

**PORTER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2005
PORTER TOWN HALL**

President William Sexton called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm by leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Present were: Vice President Sandi Snyder, Councilpersons Jennifer Granat, Sandy Boothe and Paul Childress, Attorney Dave Hollenbeck, Police Chief Jamie Spanier, Fire Chief Lewie Craig, Public Works Director Karl Bauer, Park Supt. Jim Miller and Bldg. Commissioner Bill Lewis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sexton asked approval for the following minutes:

July 12, 2005 Snyder made the motion. Granat seconded. Vote 3-0
Childress and Boothe were absent.

July 26, 2005 Granat made the motion. Boothe seconded. Vote 4-0
Childress was absent.

August 5, 2005 Executive session. Granat made the motion. Snyder
seconded. Vote 4-0 Childress was absent.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

CLAIMS in the amount of \$76,528.85 Granat made the motion. Childress
seconded. Vote 5-0

PAYROLL in the amount of \$51,738.42. Boothe made the motion, Granat
seconded. Vote 5-0

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Bud Tilden 320 Lincoln St. asked the Council for permission to have a beer and
wine tent for American Legion Post 503 at the Taste of Porter. Granat made the
motion. Childress seconded. Vote 4-1 with Snyder voting no.

Doug Murfett 800 Deerfield Lane, stated that he had submitted an application to
the volunteer fire department approximately a year ago and was concerned why
he was not offered an interview. He was advised by Town Council to call Chief
Lewie Craig and set up an interview. Mr. Murfett also asked Council member
Jennifer Granat to accompany him to the interview because of ill-will. Mrs.
Granat will attend.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

CLERK TREASURER

Pomeroy said she sent the budget for publication for Aug. 10 & 17th. The Public
hearing will be Aug. 23rd at Council's regular meeting and final adoption Sept.
12th.

ATTORNEY

Dave Hollenback had no report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Spanier has received the 2 new police cars and 1 is on the road and the other just needs the police decals. An officer had an accident over the weekend but they will be full strength (enough cars) by the end of the week.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Craig stated that so far this month they have had 18 calls. He would like to discuss with the Council about leasing a new car, his car has over 110,00 miles and needs a lot of work. He asked about using the Cedit money, and Council said that you can not lease with the Cedit money. Sexton said that you can buy from it.

Council gave permission for him to check into buying a car.

PUBLIC WORKS

The Council unanimously approved the proposal of Bodnar Corp. to develop a plat survey for Porter Beach identifying public and non-public right-of-ways. This survey would be used to extend water lines to Porter Beach and help the Plan Commission make recommendations regarding development of the beach area. The amount may not exceed \$42,000 and not exceed \$5,000 for the title work.

The Council also advised Bauer to ask Chesterton to approve sewer capacity for the PCCRVC to start building the visitor center in Porter. Hollenbeck said that until Chesterton gives approval for the sewer allocation the State of Indiana cannot release the project, which is funded by federal grants. The PCCRVC is estimated to use 5,000gallons per day. The entire development will need 30,000 gallons per day which exceeds Porter's limit of 24,390 gpd. Chesterton has halted the development because of the overage. Sexton said that there should not be any reason to hold up approval for the Visitors center since it is well below Porter's capacity. Sexton will write a letter to Chesterton Utility Board and hopes it can consider the request at the next meeting.

Hesham of Haas and Associates has recalculated Porter's anticipated additional sewage capacity that Porter will need to purchase from Chesterton. He has determined that there is a need for 174,699gpd additional capacity for the short term and 197,700gpd for the long term.

Sexton also advised Hesham and Bauer to meet with Chesterton officials over a possible mistake since March in how Porter's meters are being read.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Lewis said that there are 9 new contractors which brings the total to 351. Granat made the motion to approve, Childress seconded. Vote 5-0.

Lewis said that the cleanup at 6 Box Lane is moving along, and demolition of the unsafe house should occur soon. The illegal sheds at Porter Beach must be moved by August 18th.

PARK DEPARTMENT

See attached for work projects

OLD BUSINESS

Animal Control Ordinance was numbered 2005-07 and had first reading. Granat made the motion and Snyder seconded. Vote 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2005-04 was numbered and had read. This resolution rescinds the automatic increase in the tax replacement levy for which is eligible for its TIF district. Vote 5-0

The contract for the Animal Shelter was placed on the next agenda.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

PAUL CHILDRESS:

An oversight was made at the beginning of this year and the MVH budget was not cut by approximately \$22,500. This was mandated by the DGLF. He was planning on taking part of this reduction from the Lease section of the budget. At the last budget workshop, which Childress was unable to attend, the Council gave permission to Bauer to use the money for leasing trucks for the street department and also made a new line item to place \$4,800 for the police department. Childress said that the MVH could not afford this cut and to take the money from Park Dept. Sexton said the best decision was made and wants to use Cedit money to cover this. Childress made a motion to restore this money to the MVH and take the \$4,800 from the Park Dept. Boothe made the second. Vote was 3-2. Childress and Boothe voting yes and Sexton, Granat and Snyder voting no. Motion did not pass.

JENNIFER GRANAT

Would like to review the CEDIT plan at next meeting and to reallocate some of its monies.

She also said that the Able Disposal contract will be due at the end of September. This was placed on next agenda.

Granat also would like the Council to have a workshop on the handbook. A meeting was scheduled for August 22 at 6:00pm.

WILLIAM SEXTON

Accident Review Committee- Sexton asked the Council to review information that he gave the Council to form a committee to review accidents that could lead to lower premium for the town. Spanier stated that the Police Department already has a review committee. This was placed on the next agenda.

He also said that Robert Vodnoy of the Plan Commission and the BZA had resigned, and the Council is looking for a replacement. He asked for interested residents to send a short resume and they must be a Democrat. This is a Town Council President appointment.

He also stated that the Art Fair seemed to be a success.

At 9:10 pm Granat made the motion to adjourn and Boothe seconded. Vote was unanimous. 5-0.

William F. Sexton, President

Sandi Snyder, Vice President

Jennifer Granat

Sandy Boothe

Paul Childress

ATTEST: _____
Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer