**Minutes**

**BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, September 5th, 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

Tuesday, September 5th, 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**

27 residents attended the meeting regarding the CO2 Pipeline proposal in Port Byron

Chris Arnold spoke on the quality of life we have in Port Byron and the amenities that we currently have that make this a great place to live. Chris stated that the CO2 will be transported through the pipeline at a rate of 2500 PSI. Your care tires are 50 PSI. So, imagine how it is when that care tire blows. He also stated that water cannot be completely removed from a pipe. Which means there will be corrosion in the pipes. He also stated how close this pipeline is in relation to the Riverdale Schools. A CO2 burst will remove all oxygen from within a mile area. Motorized vehicles will not be able to perform without oxygen.

Mayor Cray encouraged the public to contact your state Representatives. Also contact the Illinois Comerse Commission.

Rochelle Arnold shared information she has. She encouraged all local government units to respond. She also stated that property owners will be affected by lower property values. A resolution is encouraged as support from the Village of Port Byron. She stated we currently do not have the emergency services to handle a situation like this. She cited that the pipeline break in Satartia Mississippi caused permanent injuries and the Pipeline paid Satartia 4 million dollars. The break happened during the day but imagine if it was while people were sleeping.

Trustee Klute requested more information be emailed to him so that he can make a better-informed decision on this.

Jeff Smith, a 6-year resident stated his family has been here since he was born. He lives on a farm that the pipeline is proposed to go through. He was an educator for 30 years. CO2 in the form that is moved through this pipe is corrosive. When you add water and Carbon it becomes carbonic acid. The product is a slurry and must be pushed though at a high PSI. This type of pipeline is not regulated. There are no regulations for CO2 Pipelines. February 2, 2020, is when the Satartia break happened, with over 200 people requiring medical attention. He has concerns about the farmlands and crops, and how close it is to the schools. We do not have the emergency services to handle all the students and faculty.

Bruce Peterson said that we already have the high-pressure gas line that goes under the Mississippi River and the Nuclear Plant in our area as hazards.

Another resident said that he has just built a brand-new house and the pipeline is scheduled to go under his new house. His concern is once you drill through the shale, it cracks for up to 25 miles.

Mayor Cray said that can look at a resolution for the next board meeting. And encouraged everyone to also reach out to the coalition.

1. **PUBLIC INFORMATION/FINANCE COMMITTEES**

1. **TUG FEST Tami Marsden**

Tami Marsden stated they had a meeting Aug 22; Iowa is happy with the barge and wants it next year. The committee will meet with Iowa side to work out paying for the barge. They also have 6 new members on the committee.

**2. VILLAGE FINANCE KEVIN KLUTE**

Nothing to Report

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Nothing to Report

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

Trustee Marsden spoke that they are working on Fall Family Fest to be held Sept 30 from 11-3. Will have stuff for the kids including a bounce house, games and Duey’s will have a hot dog meal for the kids. Also, the Christmas Walk will be on December 8th. Santa will be at the library this year.

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

a. Approval of the 071723 IRDC Minutes (C/A Item B)

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

Nothing to Report

**7. PERSONNEL BRIAN BITLER**

Nothing to Report

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

1. **PUBLIC WORKS (RECYCLING/REFUSE, BLDG. & GROUNDS/STREETS Brian Bitler** 
   1. Approval of Temporary Speed Bumps on Main St

After much discussion item was tabled until we have MSA do an engineering study for placement of the Temporary speed bumps

* 1. Approval of Quote for resurfacing Village Hall Parking Lot

Trustee Klute made a motion to approve the resurfacing of Village Hall parking lot with Bob’s Blacktop for $13,500.00, 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. Approval of drainage for Parking Lot not to exceed $3500.00.

Mayor Cray explained that the Public Works Dept would be doing the work for the drainage so the cost would be materials only.

Trustee Marsden made a motion to approve the drainage work for the Village Hall parking lot not to exceed $3500.00 Seconded by Trustee Meade

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

Nays: None

Absent: Clark

Mayor Barb Cray declared the motion passed.

* 1. Approval of Invoice from River Valley Turf for $513.12 John Deere Gear Box

Trustee Bitler made a motion to approve the invoice from Rive Valley Turf for $513.12 for John Deere Gear Box, Seconded by Trustee Oliver

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

Nays: None

Absent: Clark

Mayor Barb Cray declared the motion passed.

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

Nothing to Report

**3. CEMETERY GERRY MEADE**

Nothing to Report

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

a. Minutes from 082123 Board Meeting(C/A Item A)

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| ***ITEM*** | ***Action*** | ***Description*** |
| A | Approval | Minutes from 082123 Board Meeting |
| B | Approval | 071723 IRDC Minutes |
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**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

Trustee Marsden made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Seconded by Trustee Oliver

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

Nays: None

Absent: Clark

Mayor Barb Cray declared the motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Klute asked if we were doing an E Waste Pick Up. Mayor Cray stated that one is coming up at the R I County Fair Grounds

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing

**Gallery-Questions, Comments**

Nothing

**COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor Cray stated that the Village will be holding the mandatory Sexual Harassment Training for staff and trustees on September 25th at noon. Lunch will be provided.

**ADJOURN**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Clark**

**Mayor Barb Cray declared the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.**

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Approval Date Mayor Barb Cray

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Deputy Clerk – Kristie Guardia