

**TOWN OF PORTER**  
**Redevelopment Commission Meeting**  
**303 Franklin Street**  
**June 24, 2008**

**Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Present:** Bill Sexton, Al Raffin, Mike Genger

**Absent:** Dave Babcock, Trevin Fowler

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

**Public Hearing: Resolution No. PRC 2008-03**

Public Hearing was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Financial Consultant Dan Botich gave a brief overview of the resolution increasing the current TIF Allocation Area by 109.36 acres.

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 6:15.

Mike Genger made the motion to approve Resolution #2008-03 in title only. Second was made by Al Raffin.

Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Sexton read Resolution #2008-03 Title Only.

**Approval Of Minutes**

Minutes of May 27, 2008 were tabled due to lack of quorum.

**Consideration of Claim Docket**

Claim docket was presented in the amount of \$244,202.79. Mike Genger made the motion to approve as presented. Al Raffin made the second, Motion passed 3-0.

**Audience Participation**

None

**Reports**

Engineer Warren Thiede gave an update on the Orchard Pedestrian Way Project, stating the designs for the bridge will be in next week. He stated the onetime schoolhouse at the corner of Waverly and Oakhill Rd could possibly qualify for the national registry of historic places, and would prompt a further delay. Beam St Project- Contractor will be meeting with Town Officials over manhole issues not being sealed correctly. Will work to correct problem at no additional cost.

The Commission gave Haas permission to apply for a Federal Economic Development Grant.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

Matt Kieser with Duneland Group gave updates on the Brickyard Trail, 90% of drawing designs are complete, however still working on CSX track crossing. No additional gated crossing or additional easements will be required. We will be able to submit South Side Plans to INDOT.

A special meeting needs to be scheduled in August following INDOT public hearing requirements. Commission gave ok to proceed with Duneland Group preparing all notices.

Service Contract- now that the drawing for the new Jackson Blvd route is close to completion, there is a slight increase in rates from last year. The drawings for the Jackson Blvd sidewalk project will need to be sent to the Town of Chesterton for their review and approval, stating everyone is hoping to get this project completed this year.

Al Raffin made the motion to accept Duneland Group's service contract. Mr. Genger made the second. Motion passed. 3-0

Clerk Treasurer Carol Pomeroy came before the Commission asking to borrow \$480,000.00 as a temporary loan due to the delay in tax revenues. The break down is as follows:  
\$310,000.00 to General Fund, \$131,000.00 MVH Fund, \$11,600.00 Fire Fund and \$27,000.00 in the park fund.

Motion to loan the Town \$480,000.00, payable by the end of year was made by Al Raffin. Seconded by Mike Genger. Motion carried. 3-0.

Mr. Genger moved to adjourn meeting, Mr. Raffin 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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Mike Genger

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

