



The Village of
Port Sanilac

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Approved Meeting Minutes
Village of Port Sanilac Special Meeting
May 23, 2023

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Damien Falcon. President Falcon called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Council Members Present: M. Balysh, S. Balysh, J. Davis, R. Lange, R. Mach, J. Southard, D. Falcon
Staff Present: Dan Finn, Don Morath, Larry O'Keefe, Barbara Rabineau,
Guests: Kelly Bearer, Jasen Beaver, Dave Boyer, