

**Minutes**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 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 November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Trustees present

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

**Roll Call #1: Present: Trustees Gerry Meade, Wayne Oney, Brian Bitler, Bo Mathis, Jesse Clark, Tami Marsden**

**Late: None**

**Absent: None**

**Also Present:**

**Gallery Comments**

None

**A. PUBLIC INFORMATION/FINANCE COMMITTEES**

**1. VILLAGE FINANCE WAYNE ONEY**

Nothing to Report

**2. TIF**

a. Approval of Ordinance TIF110711 for Blackhawk Bank

Mayor Cray spoke on the TIF ordinance and that the TIF Committee approved this and that after the board approves, the TIF committee will meet on how to pay out.

Trustee Oney made a motion to approve Ordinance TIF110711 for Blackhawk Bank,  
Seconded by Trustee Clark

Roll Call #2: Ayes: Meade, Oney, Bitler, Mathis, Clark, Marsden

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Cray declared the motion passed.

**3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAMI MARSDEN**

Trustee Marsden spoke that the committee is working on the Christmas Walk Dec 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 pm

**4. IRDC COMMITTEE/MSA WAYNE ONEY/JARED FLUHR**

a. Application for Unsewered Grant – MSA cost \$3300.00

Jared Fluhr spoke on the application process for the Unsewered Grant for the areas that need sewer. Much discussion was had on the 4 different areas in need and the total cost of the projects would be from 1 to 4 million dollars. The first step is approving the grant application which would cost \$3300.00. Jared Fluhr stated that a rate increase for everyone for sewer would need to be \$6.44 a month. Mayor Cray stated that we would have to pay for everything up front and then be reimbursed by the state if the grant was approved. Kevin Bailey stated that the grant application deadline date is November 15<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Bitler said he didn't think we could do it and didn't feel like many residents would not be able to afford the rate increase. Mayor Cray asked Jared if the grant is a definite approval and Jared said no. Donna Enright spoke that she would be interested in sewer for future plans for property she owns in the area. Bruce Peterson passed some pictures out to the board. He also told the board that a home sold on N Shore Drive a year ago had to upgrade the septic system before the new owners could move in. Bruce stated that when many are ready to sell, he felt it wasn't fair they have to pay for any sewer repairs on their property. Trustee Bitler stated he understood they needed help but wondered if it was fair that all the residents pay for him by raising the rates. Bruce felt the Village has zero debt, but Mayor Cray stated that was untrue, and that we have many loans to pay and we owe money for the Sidewalk project. Bruce asked when the last time residents was had their rates raised and the Mayor stated that this was a good thing. Bruce stated that Mayor Cray said it was ok for the residents to use bottled water and port a potties

and Mayor Cray and Trustee Bitler stated that was not true. She never said that. Lou DeLario stated that there was a SSA, where just the home owners would pay more money. Trustee Clark asked where would we get the funds to pay for the project until the grant money would reimburse the Village. Mayor Cray stated that she did not know. Trustee Bitler asked what the surveys said because many people on the road below him have expressed they do not want it. Mayor Cray said she had the same question. Jared stated that they had some that expressed either yes or indifferent. They grouped them together for the grant application process. Many did not respond. Trustee Marsden stated that not answering probably meant no.

Trustee Meade made a motion to approve the Application for Unsewered Grant, No Second was made. Motion denied

Jared spoke on the Sidewalk project. The state has looked and the time extension information from Miller and found extra time on the project was needed. Now if we fight the extension, we could see extra charges from Miller on time and cost of materials and salaries. We could also see fees if it would go to court. Trustee Meade questioned why we even put liquidated damages in a contract if we are not going to enforce them. Jared stated that the state sees the extension as needed. We will see the final paperwork come through soon, but MSA wanted to give the board an update of what is happening.

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

**a. Bi State regional Commission Amended Service Agreement**

Trustee Meade stated that due to delays earlier this year Bi State is extending the agreement until January 2023.

Trustee Meade made a motion to approve the Bi State Amended Service Agreement, Seconded by Trustee Clark

Roll Call #4: Ayes: Meade, Oney, Bitler, Mathis, Clark, Marsden

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Cray declared the motion passed.

**6. PERSONNEL BRIAN BITLER**

Nothing to Report

**7. TUG FEST**

Nothing to Report

**PUBLIC WORKS DON LOY**

**1. PUBLIC WORKS (RECYCLING/REFUSE, BLDG. & GROUNDS/STREETS Brian Bitler / Bo Mathis**

**a. Approval of Ordinance M220711A for surplus of 24' Courtesy Dock**

Chris Dillin spoke that these are the docks we had down by Sandstrom's that are not made for the current in the river. They brought them out and cleaned them up and will take sealed bids until Nov 21<sup>st</sup>.

Trustee Mathis made a motion to approve Ordinance M220711A, Seconded by Trustee Marsden

Roll Call #5: Ayes: Meade, Oney, Bitler, Mathis, Clark, Marsden

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Cray declared the motion passed.

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

Nothing

**3. CEMETERY GERRY MEADE**

Nothing to Report

4. **ADMINISTRATIVE** **BARB CRAY**  
 a. Minutes from 101722 Board Meeting (C/A Item A)

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Description</i>
A	Approval	Minutes from 101722 Board Meeting

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Roll Call #6: Ayes: Meade, Oney, Bitler, Mathis, Clark, Marsden  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None

Mayor Cray declared the motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing to Report

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Oney stated that the paint for the fire hydrants for the scout project is on backorder and that due to temperatures it will have to wait until spring.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**Gallery-Questions, Comments**

Bruce Peterson asked Trustee Oney if we had been re-imbursed for the solar Panels yet. Trustee Oney said he has been working on the paperwork and that it is very close.

Bruce Peterson also asked Mayor Cray if the Post Office Lease was up to expire. She stated that she was not sure of the date but that it was not soon.

**COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor Cray stated that the Senior Drive Thru Lunch was this Thursday from 11:00 – 12:30.

**ADJOURN**

Trustee Meade made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Bitler

Roll Call #7: Ayes: Meade, Oney, Bitler, Mathis, Clark, Marsden  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None

Mayor Barb Cray declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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 Approval Date

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 Mayor – Barb Cray

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 Clerk – Kristie Guardia

