

PORTER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

OCTOBER 25, 2005

PORTER TOWN HALL

CALL TO ORDER

President William Sexton called the meeting to order at 7:00pm leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

In attendance were Vice President Sandi Snyder and council members Sandy Boothe and Paul Childress, Attorney Patrick Lyp, Police Chief James Spanier, Fire Chief Lewie Craig, Public Works Director Karl Bauer and Park Superintendent James Miller. Council Member Jennifer Granat and Building Commissioner Bill Lewis were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Boothe made a motion to approve the Executive Minutes and Council minutes dated October 11, 2005 as written. Childress made the second. Vote 4-0.

CONSIDERATION FO CLAIMS

- Claims totaling \$184,474.32. Childress made the motion to approve and Boothe made the second. Vote 4-0.
- Payroll totaling \$50,220.42. Childress made the motion to approve and Boothe made the second. Vote 4-0.
- Park Superintendent James Miller asked the Council to approve a claim totaling \$1,830.00 to Duneland Decorating for painting the interior of the Community Building. Snyder made the motion to approve and Boothe made the second. Vote 3-1 with Childress voting no.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

- *Mike Bucko* from Netnitco Internet Service asked the Council for permission to place transmitters on the Town's radio towers. The Council took it under advisement after the towers are checked for feasibility and if a willing market exists among the town residents. In return the Town would receive free website and email services
- *Sherrill Newman 300 Franklin Street* thanked a police officer for helping her with a neighbor's dog.

CLERK TREASURER

- Pomeroy asked the Town Council to approve advertising for an additional appropriation for LR &S in the amount of \$88,000. and have a public hearing on November 8th at the Council's regular meeting. Childress made the motion to approve and Boothe made the second. Vote 4-0.
- Codification was tabled until next meeting.
- Keystone Software was denied at this time.

ATTORNEY

Nothing to report

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Spanier asked the Council to look into having a Voyager gas card. He would like to have because most gas stations honor them and have in case of an emergency. He said it would be broken down as to what police car used it.
- Also reminded that October 31 is trick or treat from 5:30pm to 8:00pm.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Craig reminded residents not to burn leaves.
- He also requested a new cell phone, the Council agreed to buy it by consensus.

PUBLIC WORKS

- The paving project is almost done except for the final punch list.
- The Woodlawn project that is shared with Chesterton is almost complete. Bauer was advised to take the town's portion of approximately \$36,635 out of CCI.
- Bauer asked the Council to sign an agreement with Haas & Assoc. for Spec's and Standards for the town. The Council agreed 4-0 but not until 2006 since the engineering line item is in the red now.
- Bauer stated that the railroad crossings at Francis St and at Wagner Road will be closed until next week. Sexton advised him to look into the railroad crossings at Babcock Road and the crossing at Mineral Springs Road and call the railroad to have them fixed.
- Munson Place. The sanitary sewers are in and moving right along with the project.
- Porter Avenue project is almost complete, waiting for pressure tests.
- Bauer would also like to have an auction for several vehicles and misc. items.
- Bauer also requested an ordinance to be drawn for East Washington Street restricting the road to 6 tons. Patrick Lyp was advised to prepare an ordinance.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Miller advised that the pay phone was removed from the Community Building.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

No new contractors. Pomeroy was advised to ask Lewis to check if a building permit was issued to a business on Old Porter Road and to call the owners of Andershock's Fruit Market to clean up the area. Childress said he had the name and phone number for the new owners.

OLD BUSINESS

- Noise Ordinance. The Police commission is having their meeting on November 28th at 6:30pm with the Plan Commission and will send their recommendations to the Town Council to adopt.
- Salary Ordinance. Snyder made the motion to number and have 1st reading by title only of ordinance 2005-08. Boothe made the second. Vote 4-0. Snyder made the motion to suspend the rules and have 2nd & 3rd reading by title only. Boothe made the second. Vote 3-1 with Childress voting no because they did not have a full council. Motion denied and tabled until next meeting.

- Waste Disposal Contract. and bid proposal. Hollenbeck will drop off bid specs tomorrow. The advertisement for bids is running in the Chesterton Tribune tonight. Opening of bids will be at the November 8th meeting.
- Rehabilitation Oak Hill Lift Station contract. Boothe made the motion to approve only the preliminary design for \$13,000. Snyder made the second. Vote 3-1. Childress voting no. Sexton advised Bauer to have the contract re-written to only include preliminary design.
- Sewer Collections. Tabled until next meeting.
- Public Works Equipment Purchase. Bauer asked to spend his 2006 share of the CEDIT monies now for a new Chevy 4X4 Dump Truck with a V blade snowplow and a V box salt spreader for \$35,054.65 and 2 - 7.5 Western Pro snowplows for \$7,288.00 a total cost of \$42,342.65. He recommended upgrading to a stainless steel salt spreader for an additional cost of \$800.00, making the grand total \$\$43,142.65. Boothe made the motion to spend \$43,142.65 from CEDIT for the above items. Snyder made the second. Vote 3-1 with Childress voting no.

NEW BUSINESS

- Stormwater Ordinance. Tabled until next meeting
- Casualty & Liability Insurance renewal. Sexton stated that the premiums have dropped \$700.00.

Snyder made the motion at 9:25pm to adjourn. Boothe made the second. Vote 4-0.

William F. Sexton, President

Sandy Boothe

Sandi Snyder, Vice-President

Paul Childress

ATTEST: _____
Carol Pomeroy, Clerk-Treasurer

Dated this _____ day of November, 2005.