

**Village of Posen  
Official Proceedings of the Monthly Meeting  
December 12, 2011**

The Village of Posen Council met in regular session on December 12, 2011. The meeting was called to order by President Marilyn Kaszubowski at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Trustees present: John Ataman, Kate Bruski, Dennis Chalupniczak, Marge Nowak, and Laurie Wozniak  
Absent: David Krentz  
Officers present: Marilyn Kaszubowski, Julie Patterson, and Marcia Urban  
Others Present: Jim Zakshesky, Zoning Administrator and Wendy Robins, Water Superintendent

**Water Superintendent Report**

Robins reported that she is having a lot of problems with the chlorine pumps gassing up. She is suggesting that council approve the purchase of 3 stenner pumps, which will eliminate this problem. Each pump costs approximately \$485. Moved by Bruski, seconded by Wozniak to authorize Robins to order 3 stenner pumps at a total approximate cost of \$1455.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by Bruski, seconded by Wozniak to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Appearing before the Council**

Mike Barrington, from Rural Community Assistance Program, appeared before the council to address the issue of increasing our water rates. He handed out a spreadsheet of his proposed recommendations. He stated that without a raise in our current water rates, the Village of Posen will not be able to afford any of the necessary repairs and maintenance of the water system in the future. He has suggested that the council review his spreadsheets to determine which price rate calculation to follow. He also stated that any business listed as commercial should be paying higher rates. It was suggested that a meeting be held for the water system users to understand the reasons for the water rate increase. The issue was tabled till the next regular meeting.

Gerald Smigelski, Superintendent/Manager, from the Presque Isle County Road Commission, attended the meeting to inform the council of a "Sign Retro Reflectivity Inspection Policy" that the Village of Posen needs to adopt. The purpose of the policy is to comply with the FHWA requirements that require all governmental agencies to

establish and implement a sign maintenance program that will regularly address the new minimum sign retro reflectivity requirements for signs on public roads per the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

He also informed the council on some of the changes that the Governor Snyder is addressing. Small cities and villages that receive less than an annual \$50,000 in Michigan Transportation Funds revenue (MTF), such as the Village of Posen and the Village of Millersburg, their roads would then be maintained by Presque Isle County. Smigelski doesn't have all the details at this time but will keep us informed as they become available.

### **Minutes**

Moved by Chalupniczak, seconded by Bruski to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of November 12, 2011. Motion carried unanimously

### **Treasury Report**

Moved by Chalupniczak, seconded by Bruski to approve the November 2011 Treasury Report as presented by Urban. Motion carried unanimously.

### ***New Business:***

#### **Transfer from Major to Local**

Moved by Bruski, seconded by Nowak, to approve the transfer of \$5,000.00 from the Major Street Fund to the Local Street Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

### ***Unfinished Business:***

#### **Sidewalk Markings**

Mr. Vogler has filed a summons complaint on November 28, 2011 against the owners of the business at 10941 Michigan Avenue. They have 28 days to file a written response or the case goes to court without him. Vogler does not expect a response till January.

#### **Dust Control Billing**

No action was taken at this time to authorize payment to the Presque Isle County Road Commission for the dust control billing until Dave Krentz, Street Administrator, measures the area that was brined. The issue was tabled until next month's meeting.

#### **Speed Limit Increase**

At November's regular monthly meeting, the council passed a resolution to increase the speed limit from 25 m.p.h. to 35 mph within the Village of Posen limits on 634/State

Street contingent that an ordinance does not need to be adopted. Mr. Vogler believes that an ordinance needs to be adopted and his researching the matter at this time

**Accounts Payable**

Moved by Chalupniczak, seconded by Bruski, to approve the following bills for payment for the month of December 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

<b><u>CK #</u></b>	<b><u>General Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
3740	John Ataman, for 4th qtr wages	\$102.62
3741	Kate Bruski, for 4th qtr wages	\$204.23
3742	Dennis Chalupniczak, for 4th qtr wages	\$201.90
3743	Marilyn Kaszubowski, for 4th qtr wages	\$352.62
3744	Dave Krentz, for 4th qtr wages	\$204.23
3745	Marge Nowak, for 4th qtr wages	\$208.59
3746	Julie Patterson, for 4th qtr wages	\$604.95
3747	Marcia Urban, for 4th qtr wages	\$401.25
3748	Loretta Wozniak, for 4th qtr wages	\$204.23
3749	James Zakshesky, for 4th qtr wages	\$191.30
3750	John Ataman, for Liquor Inspector wages	\$277.65
3751	Garant's Office Supply, for minute book & paper	\$235.50
	PIE&G, for hall electric	\$75.00
	PIE&G, for street lights	\$609.16
	PIE&G, for Nativity set electric	\$ 18.70
3752		\$702.86
3753	DTE Energy, for office heat	\$59.05
3754	DTE Energy, for hall heat	\$108.88
3755	Village of Posen, for monthly water bill	\$8.00
3756	Posen Chamber of Commerce, for grass cutting	\$300.00
3757	Jim's Plumbing & Heating for furnace repair	\$110.00
3758	Posen Ace Hardware, for lag screws for banners & timers	\$34.98
3759	US Treasury, for 4th qtr payroll taxes	\$319.84
3760	Traveler's Insurance, for 4th qtr pension	\$490.64
3761	Frontier, for office phone	\$52.96
3762	Out of Order	
3763	Out of Order	
3764	Ed Kadow, for putting up Christmas Banners	\$150.00
3765	James Zakshesky, for Board of Appeals meetings	\$60.00

3766	Dennis Chalupniczak, for Board of Appeals meetings	\$60.00
3767	Sherri Schellie, for Board of Appeals meetings	\$25.00
3768	Dave Kamysiak, for Board of Appeals meetings	\$75.00
3769	John Ataman, for Board of Appeals meetings	\$60.00
3770	Lappan Insurance Agency, for annual pension plan fee	\$125.00
3771	Vogler & Nelson, for legal services	\$448.09
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,379.37</b>

<u>Ck#</u>	<u>Local Street Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1229	Julie Patterson, for 4th qtr wages	\$43.75
1230	Marcia Urban, for 4th qtr wages	\$25.00
1231	Dave Krentz, for Street Administrator wages	\$200.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$268.75</b>

<u>CK #</u>	<u>Major Street Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1342	Julie Patterson, for 4th qtr wages	\$168.75
1343	Marcia Urban, for 4th qtr wages	\$156.25
1344	Dave Krentz, for Street Administrator wages	\$400.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$725.00</b>

<u>CK #</u>	<u>Water Project Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1342	Julie Patterson, for 4th qtr wages	\$318.75
1343	Marcia Urban, for 4th qtr wages	\$163.50
1344	Wendy Robins, for bi-weekly payroll	\$390.37
1345	Rich Kandow, for 4th qtr retainer	\$30.00
1346	Wendy Robins, for monthly travel expense	\$240.00
1347	Frontier, for well house phone	\$36.90
1348	PIE&G, for wellhouse electric	\$274.00
1349	Not sent out-for Aggressive Systems	
1350	Wendy Robins, for postage for water samples	\$35.12
1351	Tyler Technologies, for annual tech support	\$279.00
1352	Traveler's Insurance, for 4th qtr pension	\$23.40
1353	US Treasury, for 4th qtr payroll taxes	\$461.03
1354	Wendy Robins, for bi-weekly payroll	\$390.37
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,642.44</b>

Moved by Wozniak, seconded by Ataman that there being no further business to come before the Council, the President adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

There will be a 2012 Budget meeting on Monday, December 19, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, 2012.

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Julia Patterson  
Clerk

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Marilyn Kaszubowski  
President