

Town of Porter
Redevelopment Commission Meeting
303 Franklin Street
January 23rd, 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.

Mr. Sexton asked for nominations for President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer for the 2007 year.

Paul Childress nominated Bill sexton for President, Al Raffin for Vice President and Paul Childress for secretary/treasurer. Al Raffin seconded.

Motion passed 5-0

Minutes of the December 26th, 2006 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 \$3344.34

Insituform Technologies USA Inc. Porter Ave. Sewer rehab final payment. \$18,443.57

Lorri Wickberg moved to approve the claims as presented.

Al Raffin seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0

Bill Sexton Presidents report: Bill talked to Cender about completing the TIF district expansion. Karl will be coming to the next meeting. There was meeting at NIRPC this morning about getting proposals for the Marquette Plan. NIRPC is reviewing the Town of Porter comprehensive plan and the TIF district to assertatian the effects on both of the NIRPC plans. See attached map and proposals.

Paul Childress Treasurer report: 2006 Financial report will be completed this weekend and emailed to the members. We have not received the December TIF distributions. Also we are short money but not near as much as Chesterton and Burns Harbor. Bill sexton will attend the meeting at the county on Saturday and will have more information after that.

Old Business:

Orchard Pedestrian Way. Shem reported that he might with INDOT on January 11th. INDOT agreed to the rehab of the bridge over I-94. there are some engineering problems but this is good news and will make the project viable. INDOT wants to include the DNR grant in their process. This is a problem. INDOT and DNR are fighting now over who is overseeing the project. DNR is sending engineers to review this project and help us. As far as the project in total, the preliminary engineering is complete and ready to submit. CSX wants \$15,000 to do engineering over their tracks. Shem showed a drawing with the preliminary engineering that has been done.

Porter Brickyard Trail. Shem reported that there is a grant available for the tunnel for this project. Is it for pedestrian projects only? Shem will check into this. It must be submitted in February.

New Business:

Karl wants to pay the downtown roads. He wants to video the sewers before paving. He wants us to pay for it. Paul moved to authorize the video taping not to exceed \$2000. Al Raffin seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Al Raffin moved to adjourn the meeting. Lorri Wickberg Seconded. Motion passed 5-0

William Sexton

Paul Childress

Al Raffin

Lorri Wickberg

Mike Genger