**Minutes**

**BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, August 7th, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

**VILLAGE OF PORT BYRON IL**

The Village Board Meeting was called to order by Mayor Barb Cray at 6:00 p.m. on

Monday, August 7th, 2023. Trustees present

**ROLL CALL / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Roll Call #1:** **Present: Trustees Gerry Meade, Brian Bitler, Tami Marsden, Roger Oliver, Kevin Klute**

**Late: None**

**Absent: Jesse Clark  
Also Present:**

**Gallery Comments**

John Chambian addressed the signs he posted about the cell towers in the cemetery. It was his understanding that the Village was putting a cell tower in the cemetery, and he was concerned about the safety of the residents. The signs were removed from public grounds, and he felt censored. He also said that he was unhappy that access from his property to the cemetery was blocked. He uses this access to come down to help with events. Mayor Cray stated that we have had posted Cemetery Rules at the cemetery since 2012. Golf Carts are not allowed in the cemetery. It is not personal to him; it is not permitted for anyone. Mayor cray also stated that we have been approached by a cell tower company to put up a new tower by the water tower and do not have a proposal for a tower in the cemetery. John wanted the rules reviewed and Barb stated that the Cemetery Committee would have to review. John wants to be allowed to drive through the cemetery and would like the posts blocking his gate removed. Don Loy reported that that the gate has been there for 3 years. And that the posts are on our property.

1. **PUBLIC INFORMATION/FINANCE COMMITTEES**

1. **TUG FEST**

Tami Marsden stated the Tug is this week.

**2. VILLAGE FINANCE KEVIN KLUTE**

a. 0723 Treasurer’s report including the P & L and Check Register (C/A Item F)

Carol Henry went over the Treasurers’ report and stated that interest rates have gone up.

**3.** **TIF**

Nothing to Report

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**4.** **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAMI MARSDEN**

a. Approval of Mission Statement for Economic Development (C/A Item B)

**5. IRDC COMMITTEE/MSA ROGER OLIVER**

Roger Oliver stated that they are looking for new members.

**6.** **PLANNING/ZONING COMMITTEE** **GERRY MEADE**

a. Approval of Planning & Zoning Minutes from June 14 2023 (C/A Item E)

Gerry Meade stated the next meeting is August 9th**.**

**7. PERSONNEL BRIAN BITLER**

Nothing to Report

**PUBLIC WORKS**  **DON LOY**

1. **PUBLIC WORKS (RECYCLING/REFUSE, BLDG. & GROUNDS/STREETS Brian Bitler** 
   1. Approval of quote to repair the lights at War Memorial for $736.00

Don Loy said that this was to fix a broken light and replace the other before it brakes.

Trustee Meade made a motion to approve the quote for $736.00 from Tri City Electric, Seconded by Trustee Marsden

Roll Call #2: Ayes: Meade, Bitler, Marsden, Oliver, Klute

Nays: None

Absent: Clark

Mayor Barb Cray declared the motion passed.

* 1. Option to deter speeding on Main St.

Kevin and Malora Redman spoke on the issues with speeding on Main St. They had several signatures from residents along Main St. and are offering to help purchase temporary speed bumps if needed. Much discussion was had on different options available, and Mayor Cray stated we will get some quotes and have it on the next agenda to vote on.

**2. WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE BO MATHIS/JESSE CLARK**

a. Approval of quote for new computer at WWTP $1402.61

Don Loy said that this is needed as the current computer is failing. The software to run the plant will also need to be upgraded and a quote will come at a later meeting.

Trustee Marsden made a motion to approve the quote for $1402.61 for computer at WWTP, Seconded by Trustee Meade

Roll Call #3: Ayes: Meade, Bitler, Marsden, Oliver, Klute

Nays: None

Absent: Clark

Mayor Barb Cray declared the motion passed.

**3. CEMETERY GERRY MEADE**

Nothing to Report

4. **ADMINISTRATIVE**   **BARB CRAY**

a. Minutes from 070323 Board Meeting(C/A Item A)

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| ***ITEM*** | ***Action*** | ***Description*** |
| A | Approval | Minutes from 070323 Board Meeting |
| B | Approval | Minutes from 071723 Board Meeting |
| C | Approval | Approval of Mission Statement for Economic Development |
| D | Receive | RCFPD June 2023 Report |
| E | Receive | R I County Sheriff Dept June 2023 Report |
| F | Approval | Planning & Zoning Minutes June 14 2023 & July 12 2023 |
| G | Approval | 0723 Treasures Report including the P & L and check register |
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**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

Trustee Klute made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Seconded by Trustee Bitler

Roll Call #4: Ayes: Meade, Bitler, Marsden, Oliver, Klute

Nays: None

Absent: Clark

Mayor Barb Cray declared the motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Klute apologized the everyone for missing the last board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing

**Gallery-Questions, Comments**

Bruce Peterson agreed with the speeding issue and stated that he had problems on N Shore Drive and had the village reduce the speed to 10 mph. He believes the state allows the Village to place speed restrictions and speed bumps on village streets.

Shirley Hollister asked where they could park for her meeting on Thursday at Village Hall during Tug Fest. Trustee Bitler offered his building for the Township to use.

**COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor Cray reminded seniors to sign up for the next Senior Lunch on August 24th.

She also stated that she is looking into resurfacing the parking lot at Village Hall with better drainage.

**ADJOURN**

**Trustee Bitler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Klute**

**Roll Call #: 5 Ayes: Meade, Bitler, Marsden, Oliver, Klute**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Clark**

**Mayor Barb Cray declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.**

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Approval Date Mayor Barb Cray

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Deputy Clerk – Kristie Guardia