

OTTAWA PORT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2016

ROLL CALL

Keith Conrad called a regular meeting of the Port District to order at City Hall on June 17, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. with the following board members present: Keith Conrad, Thomas Haerberle, John Stone and Katie Troccoli. Also present were Boyd Palmer, Reed Wilson, and George Hupp.

MINUTES

Minutes from May 20, 2016 meeting were presented and approved by unanimous vote following a motion by John Stone and second by Charles Sheridan.

TREASURERS REPORT

Katie Troccoli provided bank statements and account balances. Her financial report was approved on motion of Thomas Haerberle, second by John Stone and a unanimous oral vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Katie Troccoli noted that a member of the public approached her about the possibility of the district being involved in future construction of a parking structure at the intersection of Jefferson and Clinton Streets downtown. Discussion ensued regarding possible retail shops being located on the first floor with paid parking above. A similar structure is in LaSalle near Illinois Valley Community Hospital.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Boyd Palmer spoke about the recent hiring of Ivan Baker as the Executive Director of the Economic Development Council of North Central Illinois. Ivan has many years of experience from the suburban Chicago area.

Boyd Palmer spoke regarding making progress on the website with Reed Wilson and Dave Noble, along with SK Graphics. A revamped and modern site should be coming in the next few months.

Boyd also talked about working with CG housing development about the possibility of portable senior housing coming to the area. Requirements are based on a point system.

Dave Noble is seeking grant money to put a pedestrian walkway over Route 80, which would provide the 3,000 employees working on the north side of Route 80 a safe access route.

Boyd commented that new restaurant on Madison Street, Allure, has opened successfully. C230 restaurant is also open. He also noted that he toured historic patio plus building on Fulton Street with Reed Wilson and Dave Noble. There is an Economic Task Force meeting at Fairmont minerals next week.

Reed Wilson spoke about the success of the recent wine fest in Ottawa. More marketing for the event was done this year, including television commercials in the Chicago market. A

newly implemented ticket management system helped with crowd lines. Craft beer was represented at the festival for the first year. Reed noted there were visitors from out of state.

Reed noted the Court street property bid recommendation will be given to the city council at the upcoming meeting. Reed further noted other current city activity includes more bump outs coming to the curbs downtown, possible development of a commercial brewery in the Route 71 corridor, and a visit from the American in Bloom judges on July 12.

Reed also spoke about visiting CL Farms Farmer's Market in Marseilles with Mayor Eschbach.

OLD BUSINESS

The recreational facility study is done but not returned yet. No activity has been taking place as to the Multi Modal study project.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance

A public hearing on the draft budget was held during the previous meeting in May. The finalized Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was presented. Motion for approval was made by Thomas Haeberle, second by John Stone and unanimous oral vote.

Annual Treasurer's Report

The Annual Treasurer's Report was presented for review. The report was adopted on motion of Thomas Haeberle, second by John Stone and unanimous oral vote.

Annual Prevailing Wage Ordinance

The board reviewed an Annual Prevailing Wage Ordinance which adopts the Illinois Department of Labor prevailing wage rates for LaSalle County. The ordinance was adopted on motion of John Stone, second by Katie Troccoli and unanimous oral vote.

ADJOURN

There being no further reports or business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m. upon motion of Katie Troccoli and second by Thomas Haeberle and unanimous oral vote. The next regular meeting of the district will be July 15, 2016.