

**VILLAGE OF POSEN
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2017**

The Village of Posen Council met in regular session on August 14, 2017. The meeting was called to order by President John Ataman at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Officers present: John Ataman, Julie Patterson and Marcia Urban.

Others Present: Wendy Robins-Water Superintendent.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Wendy Robins reported:

- *Turned on the water for the Route 65 Diner since the building has been sold.
- *Had to resubmit samples in to DEQ.
- *Started to flush water system.
- *Cleaned catch basins.
- *Replaced the plastic cap on the sidewalk between Wozniak Insurance & Family Dollar.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

MINUTES

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

APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Edward Kandow, K & K Electric, came before the Council to show his recommendation for the street pole rods for the banners. The rods the Village have right now are purchased from Bronner's but are not able to withstand the wind and end up breaking and causing them to be replaced often. Mr. Kandow and Nathan Romel are able to build the rods for an approximate cost of \$1600.00. These rods would then be bolted to the light poles.

Mark Lauzon, State Street, appeared before the Council to question the food vendor permit fee during the Posen Potato Festival. Mr. Lauzon inquired as to how many booths were allowed with one permit fee of \$300.00. He was informed by the Council that each booth was a separate \$300.00 fee even if the same vendor chose to have more than one booth. Also, Mr. Lauzon asked if he could install signs up at the intersection of State Street/634 Hwy. and M-65 for his business. He should contact MDOT regarding this issue.

Ron Nowak, Oak Street, attended the Village of Posen meeting to express his interest in the vacant Trustee position.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ataman reported the following:

- » Was contacted by P. I. County Road Commission Foreman, Marty Zdybel asking the Village to consider seal coating the 634 Street/Detour Street section in back of the Posen Hardware. The Council asked Ataman to contact Dave Krentz, Village Street Administrator.
- » Posen Chamber of Commerce Trustee Butch Woloszyk inquired about the option of the Village selling some of the gravel, that the Village has stock piled, to fill the holes in the Alley in back of ET's Party Store. At this time, the Council would like to reserve the gravel for Village use.
- » Noticed that a wire was causing the concrete slab to lift on a section of concrete by the Posen Hardware and Mr. Ataman will contact the Presque Isle Electric to repair it.
- » Spoke with the Posen High School football coach about the players driving their 3-wheelers on the sidewalks in the Village of Posen.
- » Was approached by Tim Darga regarding the rental of the pole barn. See under New Business.
- » Sweeper brushes need to be replaced and Kate Bruski offered to call Maple Ridge Repair to get information on replacing them.

TREASURY REPORT

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

APPROVE BILLS

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

<u>CK #</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5024	Posen Elevator, for paintbrushes, paint and Polish flag	\$92.40
5025	VFW #7804 , for 4x6' flag	\$17.00
5026	Kate Bruski, for 6 flags	\$56.61
5027	Village of Posen, for monthly water bill	\$27.84
5028	Verizon, for office phone (2 months)	\$55.55
5029	PIE&G, for hall electric	38.00
5029	PIE&G, for street lights	411.13
5029	PIE&G, for nativity set	20.06
5029		\$469.19
5030	DTE Energy, for hall and office heat	\$64.54
	TOTAL	\$783.13

<u>CK #</u>	<u>Local Street Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	NONE	
	TOTAL	\$0.00

<u>CK #</u>	<u>Major Street Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	NONE	
	TOTAL	\$0.00

<u>CK #</u>	<u>Water Project Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2085	Wendy Robins, for travel expense	\$240.00
2086	City of Alpena, for water samples	\$40.00
2087	Frontier for well house phone	\$47.66
2088	Village of Millersburg, reimbursement of water tests	\$60.00
2089	PIE&G, for well house electric	\$163.91
2090	Wendy Robins, for bi-weekly payroll	\$406.59
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	TOTAL	\$1,364.75

NEW BUSINESS:

NEW TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

Since Trustee John Ataman was appointed to Village of Posen President, a vacancy was left on the Council for a Trustee.

Ron Nowak, Darrin Darga, and Cheryl Wixom have shown interest in the Trustee vacancy. Nominations were taken from the Council. Trustee Bruski nominated Darrin Darga, Trustee Kaszubowski nominated Cheryl Wixom, and Trustee Wozniak nominated Ron Nowak. After the nominations, a vote was taken.

The following were the results:

Ron Nowak: (3)–Votes from Trustees Marilyn Kaszubowski, Loretta Wozniak, and Marge Nowak.

Darrin Darga: (3)–Votes from Trustees Kate Bruski, Sherry Romel, and President John Ataman.

Cheryl Wixom: (0)

The vote resulted in a tie.

When Mr. Nowak was questioned on his residency by the Clerk, he admitted that he was not a resident of the Village of Posen but he owned a business that was located in the Village of Posen. He also noted that the Posen Township Clerk Judy Szczerowski had checked on his residency qualification when he ran as a Write-In candidate for President in November of 2016.

Darrin Darga and Cheryl Wixom both reside in the Village of Posen.

In previous years, the Village Council Trustees and the President were required to maintain residency in the Village of Posen to be eligible to be Council members. The Village Clerk and Treasurer are the only positions that are allowed to be appointed from outside the Village of Posen residency rules.

Clerk Patterson will contact Village Attorney Michael Vogler for help in resolving the tie and the residency requirements for a Trustee. She will also contact Michigan Municipal League for assistance on this matter and report back at the next meeting.

FIRE HALL RENTAL AGREEMENT

Moved by Bruski, seconded by Romel to rent out storage space in the Village of Posen pole barn building at a rental fee of \$150.00 per space for the period of October 1st thru May 1st. Lease agreements will be signed by the Village of Posen and the Lessor. Motion carried unanimously.

All locks will be changed on the pole barn building.

POSEN POTATO FESTIVAL PARADE PERMIT

Moved by Kaszubowski, seconded by Bruski, to authorize the Clerk to apply for the MDOT Road Closure permit for the Posen Chamber of Commerce to use during the annual Posen Potato Festival parade on Saturday, September 9th and Sunday, September 10th. Motion carried unanimously.

STREET SWEEPING

Moved by Bruski, seconded by Kaszubowski to authorize President Ataman to hire Edward Kadow for the sweeping of the Village streets if needed. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW DISPLAY BUILDING

No update at this time.

TURTLE STREET/DNR TRAIL DITCH CLEANING

There was no update at this meeting.

Moved by Kaszubowski, seconded by Bruski, that there being no further business to come before the Council, the President adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. and the Monday, September 11, 2017 regular monthly meeting has been canceled.

Julia Patterson
Clerk

John Ataman
President