

PORTER TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2004

Present: Paul Childress, Sandy Boothe, Bill Sexton, Jenny Granat, Sandy Snyder and Pro-Tem, Karen Spanier.

President Granat, who led the pledge of allegiance, called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

TOWN FINANCES

Granat stated the balance in the general line item is \$231,300.40, according the current fund report. The council originally wished to repay the \$300,000.00 outstanding loan (due June 30, 2004) from TIF (tax-increment financing fund) with the balance of the December 2003 tax draw that we received in February; however, there is not enough money to do that.

Childress stated the Redevelopment Commission has the authority to loan the Town an additional \$500,000.00 from the TIF Fund to the general fund and still have a cash balance to carry their finances through the end of July. The current TIF balance is \$538,000.00.

Clerk-Treasurer, Carol Pomeroy estimated the town would need approximately \$420,000.00 for payroll and operating expenses Through July 31st. Granat recommended the Council consider borrowing the maximum \$500,000.00 from the TIF Fund then immediately repay the outstanding loan of \$300,000.00. Which would leave the general fund balance at \$431,300.40 until the next tax draw. The new loan (which would not need to be repaid until the end of the year) would allow the Town to operate and keep everyone employed.

The Town borrowing monies interest free from the TIF Fund would make more sense than paying interest on an a tax anticipation warrant stated Sexton.

Childress stated he believes the perception is very misconceiving and this is only temporary fix, the financial burdens will take all of this year, and most of 2005 to correct. The council will still need to monitor tight fiscal constraints to in order to get the Town back on sound financial footings.

All Department Heads were asked to cut their budgets to 2003n levels, and the council will be monitoring very closely stated Sexton. Snyder announced the Park Department has decreased their current budget an additional \$2,500.00 to cover their negative balance carried over from 2003. All department heads are currently during an excellent job curbing their spending, however the Town is still and will continue to receive bills from last year, the previous attorney has yet to submit a statement for the end of 2003.

Attorney Hollenbeck has prepared a basic resolution as to where the Council can fill in the dollar

amount of monies they are requesting to be borrowed.

Motion to number 2004-02 and read resolution of the Porter Town Council Authorizing transfer of monies on a temporary basis form the ax Increment Financing Fund to the General Fund was made by Childress.

Seconded by Boothe Motion carried. Vote 5-0

Sexton read resolution. Motion to adopt resolution number 2004-02 was made be. Sexton.

Second made by Childress. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

Granat entertained a motion to repay the \$300,000.00 outstanding loan to TIF from the general fund. Motion was made by Boothe. Seconded by Sexton.

Motion carried, Vote 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Three claims were presented to the council for their approval.

Motion to approve Nextel in amount of \$916.25, subject to the two transfers of TIF monies being completed was made by Childress. Seconded by Sexton. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

Motion to approval Hopkins Ace Hardware in the amount of \$401.24, subject to two transfers of TIF monies being completed was made by Childress. Seconded by Sexton.

Motion carried. Vote 5-0

Motion to approve Porter Auto Supply in the amount of \$881.48, subject to the two transfers of TIF monies being completed was made by Childress. Second made by Sexton. Motion carried.

Vote 5-0

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

Motion to adjourn was made by Childress.

Seconded by Sexton.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Jennifer Granat, President

William Sexton, Vice-President

Paul Childress

Sandy Boothe

Sandi Snyder

Karen Spanier, Pro-Tem