

**VILLAGE OF POSEN  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MONTHLY MEETING  
MAY 8, 2017**

The Village of Posen Council met in regular session on May 8, 2017. The meeting was called to order by President Darrin Darga at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Trustees present: John Ataman, Kate Bruski, Marilyn Kaszubowski, Marge Nowak, and Sherry Romel, and Loretta Wozniak.

Absent: Julie Patterson and David Krentz.

Officers present: Darrin Darga and Marcia Urban.

Others Present: Wendy Robins-Water Superintendent.

**WATER SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**Wendy Robins reported that she:**

\*Cleaned up the winter mess by the water tower.

\*Attended a Miss Dig Training class.

\*Called out for water hydrant failure. It appears to be messing up at the inside of the base. Technician will come out to fix when they do another repair in the area to help ease on the costs—will not exceed \$2,000.00.

\*The damaged sidewalk in front of Customs & Classics will be replaced by the contractor (Team Elmer's) doing the DEQ soil cleanup.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

Moved by Kaszubowski, seconded by Bruski, to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of April 10, 2017. Motion carried unanimously

**COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

**CITIZENS APPEARING THE COUNCIL**

There were no citizens appearing before the Council.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Darga reported:

\*Street cleaning will take place the week of June 17<sup>th</sup> after the DEQ project is completed at Customs & Classics.

\*Spoke with the Presque Isle Sheriff regarding the multiple cats in the Village of Posen and are recommending live traps. Sheriff Dept. would empty when trap is full. Traps could be purchased or borrowed from someone. Cats would be given to the Huron Humane Society.

\*Planning on inspecting the playground and replacing equipment that is broken or damaged. Equipment will be pulled and placed in the hall to review.

**TREASURY REPORT**

Moved by Ataman, seconded by Bruski to approve the April 2017 Treasury report as presented by Urban. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE BILLS**

Moved by Kaszubowski, seconded by Bruski to approve the following bills for payment for the month of May 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

<b><u>Ck#</u></b>	<b><u>General Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
4985	Lappan Agency, for property/liability ins.	\$3,769.00
4986	Village of Posen, for monthly water bill	\$27.77
4987	PIE&G, for hall electric	\$65.00
4987	PIE&G, for nativity set	\$20.06
4987	PIE&G, for street lights	\$627.86
4987		\$712.92
4988	Posen Ace Hardware, for keys	\$5.58
4989	Personnel Concepts, labor law posters (from 10/2016)	\$19.00
4990	Verizon, for office phone	\$24.48

4991	DTE Energy, for office heat	\$115.73
4992	DTE Energy, for hall heat	\$16.18
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,690.66</b>

<u>Ck#</u>	<u>Local Street Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1323	Calcite Credit Union, transfer to new account	\$52,310.98
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$52,310.98</b>

<u>Ck#</u>	<u>Major Street Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1476	Calcite Credit Union, transfer to new account.	\$64,953.84
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$64,953.84</b>

<u>Ck#</u>	<u>Water Project Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2053	Wendy Robins, for monthly travel expense	\$240.00
2054	Frontier, for wellhouse phone	\$45.54
2055	PIE&G, for wellhouse electric	\$482.25
2056	City of Alpena, for April water samples	\$40.00
2057	Wendy Robins, for bi-weekly payroll	\$406.59
2058	Wendy Robins, callout for water hydrant malfunction	\$50.00
2059	<b>VOID</b>	
2060	Posen Elevator & Hardware, marking paint and cable ties	\$17.48
2061	Wendy Robins, for bi-weekly payroll	\$406.59
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,688.45</b>

***NEW BUSINESS:***

Trustee Kaszubowski questioned President Darga if it was a conflict of interest for him to be the President of the Village of Posen AND a Trustee for the Township of Posen. Kaszubowski was approached by other Trustees of the Village, and she then contacted Michael Vogler, Village Attorney. President Darga responded that he had checked with the Attorney General of the State of Michigan in regards to this issue before he decided to run for the Village of Posen, and he is allowed to do both positions. If there isn't an existing contract between the two entities, then there is no conflict of interest. Mr. Vogler contacted Mr.Darga on this issue and stated that the only issue would be if there was a future contract to be approved, negotiated, and disputed between the two entities, the Township of Posen and the Village of Posen. If a conflict arose, it would have to be addressed at that time.

## **FLAGS**

Moved by Bruski, seconded by Kaszubowski, to authorize President Darga to purchase new flags at a maximum of \$15.00 per flag and a maximum of \$20.00 per flag with pole. Motion carried unanimously.

## **PIE&G TAXES**

Trustee Wozniak commented that the Township of Posen receives \$9,881.55 in winter tax dollars for the electric poles in the Village of Posen when all the expenses are paid by the Village. Wozniak is inquiring why the Township is receiving such a large amount of tax revenue when the poles are located in the Village. President Darga stated the Township has a meeting on Thursday of this week, and he will ask for an explanation from the Township. Further research will be done to answer the inquiry.

## **NEW DISPLAY BUILDING**

In September of 2016, Presque Isle Electric and Co-op awarded a grant to the Village of Posen to pay up to \$1,500.00 towards a new display building at the recreation monument. The Village of Posen budgeted \$1,000.00 from the Food Vendor Permit revenue for the labor for this project.

Moved by Bruski, seconded by Ataman, to authorize David Kamysiak to purchase materials up to \$1,500.00 to get the project started, and a \$1,000.00 for his labor will be paid to Kamysiak upon completion of the work. PIE & G will reimburse the Village for the material cost up to \$1,500.00 and Julie Patterson has offered to allow Kamysiak to use her credit card for him to purchase the materials. Patterson will submit the credit card bill at the following regular meeting to be reimbursed by the Village of Posen for the charges incurred for this project. Motion carried unanimously.

## **POSEN BASEBALL FIELD**

The Posen Baseball Field is currently maintained by the Village of Posen, the Posen School, and the Township of Posen. Currently, the grass is cut on a regular basis by a member of the Posen Chamber of Commerce, and paid for by the Village of Posen. Trustee John Ataman has offered to go along with the Chamber member to estimate the time it takes to cut the grass each time and then bill the Township of Posen for ½ of the expense. Ataman will update the Council at the June meeting.

## ***UNFINISHED BUSINESS:***

President Darga, on behalf of David Krentz, Street Administrator, reported that Krentz has spoken to Jerry Smigelski, Superintendent of the Presque Isle County Road Commission, and a not-to-exceed cost for the Village of Posen DNR Trail cleaning/drainage is \$1,400.00. We need to be sure that Michigan Bark will clean and maintain their drainage channel. If they agree to this, Krentz will speak with the Presque

Isle County Road Commission to start this project with them. An agreement from Michigan Bark regarding their responsibility will need to be drafted up by Mr. Vogler.

Moved by Bruski, seconded by Wozniak, to authorize President Darga to consult with Mr. Vogler regarding the legal matter on this issue to prepare the necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ataman, seconded by Kaszubowski, that there being no further business to come before the Council, the President adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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Marcia Urban  
Acting Clerk

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Darrin Darga  
President