

**Town of Porter**  
**Redevelopment Commission Meeting**  
**303 Franklin Street**  
**May 22th, 2007**

Members Present: Bill Sexton, Paul Childress, Lorri Wickberg, Al Raffin

Bill Sexton called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Minutes of the March 28th, 2007 were delayed.

The following claims were presented:

Haas and Associates for engineering Orchard Ped. Way \$10,499.98

Haas and Associates for engineering Orchard Ped. Way \$8362.25

Haas and Associates for engineering Orchard Ped. Way \$79.34

Haas and Associates for meetings \$124.96

Haas and Associates for Orchard Ped Way Bridge over Little Calumet \$620.38

Duneland Group Porter Brickyard trail Route work \$271.53

Duneland Group Porter Brickyard trail Route work \$833.18

Duneland Group Porter Brickyard trail Woods Street \$1145.45

Al Moved to approve the claims as presented.

Lorri Wickberg seconded the motion.

Motion passed 3-0

Petitions and comments from the floor.

None

Bill Sexton Presidents report: None

Paul Childress Treasurer report:

None.

Old Business:

Porter Brickyard Trail.

Matt Kaiser of the Duneland group presented information from the Norfolk Southern meeting that was held. Norfolk Southern will not accept a tunnel and wants a bridge instead. Matt presented a new trail estimate of \$3,386,284.37. The town's share would be \$742,248.37. Matt is going to apply for more TE money for this project. See his attached breakdown.

Beam Street sewer project was discussed. Only one bid from HRP was received. At the suggestion of the Town engineer the bid was rejected. Paul Childress moved to reject the bid and Al Raffin seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Orchard Pedestrian Way.

Shem of Haas and Associates presented a new cost estimate based on the Park Departments request to route the trail thru the park. See attached. Town share would be \$797,624.50. The Park Department's request has added \$300,000 to the cost. This will be looked into further.

Cleaning of Downtown sewers. Only some of the sewers have been completed. The contract needs \$32,000 more to complete all the downtown sewers. See map of sewers completed to date. Paul Childress moved to allow the contractor to continue not to exceed an additional \$32,000.

Al Raffin seconded.

Motion passed 4-0

Louis Craig Chief of the Porter Fire Department wants money for a new rescue truck. This request was put on hold pending the final numbers from the money request above.

New Business:

None

Lorri Wickberg moved to adjourn the meeting. Al Raffin Seconded. Motion passed 4-0

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William Sexton

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Paul Childress

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Al Raffin

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Lorri Wickberg

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Mike Genger