordinance. In order to be in compliance with the State Law as written, we have a Resolution in regards to the matter of Prevailing Wage. Mayor Klute read the Resolution aloud.

Trustee Meade made motion to adopt the Resolution 150607, in support of local control of project labor costs, seconded by Trustee Sidor

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

Nays: Wells, Bitler

Absent: none

Mayor Klute declared the motion approved.

7. Personnel TRUSTEE BRIAN BITLER

Nothing to Report

8. Public Health TRUSTEE BRUCE PETERSON

Nothing to Report

9. MSA

a. Project Updates

Steve Haring gave some updates on the North End Utility Project and Utility letters to residents.

b. Review and Discuss Academy Building Abatement & Demolition Bids.

There was a bid opening on July 2. Holst was the lowest bid.

Trustee Sidor made motion to accept the low bid from Holst Trucking for the Academy Abatement and Demolition, in the amount of \$200,800.00, seconded by Trustee Peterson

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Mayor Klute declared the motion approved.

Trustee Sidor made motion to give the Mayor authority to sign contracts when they are prepared, seconded by Trustee Peterson

RC #6: Ayes: Sidor, Peterson, Bitler, Meade, Sullivan, Wells

Nays: none

Absent: none

Mayor Klute declared the motion approved.

10. IRDC Committee TRUSTEE WES WELLS

a. Update

Topics already covered

B. PUBLIC WORKS DON LOY

a. GIS

This will be on the next agenda.

There is a washout near Oak Street which needs to be checked out.

They are working on the grading at the new shop building.

**1. Recycling and Refuse TRUSTEE BRUCE PETERSON
NOTHING TO REPORT**

2. Water/Sewer TRUSTEE WES WELLS

a. Linn Street Lift Station

There is a need for a fence around this lift station for security purposes. Don will get some quotes.

**3. Buildings & Grounds/Streets & Street Lights TRUSTEE BRIAN BITLER
NOTHING TO REPORT**

4. Cemetery TRUSTEE GERRY MEADE

There will be a meeting July 27th. Trustee Meade stated that the Cemetery committee will be requesting money on the upcoming budgets for much needed headstone and erosion repairs. (\$10,000/yr for several years)

5. Administrative MAYOR KLUTE

a. Minutes from the June 1st & June 15th, 2015 Board Meeting (C/A Item A)

b. RCFPD Reports for May, 2015 (C/A Item B)

c. RICO Sheriff Reports for May 2015 (C/A Item C)

d. Letter to Hansens re: 104 Prairie St.

The property owners were given 2 additional days to remedy the issue.

Trustee Sidor made motion to give Building Inspector, Paul Kouski, authority to fine property owners the lowest fine of \$50/day if he does not see compliance at their Prairie St. rental property within the time period granted, seconded by Trustee Meade

RC #7: Ayes: Sidor, Sullivan, Wells, Peterson, Meade, Bitler

Nays: none

Absent: none

Motion Carries.

It was suggested that Paul Kouski take an officer along when visiting the Prairie St. residence.

REVIEW ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM	Action	Description
A	Approve	Minutes from the June 1, 2015 Board Meeting
B	Receive	RCFPD Reports for May, 2015
C	Receive	RICO Sheriff reports for May 2015
D	Approve	Treasurers Report, incl. P&L and registers for May, 2015

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Sidor made motion to approve the Consent Agenda items A-D, seconded by Trustee Sullivan

RC #8: Ayes: Sidor, Sullivan, Wells, Peterson, Meade, Bitler

Nays: none

Absent: none

Mayor Klute declared the Consent Agenda approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter from Georgeanna DiLauro
- b. Letter re: Riverfront

There was also a *positive* email received from our former Library Director, Lisa Ford. She commended the Board for the events that create camaraderie amongst the community and feels the gazebo is a great addition to promote and encourage such activities.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Sparta bike ride-update

Bruce said 'the wheels are turning' and all are working with the press to get the word out. There is a guided tour Saturday at the Arsenal.

- b. FFC Letter

This has been covered.

It was expected to have the proposal from Aunt Rhodies presented at tonights meeting. This will be looked into.

NEW BUSINESS

Bruce Peterson mentioned that he would like to consider a 'vote of no confidence' regarding Rep. Mike Smiddy. He found his action with EM school district offensive to all. He would like to send a message to Madigan and Springfield that they cannot tell us how to run our businesses. Trustee Peterson would like to present a Resolution that Trustees can adopt ...or not.

GALLERY – QUESTIONS, COMMENTS

Megan Huston stood and spoke her heartfelt regards to Ann McCarrell.... And all Ann has to offer to all.

Bonnie Carey spoke in favor of Prevailing Wage and the workers who deserve a decent wage. Lou DiLauro stood and mentioned all the other properties that were mentioned in the letter that his wife sent, which also mentioned Ann's Helping Hands.

Lynn, a resident, pointed out that Ann's is not 'just a thrift store'. Nobody will feel ashamed or judged when shopping there. Ann's Helping Hands....needs a helping hand.

The 84 Express route is being canceled...and Tommy needs a bike.

Nicole Dopler pointed out that the gallery should be able to speak out, not just during gallery sessions, but at the point board discussion and vote.

Don Carey felt that discussions were 'all over the place'....if vandals are throwing seawall blocks in the river...it seems illogical to go on to approve replacing stainless steel fixtures with porcelain without discussion.

There was some discussion about the bike riders on the path passing Ann's and being discourteous.

ADJOURN

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

All Ayes

Mayor Klute declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

July 20, 2015

Approved (Date)

Mayor – Kevin Klute

Village Clerk – Kari Rozeboom

RESOLUTION 150607

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
LOCAL CONTROL OF PROJECT LABOR COSTS
IN RELATION TO THE PREVAILING WAGE LAW**

WHEREAS, Illinois State law currently dictates labor pricing for construction projects in the name of “Prevailing Wage” determinations made by the centralized State panel of appointees, directly forcing added costs to each Port Byron Public Works infrastructure project, which reduces funds available for any other purpose.

WHEREAS, in our free market economy, prices and wages are set by the meeting of supply and demand and when dealing with government purchases, the freedom of our citizens to bid their own prices should be respected, and not outlawed by arbitrary wage rates decreed by political appointees that set artificial levels regardless of market conditions.

WHEREAS, repealing the Illinois Prevailing Wage Law would allow local governments more control over construction and project costs, preventing the over-billing of labor costs that currently adds at least 20% to such costs above the true market labor rates in our relevant market area.

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder for any Port Byron public construction projects should be allowed to determine the level of wages “prevailing” in Port Byron, just as that same competitive bidding process allows independent bidders to determine the level of wages for private projects in Port Byron, and for public projects not included in ‘construction services.’

WHEREAS, the Village of Port Byron is not aware of any evidence that private contractors on private commercial projects in Port Byron are paying below-market wages to their employees.

WHEREAS, according to the Illinois Governor’s office, rolling back the “Prevailing Wage” dictation of public sector construction wages will create more flexibility in local government budgets, and more accountability for spending decisions squarely at the local government level closest to the voters who must pay for it.

WHEREAS, due to the fiscal emergency facing the State of Illinois, State sources of revenue for Port Byron are facing reductions or in some cases cancellations of past funding, showing that the same State government that forces up our construction costs, cannot even pay its own bills.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Byron, Rock Island County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into, and made a part of, this Resolution as the findings of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Byron.

Section 2: The general prevailing rate of wages in Port Byron for laborers, mechanics and other workmen engaged in the construction of public works coming under the jurisdiction of this village is hereby ascertained to be the same as the prevailing rate of wages for construction work in Rock Island County area as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois as of June 2015,

Section 3: The President and the Board of Trustees for the Village of Port Byron, hereby endorse major reforms in State government that will encourage Port Byron to pay market rates-and not falsely inflated politically dictated higher rates-for labor on public works projects, to enhance local control, reduce costs, empower local voters, increase competitiveness in our community, and preserve funds for alternative, pressing budgetary needs.

Section 4: The Village President and Village Board of Trustees hereby authorize the Village Clerk to send a suitable copy of this Resolution to the Village's local State senators and representatives and the Illinois Governor.

Section 5: All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

Section 6: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

APPROVED THIS 6th day of July, 2015

Kevin Klute
Village President

PASSED THIS 6th day of July, 2015

Ayes: Gerry Meade, Scott Sidor, Bruce Peterson, Clinton Sullivan

Nays: Brian Bitler, Wes Wells

Absent: none

ATTEST:

Kari Rozeboom
Village Clerk