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PORTER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

OCTOBER 24, 2006

Vice President Jennifer Granat called the meeting to order by leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Present were Council members Lorri Wickberg, William F. Sexton and Sandi Snyder. Clerk Treasurer Carol Pomeroy, Attorney Patrick Lyp, Building Commissioner Brenda Brueckheimer, Fire Chief Lewis Craig, Public Works Director Karl Bauer, Park Superintendent James Miller and Sergeant Todd Allen sitting in for Chief Spanier were also present. Paul Childress, President was absent.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2006-17 CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION COST

Granat opened the hearing at 7:31 pm by asking for proponents to the above ordinance.

Paul Christofersen, 300 N. Mineral Springs Road commented that he felt this ordinance is absolutely necessary for the Town and that everyone that is building should pay this cost with no exceptions unless they have applied for a sewer connection already and this should not be passed onto taxpayers.

Granat asked 2 more times for proponents with no response.

Granat asked for opponents to this ordinance three times with no response.

Granat closed the Public Hearing. Sexton made a motion to have second reading of Ordinance 2006-17 by title only with Wickberg making the second. Vote 4-0. Snyder made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-17 and Sexton made the second. Vote 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wickberg made a motion to approve the October 10, 2006 minutes as written and Sexton made the second. Vote 3-0 with Granat voting present.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

\$309,387.21 \$174,334.19 & \$28,158.17 Pomeroy noted that the Town Hall had paid \$300,000 from CEDIT to the Redevelopment Commission for a partial payment of the loan of \$500,000. Sexton asked Pomeroy to take the check to Horizon Bank. Sexton made a motion to approve the above claims as submitted and Wickberg made the second. Vote 4-0

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None

CLERK TREASURER

Pomeroy asked the Council to approve a Resolution for pre-tax health insurance. Sexton made a motion to number, read and adopt Resolution 2006-08 and Snyder made the second. Vote 4-0

ATTORNEY

Lyp stated that the lawsuits for Dines and Barbossa are moving forward and that the BZA was having an executive session prior to their next meeting.

POLICE

Allen stated that there will be extra patrols for Halloween and warned the citizens to be careful when driving. Craig said that the Fire Dept will also be patrolling.

FIRE

None

PUBLIC WORKS

Bauer discussed the following:

- Water Mains. Bauer has talked with Robert Pena of Indiana American Water Company about installing water mains to Dunes Forest, Porter Beach and Sunset. In. Am Water stated that they are too busy to install the mains and that the Town should put out bids. Bauer said that Shem of Haas and Associates will draw up the specs.
- Porter Beach Survey is on hold until all the leaves fall and then Bonar will proceed.
- Pay Loader. Bauer asked the Council to buy a pay loader. He stated that he has \$48,000 in CEDIT money and would like to use this money and money from his MVH budget to buy. He estimates the cost to be around \$80,000. Sexton told him to get specs.
- Bauer asked if he could hire a part time secretary. Sexton asked if he has gotten the phone calls transferred to the Town Hall yet, and Bauer was told to get it fixed or get a new system.
- Dune Acres has asked to rent the Towns bucket truck and one employee. Sexton said that we have done that in the past and if he has the manpower to proceed.
- Bauer has scheduled 2 leaf pick-up routes.
- Oak Hill and Waverly road storm water repair. Pomeroy gave Shem 2 sealed quotes from Rieth & Riley and Woodruff & Sons that she had received earlier that day to open. Both quotes were over \$75,000. and by consensus the Council rejected both bids and advised Shem to advertise for sealed bids.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Miller discussed the following:

- ✓ Dune Meadows Playground. The Park Board held a special meeting on October 23rd to hear the pro and cons of installing playground equipment. There were several supporters and only 1 person was in opposition. The Park Board voted to proceed by using CEDIT monies and Park improvement monies. Another issue was also discussed was the pond. The residents of Dune Meadows and Wagner Hills have asked the Park Department to clean up the pond. The Park Department has received approval to dredge, clean and deepen the pond and possibly create a habitat for fish. Miller asked Aquatic Weed Control to do a depth survey and they reported that the pond is very shallow and not consistent throughout the pond. He says the weeds are still an ongoing problem.
- ✓ Miller has received a 2006 Chevrolet Silverado 4X4 with an 8' HD Boss plow that the Park Board approved for him to buy.
- ✓ Miller is in the process of installing a gate and fence at the entrance of Lake Charles Park. This park will be closed during the winter months like Indian Springs. The barriers have helped keeping some of the ATV's and 4 wheelers from driving around the lake. Cynthia Kenning of 1371 Sunset Lane said that they are still getting in and Miller said that he would check it out. Sergeant Allen told her to call the Police when they are there and they will go out. Kenning also asked Miller if the Park Department plan to improve the pond at Lake Charles. Miller said that park is not being ignored but needs to be funded and scheduled and is on his list.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Brueckheimer reported 7 new contractors with a total of 355. Wickberg made a motion to approve and Sexton made the second. Vote 4-0

OLD BUSINESS

- IAWC disconnect policy. Lyp say he is still working with In. Am. Water Co. and will have as soon as possible.
- PPCRVC time capsule. The Council suggested a brief history of the Town and the brick from the Porter Town Hall that was included in the Town Hall time capsule. Granat will prepare.

NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ Keystone Software Resolution 2006-09. Sexton made a motion to number, read and adopt, Snyder made the second. Vote 4-0
- ❖ Salary Ordinance Amendment 2006-18. Sexton made a motion to number and read, Wickberg made the second. Vote 4-0. Snyder made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, Sexton made the second. Vote 4-0. Snyder made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-18 and Wickberg made the second. Vote 4-0

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Sexton: Commended Nathan Pavlovic of Troop #928 for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. He stated that was an honor to receive. Nathan's project was constructing a boardwalk for property managed by the Shirley Heinz Land Trust.

Granat: Reminded the Council of the dedication of the Old Town Hall's Cupola on October 27th at 11:00am beside Porter Bank. Granat also asked the Council to schedule an Executive Session on October 31st at 5:00pm to finish discussing Department Heads evaluations.

Cynthia Kenning of 1371 Sunset asked the Council to investigate if there is a leak that is killing the grass by Steel City Truck stop. Fire Chief Craig was advised to investigate.

William Cantrell of 371 Waverly Road thanked the Council for his appointment to the Stormwater Board.

Sexton made a motion to adjourn and Wickberg made the second. Vote 4-0

Dated this ____ day of November, 2006.

Jennifer Granat, Vice President

Lorri Wickberg

William F. Sexton

Sandi Snyder

ATTEST: _____
Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer