

MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
July 20, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.
VILLAGE OF PORT BYRON IL

The second July Board Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Kevin Klute, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday July 20, 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: Manny Rivera- Rock Island County Sheriff; Don Loy-Public Works ; Todd Wiebenga- Aunt Rhodies

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

NONE

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Klute thanked Public Works for their efforts in storm cleanup...Don Loy in turn gave a **BIG** thank you to Coe Township for being there all week helping out. Thanks, also, to Rapids City Fire District for all their efforts in cleanup.

Mayor Klute pointed out that 2 runners will be spending an evening in Port Byron on July 26th, as they are running coast to coast to raise money, gifts, and awareness for childhood cancer research. (<http://www.4another.net>)

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

Tommy stood and announced that the 84 Express, Port Byron route, has been canceled as of July 21.

Don Carey asked if the gallery is allowed to comment/question during the board discussion time, before a vote. He was told no, because the gallery has opportunity to comment at the beginning and end of the meeting. Don would like there to be an opportunity for comment....during the process, as information comes about that might not be available until the board discussion takes place. This is something that we may want to look into changing.

Tracey Smithtower (sp?) read a letter from Greg Johnson regarding a vote of no confidence in Representative Smiddy. Kara Willem (sp?) also spoke in favor of Rep. Smiddy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC INFORMATION/FINANCE COMMITTEES

1. Tug Fest Committee LIAISON CLINTON SULLIVAN

Tammy Knapp reminded us it's just 3 weeks away! Things are falling in place.

2. TIF TODD WIEBENGA

a. Filbert Payment

Trustee Sidor made motion to approve the annual payment, in the amount of \$389.22 from TIF, seconded by Trustee Peterson.

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Mayor Klute declared the motion approved.

3. Village Finance Committee TRUSTEE SCOTT SIDOR

a. Jim Taylor- single audit and engagement letter

The IEPA water (utility extension) loans require a special audit, as a significant amount were Federal Funds. There are 2 loans; each audit will cost \$2500-\$4000.

Trustee Wells made motion to table this agenda item until the August 3 meeting, seconded by Trustee Peterson.

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstain: none

Mayor Klute declared the motion approved.

4. Economic Development TRUSTEE CLINTON SULLIVAN

Clinton was not in attendance at the last meeting. Mayor Klute stated that they talked about a housing development and marketing materials, as well as the bike ride.

5. Planning/Zoning Committee TRUSTEE GERRY MEADE

The new wayfinding signs are installed and they look good. He received an unsolicited positive comment already.

a. Striping at Ann's Helping Hands-update

Public Works will be striping the bike path for bicyclists. This is not intended to reduce the parking lot, but to mark the path for less confusion.

b. Restroom Upgrades

The plumbing should be complete by the end of July or early August. The painting will be done after plumbing is complete.

The drinking fountain is not working at this time, but will be repaired at a later time.

c. Minutes from the June 10th, 2015 P&Z Meeting (C/A Item D)

d. Riverfront landscaping and maintenance (Aunt Rhodies)

At last meeting, there were several who made mention of the Village 'lackluster' green spaces and gardens. Aunt Rhodie's was paid to develop a proposal for replanting and maintaining these spaces. Todd outlined his plans to revitalize and manage the areas. He feels there are too many beds for practical tending; we should consolidate and replace with landscaping. There was discussion as to whether this was even logical to do yet this season, for lack of time, labor and funding in the budget. It was ultimately decided to put this on the next agenda for further discussion.

e. Partnership with Ann's Helping Hands

The Village will look into a Caution sign to be put on the bike path upon the approach to Ann's business. The Village will arrange for the maintenance dumpster to be emptied more frequently so that Ann may use it as needed. It was recommended that Ann lock her dumpster as well as storage doors. Ann will be notified of any agenda items that might affect her.

