

**PORTER TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2005
PORTER TOWN HALL**

Mr. Sexton called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. The following members were present: Sandi Snyder and Paul Childress. The following members were absent: Jenny Granat, Sandy Boothe and Attorney Dave Hollenbeck.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

This meeting was held to discuss the recent sewer rates increase and delinquent sewer accounts.

Mr. Hollenbeck had advised the Council to pay Chesterton's sewer bill of \$56,266, which includes the new increase of approximately \$30,000 more per month. A meeting is pending this week or next to discuss this increase with Chesterton's Town Council. Childress made the motion to pay this bill and Snyder seconded. Vote 3-0.

Childress stated that this increase is out of line...67% for Porter and 5% increase for Chesterton. When he took office he planned to cooperate with Chesterton as long as everyone kept the best interest of both towns in mind, not at the expense of Porter for the good of Chesterton. Cooperation must be a two-way street.

Sexton suggested that the Town of Porter might want to establish a Utility Board to focus on studies and rates. At this time he does not have all the statutes to see if they can do this.

Also on the agenda was delinquent sewer accounts. Hollenbeck was absent so the Council did not have the draft to review. This is postponed until next meeting. Snyder wants this as top priority.

Childress made the motion to adjourn and Snyder seconded. Vote 3-0

William Sexton, President

Sandi Snyder, Vice President

Paul Childress

ATTEST: _____
Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer