



**Approved Meeting Minutes**  
Village of Port Sanilac Council Meeting  
January 18, 2024

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Sue Balysh.

President Falcon called the Council Meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**Council Members Present:** M. Balysh, S. Balysh, L. Hahn, B. Hunter, B. Simon, A. True, D. Falcon

**Staff Present:** Chad Gainor, Don Morath, Larry O'Keefe, Barbara Rabineau

**Guests:** Bob Dear, Tom Jackson, Mary Simon, Jenny Sroka, Jim Sroka

**Agenda/Additions:**

1. Council Trustee appointments for SEFA contract negotiations

**Motion** by \_\_, seconded by \_\_ to approve the appointment of two Council Trustees \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to negotiate the revised two-party Sanilac East Fire Authority contract with Sanilac Township.

2. **Motion** by \_\_, seconded by \_\_ to approve Public Hearing Meeting Minutes dated January 18, 2024, as read.

**Motion** by A. True, seconded by to approve Agenda and Additions. **Motion Carried.**

**Public Comment:**

a. Bill Sarkella gave a county level report.

b. President Falcon shared a message thanking all involved for their coordinated efforts (SEFA, Croswell EMS, local dispatchers, and Deckerville Hospital) who helped a stroke victim resulting in no long-term deficits.

**Presidential Appointments:** None

**Presentations:** None

**Petitions and Communications:**

a. Letter to Sanilac Township dated January 3, 2024 was submitted.

b. Letter to the Sanilac East Fire Authority dated January 4, 2024 was submitted.

b1. Email response from Sanilac East Fire Authority dated January 4, 2024 was submitted.

c. Resignation email from Planning Commissioner Bob Batz dated January 4, 2024 was read into the record. **Motion** by S. Balysh, seconded by B. Hunter to accept resignation letter from Robert Batz. **Motion Carried.**

Village Departments, Committees, and Commissions:

**Governance:**

- a. Sheriff's December Incident Report was presented by Lt. Moore.
- b. Harbor Master's Report dated January 10, 2024 was read into the record.

**Community Development/Parks and Recreation:**

- a. Community Development/Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes dated January 8, 2024 were submitted.
- b. Parks & Recreation Report dated January 10, 2024 was presented by Chad Gainor.

**Finance Committee:**

- a. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes dated January 4, 2024 were presented by Larry O'Keefe.

**New Business:** None

**Previous Business:**

- a. Council Trustee appointments for SEFA contract negotiations  
**Motion** by B. Hunter, seconded by B. Simon to approve the appointment of two Council Trustees, Michael Balysh and Linda Hahn, to negotiate the revised two-party Sanilac East Fire Authority contract with Sanilac Township. **Motion Carried.**
- b. President Falcon stated the revised SEFA Articles of Incorporation will be reviewed by the Finance Committee and Governance Committee prior to Council approval.

**Bills:**

- a. **Motion** by B. Hunter, seconded by M. Balysh to approve Water Fund bill **PAID** dated January 3, 2024 in the amount of \$445.00. **Motion Carried.**
- b. **Motion** by S. Balysh, seconded by B. Hunter to approve Village bills **PAID** dated January 4, 2024 in the amount of \$114,544.07. **Motion Carried.**
- c. **Motion** by A. True, seconded by L. Hahn to approve Village bills **TO BE PAID** dated January 18, 2024 in the amount of \$15,262.63. **Motion Carried.**
- d. **Motion** by S. Balysh, seconded by B. Hunter to approve Harbor bills **TO BE PAID** dated January 19, 2024 in the amount of \$809.61. **Motion Carried.**

**Minutes:**

- a. **Motion** by B. Simon, seconded by A. True to approve the Council Meeting Minutes dated January 4, 2024, as presented. **Motion Carried.**
- b. **Motion** by D. Falcon, seconded by L. Hahn to approve Public Hearing Meeting Minutes dated January 18, 2024, as read. **Motion Carried.**

**Business Manager:** Larry O'Keefe – nothing to report.

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**Clerk:** Barbara Rabineau

a. Resolution #01-2024 – A Resolution to Adopt the 2024 Village of Port Sanilac 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan

**Motion** by B. Hunter, seconded by B. Simon to adopt Resolution #01-2024 Village of Port Sanilac 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan, as presented.

**Roll Call Vote:**

M. Balysh yes, S. Balysh yes, L. Hahn yes, B. Hunter yes, B. Simon yes, A. True yes, D. Falcon yes

**Motion Carried.**

b. **Motion** by D. Falcon, seconded by B. Hunter to authorize Clerk to place an ad in the Sanilac News for two open planning commissioner seats. **Motion Carried.**

**Work in Progress:**

a. 2022 Water Project – Larry O’Keefe stated the designs for the booster station have been submitted to the State of Michigan.

**Public Comment:**

a. Jim Sroka advised a Michigan Waterways member is going to personally introduce Anne Soule, Harbor Master, to Michigan Waterways Commissioners. He was very impressed with her from the conference they both attended in December.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion** by D. Falcon, seconded by B. Hunter to adjourn the council meeting at 8:01 pm. **Motion Carried.**



Barbara Rabineau, Clerk