6. **Ordinance, Grants & Audits** **TRUSTEE WES WELLS**
Wes would like to find a current form to structure a possible rental/landlord agreement from. The current model is from 1997.
7. **Personnel** **TRUSTEE BRIAN BITLER**
Nothing to Report
8. **Public Health** **TRUSTEE BRUCE PETERSON**
Nothing to Report
9. **MSA**
 - a. Project Updates
North Utility Ext final draw request is submitted. Sewer lining will be complete soon. The CIP is underway. Walnut St. is delayed due to weather. The Academy Asbestos Abatement will begin very soon, the current timeline puts completion around November.
10. **IRDC Committee** **TRUSTEE WES WELLS**
 - a. Update
Meeting has been rescheduled.

B. PUBLIC WORKS **DON LOY**

Don, again, praised Coe Township for stepping up with manpower and equipment during storm clean up. He's not sure where they would be without them. Much appreciated!!

a. GIS

This will be on next agenda.

b. Restroom roof

The roof needs replacement. Our personnel are not licensed to do the job.

Trustee Sidor made motion to table approve the roof replacement, not to exceed \$3000, payable from TIF, seconded by Trustee Bitler.

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstain: none

Mayor Klute declared the motion approved.

1. **Recycling and Refuse** **TRUSTEE BRUCE PETERSON**
Gerry Meade asked about having more than 2 bulk pickups per year. This can be looked into.
2. **Water/Sewer** **TRUSTEE WES WELLS**
 - a. Linn Street Lift Station
Don received a couple of quotes. A galvanized fence w/gate would cost \$3400. Black vinyl coated would be \$4500. Don will check the budget and see where the funds are available and bring to next meeting.
3. **Buildings & Grounds/Streets & Street Lights** **TRUSTEE BRIAN BITLER**
With all the rain, Main Street has several sink holes. Don says the drain

tiles are not washed away, but the limestone has deteriorated and the culvert walls have collapsed. This can be temporarily fixed, but a permanent solution needs to be established.
 Brian feels that task orders need to be implemented

**4. Cemetery TRUSTEE GERRY MEADE
 NOTHING TO REPORT**

- 5. Administrative MAYOR KLUTE**
 a. Minutes from the July 6th 2015 Board Meeting (C/A Item A)
 b. RCFPD Reports for June, 2015 (C/A Item B)
 c. RICO Sheriff Reports for June2015 (C/A Item C)

REVIEW ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM	Action	Description
A	Approve	Minutes from the July 6 th , 2015 Board Meeting
B	Receive	RCFPD Reports for June, 2015
C	Receive	RICO Sheriff reports for June 2015
D	Approve	Minutes from the June 10 th P&Z Meeting

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Meade made motion to approve the Consent Agenda items A-D, seconded by Trustee Bitler

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Mayor Klute declared the Consent Agenda approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution re: vote of no confidence-Bruce
 Bruce did put together a resolution, as he received no feedback from other trustees. Bruce feels actions by area representatives affect us greatly. He feels that governing bodies should represent the communities and protect their interests. Bruce wants us to take notice when public officials undermine the efforts on our level.

GALLERY – QUESTIONS, COMMENTS

Joyce Loy feels that Mike Smiddy has done nothing wrong. She feels that our Village Board needs to spend money for the community, add something for kids to do (prevent vandalism rather than spend funds to repair it.) Another community member feels we need to support the working class and look at the whole picture, rather than focus on any particular representatives actions.

Don Carey pointed out that we have local landscapers and we should receive multiple bids for landscaping jobs

Another gallery member suggested we promote community service projects by contacting the schools and other possible resources with tasks such as tending the community gardens.

Trustee Bitler pointed out that he appreciates community involvement and presence at the meetings....the Board is better able to respond to community needs if they are aware of their desires.

Track 115

Rick Sloan thanked the board for listening

Trustee Peterson informed the gallery that the Planning and Zoning Committee is looking at the possibility of developing a community park, and invited the community to attend and give input.

ADJOURN

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

All Ayes

Mayor Klute declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Aug 3, 2015

Approved (Date)

Mayor – Kevin Klute

Village Clerk – Kari Rozeboom