

**Town of Porter**  
**Redevelopment Commission Meeting**  
**303 Franklin Street**  
**February 27th, 2007**

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

Bill Sexton called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Minutes of the January 23rd, 2007 were reviewed.

Al Raffin moved to approve the minutes as written.

Lorri Wickberg seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0.

The following claims were presented:

Haas and Associates for engineering Orchard Ped. Way \$9163.85

Haas and Associates for Beam Street Rehab Project engineering \$11,500.00

Haas and Associates for Orchard Ped Way Bridge over Little Calumet \$352.75

Duneland Group Porter Brickyard trail Route work \$7531.61

Duneland Group Wood Street Investigation \$4044.25

Ticor Title for copies of deeds and titles for CSX and Norfolk Southern \$1000.00

Mike Gender moved to approve the claims as presented.

Lorri Wickberg seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0

Petitions and comments from the floor.

Louie Craig, Porter Fire Chief, Wants money for a new rescue truck. The current truck is a 1978 Chevy and has many problems. He needs \$100,000 for a new truck. The town will pay \$85,000 from CEDIT revenue. Information is to be emailed to all members.

Bill Sexton Presidents report: Karl Cender presented a report on the meeting with Jim Kopp county Auditor. See his attached report. Basically, it shows we are \$33,000 short on money for the last 5 years. Also, county has yet to pay the final fall settlement for 2006. \$334,925 is the final payment. County wants us to forget about past years and start over from here. Paul Childress does not want to do that. Paul Childress wants to know where the interest is going for the money that county is not paying us. No one has any answers. By consensus Patrick Lyp will be asked to give us our legal options.

Paul Childress Treasurer report: 2006 Financial report was presented.

Lorri Wickberg moved to acknowledge receipt of the 2006 Financial Report as presented.

Al Raffin seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0

A cash management plan was presented by Horizon Bank.

Lorri Wickburg moved to have a \$500,000 CD for 6 months and a \$800,000 CD for 30 days assuming we get the \$300,000 plus money from county.

Al Raffin seconded. Motion passed 5-0

Old Business:

Orchard Pedestrian Way. Shem reported that the preliminary engineering has been sent to INDOT. The railroad wants \$15,000 for the engineering study of there crossing. We are in the third step of 15 steps with INDOT. Shem's understanding is that we should be able to start construction in March 2008.

Porter Brickyard Trail. Matt reported that the environmental documents are in and approved. Matt is still working with the railroad. There are 2 tracks currently and south shore is planning on expanding this area this summer. The south shore railroad will be putting in the trail crossing this summer. This is good news.

Norfolk and Southern is willing to enter into a 1 for 1 at grade crossing trade for the trail. This is more good news. At this point Matt is on schedule for a fall, 2008 start of construction.

Beam Street Sewer Rehab. Shem reported that the construction estimate is \$587,000.00. Shem is shooting for a March 26<sup>th</sup> advertise for bid. Bid would be due April 19<sup>th</sup>. Review and accept April 24<sup>th</sup>. Completion august 31<sup>st</sup>.

New Business:

None

Lorri Wickberg moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Genger Seconded. Motion passed 5-0

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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