

PORTER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

February 22, 2005

PORTER TOWN HALL

CALL TO ORDER

President William Sexton called the meeting to order at 7:40 by leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present in addition to Sexton were Sandy Boothe, Paul Childress, Jennifer Granat, Sandi Snyder, Atty. David Hollenbeck, Police Chief Jamie Spanier, Building Commissioner Bill Lewis and Tim Haas of Haas and Associates.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Granat made said motion to accept the minutes of February 8, 2005 and Childress seconded. Vote to approved was 4-0. Sexton answered present, as he was not in attendance of that meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS:

Sewer- totaling \$102,491.62 were presented. Granat made a motion to approve and Snyder made the second. Vote carried unanimously.

Claims – February 1-21 totaling \$101,011.53 were presented. Granat made a motion to accept. Childress seconded. Childress spoke saying the Redevelopment Commission is loaning the town \$500,000.00 but that the ability to lend more than that just does not exist. Again, Childress warned that claims need to be watched very closely as money is very tight for the town. Granat agreed. With Sexton responding as present, the vote was 4-0.

Payroll Claims – February 15, 2005 totaling \$44,270.77 were motioned to be accepted by Childress. Boothe seconded. Motion was carried unanimously.

PETITIONS & COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None

CLERK TREASURER

Pomeroy announced that Beach Permits are available. Porter residents are \$5.00, Out of Town residents - \$30.00 and out of state \$75.00. Senior permits from the town are free. Residents must have a valid driver's license and registration saying Porter on them.

Sexton will take care of the special Smelt Permits. Only a few are needed.

Pomeroy asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the executive session held on January 25, 2005. Granat motioned and Childress seconded. Minutes were accepted 5-0.

She had talked to newly hired consultant about the Website. She asked for direction from the Council on how to handle the departments. She suggested that all be combined. Sexton said that should be done. By consensus, the council agreed.

ATTORNEY

Hollenbeck said he had nothing to report.

POLICE

Chief Spanier reported that John Lane has completed the Porter part of the installation procedure for the new software and are now awaiting input from the town.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

No report - Chief Craig arrived late to the meeting but had submitted a written report.

PUBLIC WORKS

An executive session was scheduled for Friday, February 25, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. to have opening round of interviews for the position of Director of Public Works. Boothe will call the applicants. Twenty-two have been received.

Sexton requested from the Park Board President Bud Tilden to have a report each month. It will begin with the next agenda. Tilden said he would bring the request up at the next Park Board meeting.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Supt. Davis offered seven new contractors bring the total to 203 for the year 2005. Granat made a motion to accept the contractors. Childress seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Davis said he had been out to Wagner Hill subdivision to check on the Silt fence and he was assured that it would be completed this week. He is planning to get to all construction sites.

Granat reported that Pomeroy had located the Silt fence ordinance 1996-07 and given a copy to Lewis as he approaches the contractors.

OLD BUSINESS

WATER EXPANSION – Haas reported he had met with Shawn Lemons of Indiana American Water Co. on February 2, 2005 at the Municipal Building. Childress was also present. He distributed summary notes to the Council. (See attached) The project budget is around \$260,000.00 for eight to ten locations at Porter Beach. Haas said there will probably be not left over money for Dunes Forest this year.

SNOW BAN PARKING ORDINANCE – Hollenbeck apologized and will meet with Boothe to have it done at the next meeting.

UNFUNDED STORM WATER MS4 - Sexton said there had not been a letter written asking the State for an extension of the March 1st deadline. He would be meeting with Jim Mandon on Wednesday February 23 and there would be a letter written. Hollenbeck advised that for Part C filing, it is not necessary to write an ordinance. Already having an erosion control ordinance in existence, Hollenbeck suggested not formerly adopting the ordinances but to say that these are the ordinances that should be attached. He said it would be easier to adopt once IDEM reviews and makes any changes. Hollenbeck said that the old 1996-07 should be included in the actual adoption of the ordinance.

EROSION CONTROL ORDINANCE &

ILLICIT DISCHARGE ORDINANCE - Sexton asked for a motion to include draft copies of these ordinances in the letter and forms sent to the state asking for extension of deadline.

Childress made the motion. Boothe seconded. Vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

MS4 PROJECT PLAN – The Council had copies of the Storm Water Management report proposing that some type of user fee will have to be implemented to cover the nearly \$1,000,000.00 cost over a five year period. (See attached). Since the plan is federally mandated, it must be addressed. Sexton said he had reports that across the country, the public is generally not opposed to user fee knowing it will be used to clean the waterways. Sexton announced there would be a Storm Water Management meeting opened to the public on the user fee. The meeting will be March 22 at 5:30 p.m. and AMEC consultants will present alternative funding options for the program. There was no vote on the proposed plan as funding was not included in the report. By consensus, the Council did

agree it was a good plan but concern over funding was duly noted.

AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE - Police Chief Spanier proposed detective pay raise of \$2.60 bringing the salary to \$21.31 per hour be put in the budget. The Police Commission recommended the request. It would not call for changes in the line item totals but would affect part time help. Granat motioned to number and read 2005-02. Boothe seconded. Vote was unanimous. Hollenbeck read the ordinance. Granat motioned to suspend rules and read by title only to adopt at one meeting. Snyder seconded. Vote was unanimous.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL-

Snyder asked that compilation and codification of Porter town ordinances be put on next agenda for the Council. Childress feels that money cannot come from the Redevelopment Commission. Sexton felt that it is something that needs to be done and must be continued to be updated to keep track of the ordinances. Snyder said she has two companies interested in doing the work and would like to discuss their presentations.

Sexton said the town had received a letter from the National Lakeshore concerning the right of way on S Bailey Dr. The letter concerning the trade agreement was given to Hollenbeck for his advice. Childress said this is just a formal contract.

Granat made a motion to adjourn. Childress seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.

President William Sexton

Vice President Sandi Snyder

Sandy Boothe

Paul Childress

Jennifer Granat

ATTESTED BY _____
Carol Pomeroy, Clerk-Treasurer

This _____ **of** _____ **2005**