

**TOWN OF PORTER**  
**Redevelopment Commission Meeting**  
**303 Franklin Street**  
**May 27, 2008**

**Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Present:** Bill Sexton, Dave Babcock, Al Raffin, Trevin Fowler

**Absent:** Mike Genger

Also present were Attorney Patrick Lyp, Town Engineer Warren Thiede, Financial Consultant Dan Botich, and Secretary Karen Spanier.

**Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Motion to approve minutes of the May 13, 2008 meeting was made by Trevin Fowler; second by Dave Babcock.

Motion passed 4-0.

**Consideration of Claim Docket**

Claim docket was presented in the amount of \$32,319.56; Dave Babcock made the motion to approve as presented. Trevin Fowler made the second, Motion passed 4-0.

**Audience Participation**

None

**Reports**

Engineer Warren Thiede informed the Commission an additional \$11,250.00 would need to be added to the original bid price of \$156,600.00 for the pedestrian bridge in order to keep the option of vertical rail pickets.

After much discussion on options, Mr. Raffin made the motion to accept the revised bid awardment for the pedestrian bridge, changing the flooring from hardwood decking to pine decking; for the total amount of \$167,900.00. Second was made by Dave Babcock. Motion passed 4-0.

**Old Business**

None

**Public Hearing: Resolution No. PRC 2008-02**

The Public Hearing portion was opened at 6:17 p.m. Mr. Sexton asked 3 times for public input in favor of; no one spoke in favor of. Mr. Sexton again asked 3 times for public input from all those opposed, no one spoke against; Public Hearing was closed at 6:20.

Mr. Raffin made the motion to approve Resolution No. PRC 2008-02 in title only. Second was made by Mr. Babcock. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

**New Business**

Ed Pilarski, president of Stormwater Management Board requested a temporary loan from Redevelopment in the amount of \$40,000.00. This funding will help the Stormwater Board to begin the Johnson Street Drainage Project and will be paid back by December 31, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Babcock to proceed with \$40,000.00 loan to Stormwater Board. Mr Fowler seconded. Motion passed, Vote 4-0

Mr. Sexton stated he received a request from the Porter Park Board asking The Redevelopment Commission to pay to upgrade electrical service at Hawthorne Park, which is in the TIF district. The project would cost approximately \$12,000.00. Commission by consensus, agreed to have Town Engineer put together a quote.

Mr. Sexton reported TIF has just received their 2006 tax draw from Porter County in the amount of \$749,416.78, bringing the total balance to the fund just under 2 million.

Mr. Raffin moved to adjourn meeting, Trevin Fowler seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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William Sexton, President

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Albert Raffin, Vice President

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Dave Babcock

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Trevin Fowler

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Karen Spanier, Secretary