

TOWN OF PORTER
Redevelopment Commission Meeting
April 22, 2008

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Bill Sexton, Mike Genger, Dave Babcock, Albert Raffin, Trevin Fowler
Also present were Attorney Patrick Lyp, Town Engineer Warren Thiede, Financial Consultant Karl Cender, Public Work Director Brenda Brueckheimer, Fire Chief Lewis Craig and Secretary Karen Spanier.

Public Hearing: Resolution No. PRC 2008-01

The Public Hearing portion was opened at 6:03 p.m. Mr. Cender gave a brief overview, including finding of facts. Mr. Sexton inquired 3 times for public input in favor of, no one spoke in favor. He asked 3 times for public input from all those opposed, no one spoke against.
Public Hearing closed at 6:05 p.m.

Mr. Raffin made the motion to approve Resolution No. PRC 2008-01 in title only, incorporating Mr. Cender's finding of facts as a benefit to the town. Mr. Genger made the second.
Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to approve minutes of the March 25, 2008 meeting as written was made by Dave Babcock; second by Mike Genger.
Motion passed 5-0.

Consideration of Claim Docket

Claim docket was presented in the amount of \$75,434.94; Dave Babcock made the motion to approve as presented. Mike Genger made the second, Motion passed 5-0.

Audience Participation

Fire Chief Craig requested the Redevelopment purchase a generator for the Porter Municipal Building. He stated the generator they currently have is not operating, and with the purchase of a new one the building could be used as a warming station in the event of a power outage. He has secured 3 proposals from different vendors. Commission would like time to review quotes and maintenance agreement before they commit to any such purchase. Matter was tabled until next meeting.

Reports

Public Work Director Brenda Brueckheimer stated consideration of the purchase for a new generator would be greatly appreciated.

Engineer Warren Thiede gave a monthly status report.

Orchard Pedestrian Bridge: Pre-bid meeting was held today and bid opening will be on April 29, 2008. He suggested possibly scheduling a special meeting to award the bid. A special meeting will be advertised for May 13, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Orchard Pedestrian Way: Requisition Data has been sent and waiting on reply from INDOT.

Beam Street Sewer Lining: Mr. Thiede has been speaking with Contractor, they have 15-20% of the work left and need dry weather to complete job.

Old Business

Brenda Brueckhiemer, Public Works Director and Engineer Warren Thiede announced the Stormwater Board has advertised to accept bids (due May 7, 2008) for the Johnson Street Drainage Project. It has already been approved by the Porter County Drainage Board and the cost for the project has been estimated at \$80,000.00, which still needs a funding source.

Accountant Karl Cender, stated because of TIF District Laws, Redevelopment could not source funding but instead could do an inner-fund loan. Attorney Lyp noted they would have until end of year to repay and if needed declare an emergency to extend the loan. Mr. Cantrell member of Stormwater Management Board stated it would not be possible to repay loan by end of year. Ms. Brueckheimer noted they will have a better idea of the finance matters once the bids are opened.

Matter has been tabled until next meeting.

New Business

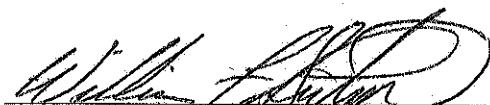
Duneland Group Service Agreement:


Mr. Raffin made motion to accept the proposal for services on Porter Brickyard Trail-Jackson Boulevard Route. Mr. Babcock made the Second. Motion passed. 5-0

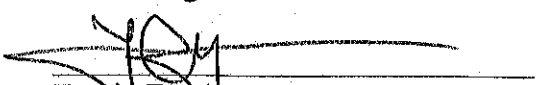
Motion was made by Mr. Raffin to set a Public Hearing for May 27, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. for the expansion of the Porter Allocation Area. Mr. Babcock made to second. Motion passed 5-0.


Mike Genger moved to adjourn meeting, Trevin Fowler seconded.


Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.


William Sexton, President


Mike Genger


Trevin Fowler


Albert Raffin, Vice-President


Dave Babcock


Secretary, Karen Spanier