

TOWN OF PORTER
Redevelopment Commission Meeting
303 Franklin Street
SPECIAL MEETING
October 14, 2008

Present: Trevin Fowler, Mike Genger, Dave Babcock, Al Raffin, Jon Granat
Also present were Attorney Patrick Lyp and Secretary Karen Spanier.

Vice President Al Raffin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Raffin asked for nominations for President, Trevin Fowler made the motion to elect Mike Genger as president. Jon Granat seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Al Raffin made the motion to elect Trevin Fowler as Secretary. The second was made by Jon Granat. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Raffin will remain Vice President.

Mr. Genger started the meeting by stating Burns Harbor has approached the Town giving the opportunity to be included in their U.S. 20 corridor study. \$10,000.00 would be needed to piggyback on a study being done by Burns Harbor's consultant JJR, Inc., to develop recommendations of improvement for U.S. 20. That share would extend the study from the 94 interchange to the railroad overpass.

After the Commission discussed the merits of the 12/20 corridor issue, Al Raffin made the motion to allocate up to \$10,000.00 for the study of the 12/20 development with Burns Harbor; contingent upon the Town Councils agreement to meet with Burns Harbor to discuss what and how money would be used for. Second was made by Trevin Fowler. Motion carried. 5-0.

Audience Participation

Bill Cantrell stated the Marquette Plan Phase 2 has several suggestions to make highways safer and more attractive.

Jennifer Klug asked if property in the study would be in the TIF district. And if not could TIF money be used to pay for.

Paul Christopherson had issues with the Town's Industrial and Residential uses in the Comprehensive Plan.

Richard LaHayne suggested the Town do their own thing, not as to be included with Burns Harbor or Chesterton.

Reports

Mr. Raffin said he has been in contact with the Duneland School Corp. superintendent Dirk Baer in regards to naming a School Board Member to the Redevelopment Commission. The Commission will make their appointment shortly.

Al Raffin moved to adjourn meeting, Jon Granat seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Mike Genger, President

Albert Raffin, Vice President

Dave Babcock

Trevin Fowler

Attest: _____
Karen Spanier, Secretary