

Monday March 9, 2026

PORT AUSTIN VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

17West State Street, Port Austin, MI 48467

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andreski, Noble, Brecht, Bronson, Murawski, Mayes-Theobald Polega

MEMBERS ABSENT:

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Amanda Nienaltowski, Thomas Rapson, Chief Dale Hartsell, Sergeant Kevin Jimkoski

GUESTS PRESENT: Sherry Seley, Bob Upthegrove, Chris Boyle

Regular meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

Public Comment: none

Agenda:

1. **Placemaking Crosswalks & Arbor Design Approval** – Chris Boyle presented the designs for arbors and crosswalks in town.
 - a. **Motion Polega, support Mayes-Theobald to approve the crosswalks as presented, contingent upon working with DPW for locations. Aye: All**
 - b. **Motion Polega, support Mayes-Theobald to approve 2 arbors for Veterans Park. Ayes: All**
2. **Phone System Quote for Office** – Polega suggested checking into Vonage
3. **Farmers Market Live Music** – Motion Polega, support Bronson to conditionally approve the Port Austin Chamber of Commerce's request for concrete pad and pergola on the Village Green to be approved by Buildings and Grounds Committee, once built Village will own and retain. **Ayes: All**
4. **Zoning Administrator Fees** – Motion Brecht, support Andrews to increase Mark Gembarski's rates of pay to the following:
 - i. **Monthly stipend - \$50/month**
 - ii. **Zoning Compliance Permit**
 1. **Decks, Fences, Signs, Car Port, Accessory Bldgs, Additions (under 400 sq. ft.) - \$70.00**
 2. **New Structures or Additions (over 400 sq. ft.) - \$100.00**

Correspondence – Letter from Ellen Yaroch

Consent Agenda:

Motion Polega, support Bronson to approve. Ayes: All

Bills:

Motion Brecht, support Polega to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$3932.39. Ayes: All

Attorney:

1. **Zoning Section 417 and Ordinance 31** – Planning Commission will be holding a special meeting to discuss corresponding the wording.
2. **President Murawski** has been in contact regarding the houseboat situation at Bird Creek Park.

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Department head report/requests:

DPW:

- Mowers – **Motion Mayes-Theobald, support Bronson to approve \$32,465.47 to purchase mowers from Tri County Equipment. Ayes: All**
- Leaf pickup for Spring 2026 – April 7 – June 11

Police:

- Side by side has been returned.
- Speed signs – Chief Hartsell will check with the Bad Axe Chief on where they purchased.

Clerk:

- none

Council Member Comments:

Insurance Bids and Comparison – Thank you to Justin!
Independence Street – March 13th, county putting out to bid.
Farmers Market Pavilion – Project is moving along.

With no further business; **Moved Bronson support Anreski** meeting adjourned at 7:24 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 13th day of March, 2026.

_____ Amanda Nienaltowski, Village Clerk