Minutes

BOARD MEETING
Monday, June 1st, 2026, 6:00 P.M.
VILLAGE OF PORT BYRON IL

The Village Board Meeting was called to order by Mayor Barb Cray at 6:07 p.m. on Monday, June 1st, 2026. Trustees present

ROLL CALL / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call #1: Present: Trustees Brian Bitler, Tami Marsden, Jacob Hobbs, Bruce Peterson, Kevin Klute
Late: None
Absent: Roger Oliver

Gallery Comments

Tammy Knapp addressed the board about load music playing at 6 am on the Memorial Day. This was from the Fleet Feet Half Marathon. She stated that nobody was notified by the organizers of the marathon of the music or event

A. PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. IRDC/MSA JACOB HOBBS

Nothing to Report

2. PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

a. Citizen addressing the board – Mark Komatar

Mark Komatar presented a summary of his complaints on Parcel 0424103001 (see attached for entire document) He spoke that he found out about the zoning change in August 2024 and he wasn't notified. He feels like the back is a dumping ground and storage area. Tim Sparkman spoke that he thought the building would look more like the owners building on 94th Ave. Trustee Klute spoke that it is part of the latest Comprehensive plan to have commercial development along Route 84 and this is not a new idea. Mark Komatar wanted a direct letter sent to him regarding the zoning change. He also wants a reverse decision and to make the parcel R2 again. Mayor Cray spoke regarding the EPA findings and that they are in compliance. Trustee Peterson asked if there would be a way to work together with Komatar, Brockman and the village. Peterson stated that it is not our intent opt shut down this business. Mark Komatar made a comment that the board is friends with this developer and Trustee Bitler spoke that he was offended by that comment. Trustee Klute stated that he is not going to listen to Mark Komatar accuse them of being shady. Bobbi Brockman read a statement to the board (see attached) Back and forth comments were being made and Mayor Cray stopped the conversation at that point.

B. PUBLIC WORKS DON LOY/ CHRIS DILLIN

1. PUBLIC BUILDING, GROUNDS, & STREETS BRIAN BITLER

Don Loy stated that all has been quiet, Alan is keeping up on the mowing, but we could probably use another seasonal worker.

2. WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE

Nothing to report

GARBAGE/WASTE MANAGEMENT/RECYCLING – Roger Oliver

Mayor Cray stated that she has been going to the meetings and that there are new opportunities to recycle paint available

C. VILLAGE FINANCE

a. Approval of quote for Audit Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026

Trustee Hobbs made a motion to approve the quote from Odani for audit 2025-2026 not to exceed 21,000.00 Seconded by Trustee Marsden

Roll Call 2: Ayes: Bitler, Marsden, Hobbs, Peterson, Klute

Nays: None

Absent: Oliver

Mayor Barb Cray declared the motion passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. **PERSONNEL BRIAN BITLER**

a. Civility during meetings

Trustee Bitler spoke that the board needs to be thinking of hiring a Public Works Supervisor to start working with Don Loy as he will retire in the near future.

He also spoke that we need to do better in treating each other in board meetings and not be raising voices.

EXECUTIVE BARB CRAY

a. Minutes from 040626 Board Meeting (C/A Item A)

b. Approval of quote for purchase of new boardroom tables

Trustee Klute made a motion to approve quote from Advanced Business Systems for $4,136.52, Seconded by Trustee Marsden

Roll Call 3: Ayes: Bitler, Marsden, Hobbs, Peterson, Klute

Nays: None

Absent: Oliver

Mayor Barb Cray declared the motion passed

c. Approval of updated check signers for Morton Bank – Add Barb Cray, Tami Marsden, Kevin Klute, Jacob Hobbs, and remove Wayne Oney

Trustee Klute made a motion to approve updating check signers and removing Wayne Oney, Seconded by Trustee Hobbs

Roll Call 4: Ayes: Bitler, Marsden, Hobbs, Peterson, Klute

Nays: None

Absent: Oliver

Mayor Barb Cray declared the motion passed.

ITEM	***Action***	***Description***
A	Approval	Minutes from 050426 Board Meeting
B	Receive	R I County Sheriff April 2026 Report
C	Receive	RCFPD April 2026 report
D		

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA
Trustee Hobbs made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Seconded by Trustee Marsden
Roll Call 5: Ayes: Bitler, Marsden, Hobbs, Peterson, Klute
Nays: None
Absent: Oliver
Mayor Barb Cray declared the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE
Nothing

OLD BUSINESS
Nothing to Report

NEW BUSINESS
Trustee Peterson handed out a document that reflected what homeowners on North Shore Drive paid in property taxes. He stated he thinks that residents do not feel like they are getting enough attention. They do not have village sewer or water. Trustee Hobbs reminded Trustee Peterson that the board voted down the extension of sewer and water to this area. Trustee Peterson got upset and walked out of the meeting.

Gallery-Questions, Comments
Bill Brockman spoke on the issue at hand with Resident Mark Komatar's complaints. He spoke on the EPA approving all that he has and that he has been working hard to be a good neighbor.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR
Mayor Cray told the board that Alan Stickler has been with the Village for 4 years on May 16th and the Kristie Guardia had been with the Village for 15 years on June 1st.

ADJOURN
Trustee Klute made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Hobbs
Roll Call #6 Ayes: Bitler, Marsden, Hobbs, Peterson, Klute
Nays: None
Absent: Oliver
Mayor Barb Cray declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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Approval Date Mayor Barb Cray

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Clerk – Kristie Guardia