

**MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
September 7, 2010 - 6:00 P.M.
VILLAGE OF PORT BYRON**

The first August Board Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Robert Wilson, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2010.

ROLL CALL / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

**Roll Call #1: Present: Trustees: Harold French, Scott Sidor, Shawn VanDriessche,
Todd Wiebenga**

Absent: Trustees: George Bathje, Janet Stoltenberg,

**Also present: Attorney Graham Lee; Public Works Superintendent Rick
Kessler**

A quorum was declared by the Mayor.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

None

GALLERY (Comments must be limited to 5 minutes per person, 30 minutes per subject.)

S/D Enright - introduced Andy Talandes and Sam Butts, who spoke briefly about their plans to open a convenience/grocery store on Main St; their desire is to cater to the community by starting with the basics; want to sell package liquor "to go"; projecting a possible timetable of 2 months until opening

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC INFORMATION/FINANCE COMMITTEES

1. TIF (Mayor Wilson)

- a. Post Office Update
 - 1) Presentation by J Sundlof
 - a) John and mother present at meeting
 - b) Had PowerPoint presentation but unable to get it to work
 - c) Verbally presented his arguments as to value of Post Office building to the Village, considering the ultimate lease income
 - d) Current lease pays little, runs for 9 more years
 - b. Discuss possible counter-offer for purchase of Post Office building
 - c. S Sidor commented that we are not looking at as business, we are looking at it as a Board trying to bring back a service to the community
 - d. H French – if we buy building, should be based on what building is worth today, not what it may be worth in 10 years
 - d. G Lee commented that Village would have to live with 9 years of bad lease first with no guarantees; only reason Village wants to buy building is to provide a service to village residents, but also have to be responsible to taxpayers
 - e. Mayor Wilson said Board will need to consider next action and come to a decision as to next action

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

2. Village Finance Committee (Trustee Sidor)

- a. August 2010 Treasurer's report (C/A Item J)
- b. Has made 2 appointments at bank to discuss interest rates but both were cancelled due to other conflicts

3. **Planning/Zoning Committee** (Trustee French)
 - a. Minutes from 7/21 Planning/Zoning meeting (C/A Item E)
 - b. Next meeting will be 9/15/10
 4. **Ordinance, Personnel, Grants & Audits** (Trustee Wiebenga)

None
 5. **Public Health** (Trustee Stoltenberg)
 - a. Notice received by Village that flu shots received locally
- B. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEES** (Rick Kessler, Public Works Superintendent)
- a. September 2010 O & M report (C/A Item G)
 1. Discussion of issues with wells
 2. Wastewater plant going well
 3. Guardrail repair state responsibility
 4. Some street repair necessary due to sinkholes
 5. Village remodel still proceeding – floor in and will be installed soon, bathrooms will take a little longer
 6. New tractor has proven very useful for the mowing
 - b. Water reports from Doug Farren for 4/40, 5/10, 6/10 (C/A Item H)
1. **Water/Sewer/Garbage** – (Trustee Bathje)
 - a. Sixth drawdown against WWTF loan \$511,853.54 (C/A Item I)
 2. **Buildings & Grounds/Streets & Street Lights** (Trustee VanDriessche)

None
 3. **Cemetery** (Trustee Wiebenga)
 - a. Cemetery Board minutes from August 2010 (C/A Item F)
 - b. Progressing on a map of cemetery
 4. **Administrative** (Mayor Wilson)
 - a. Minutes from 08/09/10 Board Meeting (C/A Item A)
 - b. RCFPD/PB Fire Report for August 2010 (C/A Item D)
 - c. Minutes from 7/28/10 Green Committee meeting (C/A Item B)
 - d. RI County Sheriff's Dept reports for July and August 2010 (C/A Item C)
 - e. Labor Day Proclamation (C/A Item K) in support of working men and women
 - f. Resolution to support QCIA in pursuing reinstatement of AirTran service to Atlanta, via Bi State Regional Commission (C/A Item L)
 - g. Liquor license discussion
 1. Current numbers of liquor licenses last set in 2007
 2. Six different classes of licenses, number of each limited
 3. Not much room for additional development right now
 4. Discussion as to whether Village should look at overall picture and increase numbers of licenses?
 - h. Discussion re: possible golf cart ordinance
 1. P Veronda stated that Village can pass a golf cart ordinance
 - a) Golf carts must have same equipment as cars, essentially – lights, brakes, seatbelts, slow-moving placard, etc.
 - b) Cannot drive on state highways nor streets with a speed limit over 35 MPH

- c) State of Illinois passed law, but Village can also pass an ordinance as long as it would not be more liberal
- d) Should we prepare ordinance for future vote?

REVIEW ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

One item, the April water report, was removed from the consent agenda as not received

CONSENT AGENDA

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Description</i>
A	Approve	Minutes from 08/09/10 Board Meeting
B	Receive	Minutes from 07/28/10 Green Committee meeting
C	Receive	RI County Sheriff's Dept. Reports for July and August
D	Receive	RCFPD/PB Fire Report for July 2010
E	Receive	Minutes from Planning & Zoning 07/21/10
F	Receive	Minutes from Cemetery Board meeting 08/23/10
G	Receive	R Kessler's September 2010 O & M Report
H	Receive	Water reports from Doug Farren for 4/10 , 5/10, 6/10
I	Approve	Drawdown #6 for WWTF \$511,853.54
J	Receive	August 2010 Treasurer's report
K	Approve	Labor Day Proclamation
L	Approve	Resolution to support QCIA in pursuing continuation of AirTran service

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Sidor made motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Trustee French

RC #2: Ayes: Trustees: Harold French, Todd Wiebenga, Scott Sidor, Shawn VanDriessche

Nays: None

Absent: George Bathje, Jan Stoltenberg

Mayor Wilson declared motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

GALLERY – QUESTIONS, COMMENTS

Several questions and discussion ensued from gallery as to condition of Post Office building, and why owner did not repair building when Post Office was open. Mayor suggested such questions could be referred to owner via his email address, which Mr. Sundlof left.

Mayor commented that the annual River Action Golf Cart Rally is this Thursday, with three groups of golf carts passing through town on the bike path, at 9:30 AM, 12:00 noon, and 2:30 PM.

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ADJOURN

**Trustee Wiebenga made motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Sidor
All Ayes
Mayor Wilson declared meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.**

Approved (Date)

Mayor - Robert Wilson

Village Clerk – Barbara Cray