

OTTAWA PORT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2014

ROLL CALL

President Keith Conrad called the regular meeting of the Port District to order on February 21, 2014 at 8 a.m. with the following board members present: Keith Conrad, William Franklin, Jr., Charles Sheridan, Thomas Haeberle, Mark Stoudt and Katie Troccoli. Member John Stone was absent. Also present were Rich Burton, Dave Noble, Boyd Palmer, Reed Wilson and Pat Henry being an area representative of Garvey International.

MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of January 17, 2014 were presented and approved by unanimous vote following a motion to approve by William Franklin and second by Charles Sheridan.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Katie Troccoli presented her financial report. The financial report was approved on motion of Thomas Haeberle and second by Charles Sheridan and unanimous oral vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Port District received notice of their need to renew their post office box. Following a motion to approve by William Franklin and second by Charles Sheridan, Treasurer Katie Troccoli was requested to write a check for a one year renewal of the post office box.

MEMBER REPORTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

David Noble updated the Port District on the Peltier property and proposed uses for such. David advised of the neighborhood interest in a mixed use facility. If all proceeds with City plans which include a clean-up grant, the City will take title to the property and perform clean-up work. Such could include demolition of the older portion of the existing building and renovation of the newer portion of the existing building. Discussion followed on the topic of possible removal and relation of the existing buildings for a starter structure for new business, for example, at the City's industrial park. Charles advised that moving the existing buildings to a new site was not likely cost absent removal by the owner for sweat equity.

Discussion followed about options for construction of a shell building in the Industrial Park as an incentive to possible new businesses similar to the program before established by the Greater Ottawa organization.

Discussion took place about possible grants including riverfront grants. Reed commented on the competitiveness of such the grant cycle for timing of a possible grant application.

Reed commented on the upcoming planning report from Ginko as to the Central School riverfront area.

David Noble spoke to the board about the bidding for next phase of the Industrial Park and anticipated construction period.

Pat Henry introduced himself as a area representative of Garvey International. Pat spoke about Garvey's activities in the area and answered questions of the Board.

ADJOURN

On motion of William Franklin and second by Charles Sheridan the meeting was adjourned shortly after 9:00 a.m.