

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.**  
**VILLAGE OF PORT BYRON IL**

The second January Board Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Kevin Klute, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 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, Sullivan and Wells**

**Absent: none**

**Mayor Kevin Klute declared a quorum to be present**

**Also Present: Clark Miljush: attorney; Jared Fluhr: MSA**

**Captain Erickson and Manny Rivera: RICO Sherriff; Barb Cray: Treasurer**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

a. Computers

There will be more information to come

b. Oak Wilt

There will be trees (approx. 3 acres) being cut down at Dorrance Park to prevent spreading to the whole forest.

**COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

***Paul Kouski, our Village building inspector, has passed away. Paul was a long time Port Byron resident, veteran, legion member and a wonderful asset to our community. He will be greatly missed. Heartfelt condolences are extended to his family and loved ones.***

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

Lou DiLauro asked if there could be some communication from the Village with the County regarding reinstallation of the street light at 94<sup>th</sup> and 228<sup>th</sup> (near the church) which was removed when they widened the intersection. It is a very dark and dangerous intersection, especially when there is fog or precipitation.

Tammy Knapp asked about getting the lights turned back on at the Gazebo. She also asked about the Gazebo across from Peacocks, and possible refurbishing before it is beyond repair.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. PUBLIC INFORMATION/FINANCE COMMITTEES**

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

They had a meeting, working on the next festival already. Carnival contract is taken care of. The Christmas Party is coming up. Tug committee is looking for volunteers.....president@tugfest.org

**2. TIF   TODD WIEBENGA**

Trustee Bitler stated he feels he would like more time to read over TIF applications before a vote in the future. He feels uncomfortable without time to look over the application.

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

a. Treasurers Report incl. P&L and Registers for Dec. 2015 (C/A Item D)  
All looks well. There is a budget meeting Jan. 20 at 10AM.

**4. Economic Development   TRUSTEE CLINTON SULLIVAN**

a. Minutes from Nov. 9 2015 Econ. Development Meeting (C/A Item E)

The committee has been talking about the Village possibly using Dorrance Park, in a cooperative effort with the County, URICRA, and the Village. They are hoping to see progress by Spring. There is some discussion of possible bike trails being put in. The county is unable to sell any more than 1 acre of the Forest Preserve, by law.

The date for Baby Blues Fest is still being negotiated. Bands are penciled in. They hope to have answers at the second February meeting.

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

a. Village Church signs.

There are some questions regarding the Right of Way with the State, still awaiting answers to pass along so that the sign can be designed to specifications.

The Board observed a moment of silence for Paul Kouski, a valued member of the Planning and Zoning committee. His wealth of knowledge will be sorely missed. Gerry mentioned the petition to reduce the speed limit on Barber Creek Rd. from 45 to 35 mph. The Sherriff Dept has been increasing presence in that area and has identified many offenders. Captain Ron Erickson explained that the speed radar signs can sometimes simply keep honest people honest, and represent a challenge to those that are not (counter-productive). They will continue to be aggressive to solve the problem.

Gerry read some correspondence regarding the I-80 signs. Contractors were to have them installed in January. It seems they are not responding, due to lack of Illinois budget. There is confidence it will get done.

Planning and Zoning has addressed their 2016 Projects :( will choose 3 of 5)

- o Downtown Children's Playground (at 113 S. Main St?)
- o Ann's Helping Hands: possible solutions to current ordinance issues
- o Develop and update Village Sign Ordinances
- o High Street Beautification
- o Improve Current Website

There was some discussion as to the plans for the property at 113 S. Main. It is set to be torn down and the Sheriff Dept and Fire Dept will use it for some training before that happens. There will be a surplus ordinance at a future meeting and Ann's Helping Hands has some families that can use any appliances that are in there.

**6. Ordinance, Grants & Audits TRUSTEE WES WELLS**

a. Rental Code

This will be discussed at the next meeting. Copies will be handed out for Trustees to look over and edit. There will be several readings and a public meeting before adoption.

**7. Personnel TRUSTEE BRIAN BITLER**

**NOTHING TO REPORT**

**8. Public Health TRUSTEE BRUCE PETERSON**

**NOTHING TO REPORT**

**9. MSA**

a. Updates

There will be a vote on a task order at a future meeting. There is a retaining wall needed in the cemetery

Trustee Sullivan would like to pin down how much was originally allotted for the original project and what has been spent so far on tending to the issue.

**10. IRDC Committee TRUSTEE WES WELLS**

a. Updates

They will be meeting the 28<sup>th</sup>

**B. PUBLIC WORKS DON LOY**

They are getting equipment serviced. The sign is once again working. They have about 80 tons of salt remaining and about 150 tons to come.

**1. Recycling and Refuse TRUSTEE BRUCE PETERSON**

There was a county meeting today. There are presently 4 recycling drop off facilities, and there is a need for more to serve county residents. Bruce raised the question as to whether there is any interest in facilitating that need here in Port Byron. There would be maintenance involved in keeping the site.

**2. Water/Sewer TRUSTEE WES WELLS**

The referenced Resolution as well as a letter from the Village Attorney to said resident was read. Trustee Bitler asked why this was an issue as the residents were told they would not have to hook on unless they chose to or their present utilities failed. It was explained that because we received an EPA Loan to fund the project. There was more discussion and disagreement.

a. Resolution 161901: Authorizing the Attorney for the Village to Pursue in Circuit Court collection of Debt from Village Resident for the Village of Port Byron

**Trustee Sidor made motion to approve Resolution 161901 Authorizing the Attorney to pursue collection of Debt from Resident, seconded by Trustee Peterson**

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

**Nays: Bitler**

**Absent: none**

**Abstain: Meade (present)**

**Mayor Klute declared the Motion approved.**

**Trustee Sidor made motion to amend the letter to allow the resident 20 days, rather than 10 as written, for response, seconded by Trustee Wells**

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

**Nays: Bitler**

**Absent: none**

**Mayor Klute declared the Motion approved.**

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

**4. Cemetery TRUSTEE GERRY MEADE**

There is nothing more to discuss

**5. Administrative MAYOR KLUTE**

a. Minutes from the January 4, 2016 Board Meeting6 (C/A Item A)

**REVIEW ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA**

ITEM	Action	Description
A	Approve	Minutes from the January 4,2016 Board Meeting6
B	Receive	RICO Sheriff Reports for December 2015
C	Receive	RCFPD Reports for December 2015
D	Approve	Treasurers Report incl. P&L and Registers for Dec. 2015
E	Approve	Minutes from Nov. 9 2015 Econ. Development Meeting

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

**Trustee Sullivan made motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Trustee Wells**

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

**Nays: none**

**Absent: none**

**Mayor Klute declared the Consent Agenda approved.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Trustee Peterson asked for the Mayor to correspond with the Railroad as to their maintenance/lack thereof on their property. Mayor suggested that P&Z draft a letter.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Klute will not be present for the February 1 meeting. Scott Sidor will be Mayor Pro Tem. Trustee Peterson met with LeClaire regarding the water taxi. They are receptive to it and are gathering information for a Feasibility Study. They did ask us to give them a break at Tug Fest in return.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Buy back well site in Byron Woods  
This will be on a future agenda and Byron Woods Association will be present.

**GALLERY – QUESTIONS, COMMENTS**

Janine Ingalls asked if the rental ordinance will be presented to rental property owners. There will be 3 readings before passage.

**ADJOURN**

**Trustee Peterson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Meade  
All Ayes  
Mayor Klute declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.**

**Feb. 16, 2016**  
Approved (Date)

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Mayor – Kevin Klute

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Village Clerk – Kari Rozeboom