

Monday February 9, 2026

PORT AUSTIN VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

17 West State Street, Port Austin, MI 48467

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andreski, Noble, Brecht, Bronson, Murawski, Mayes-Theobald (via phone), Polega

MEMBERS ABSENT:

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Amanda Nienaltowski, Thomas Rapson, Chief Dale Hartsell

GUESTS PRESENT: Joyce Stanek, Tyler Pettit, Carin Voss

Public Hearing meeting called to order at 6:20 p.m.

Brecht presented the budget. Highlights included Mollison building new driveway, two new mowers, repainting the Visitor Center and Village Hall, added Short Term Rental revenue and expense lines, and repaving Washington Street.

Motion Polega, support Andreski to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.

Regular meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

Public Comment: none

Agenda:

1. **PAASWA Street Projects -**
2. **2026-2027 Budget – Motion Polega, support Bronson to approve the 2026-2027 budget, as presented. Ayes: All**
3. **Pay Rates for Employees**
 - a. **Motion Polega, support Bronson to approve 6% wage increase for DPW and Office Departments. Ayes: All**
 - b. **Motion Polega, support Bronson to approve wage increase for the Police Department as follows: Chief Hartsell increase \$1.00/hr, Seargent Jimkoski increase \$2.00/hr, all part-time officers to go to \$21.00/hr. Ayes: All**
4. **2025-2026 Budget Adjustments – Motion Polega, support Brecht to approve 2025-2026 budget amendments, as presented. Ayes: All**
5. **2026-2027 Central Huron Ambulance Resolution – Motion Brecht, support Andreski to approve. Ayes: Brecht, Andreski, Noble, Bronson, Polega, Murawski**
6. **Letter of Support – PAASWA -Motion Brecht, support Andreski to give PAASWA a letter of support for their funding of a bicarbonate feed system. Ayes: All**
7. **MEDC Required Polices**
 - a. **Procurement Polices – Motion Andreski, support Brecht to approve. Ayes: All**
 - b. **Residential Anti-Displacement & Relocation Plan – Motion Polega, support Bronson to approve. Ayes: All**
 - c. **Section 3 - Motion Andreski, support Polega to approve. Ayes: All**
 - d. **Grievance Procedures Under Section 504 - Motion Polega, support Andreski to approve. Ayes: All**
 - e. **Nondiscrimination of Basis of Handicap - Motion Andreski, support Brecht to approve. Ayes: All**

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f. Excessive Force - Motion Polega, support Bronson to approve. Ayes: All

8. Special Event Request – Lighthouse Motion Brecht, support Bronson to approve. Ayes: All
9. Insurance Quotes – Noble presented a comparison chart at a high level across all three policies (EMC, Acrisure, and Breaden Group). Extensive discussion on the differences and benefits. There are additional program perks with Acrisure (grants/scholarships/etc.)
 - a. Motion Brecht, support Andreski to switch insurance companies starting March 1, 2026 to Acrisure with the option coverage plan and including terrorism. Ayes: All
10. Short Term Rental Administrator – Motion Brecht, support Bronson to compensate Amanda Nienaltowski for 2026-2027, \$10,000, for 1 year to be the Short Term Rental Admin. Ayes: All
11. Zoning Fee Schedule – Motion Polega, support Brecht to approve the annual fee resolution for zoning permit, as presented. Ayes: All

Correspondence – none

Consent Agenda:

Motion Polega, support Brecht to approve. Ayes: All

Bills:

Motion Polega, support Brecht to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$16231.72. Ayes: All

Attorney: none

Department head report/requests:

DPW :

- none

Police:

- none

Clerk:

- none

Council Member Comments: none

With no further business; Moved Polega support Bronson meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Clerk Certification

I the undersigned, Amanda Nienaltowski, the duly qualified and appointed Clerk for the Village of Port Austin, Huron County Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the forgoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Village of Port Austin,

At a regular board meeting conducted on the 9th day of February, 2026.

_____ Amanda Nienaltowski, Village Clerk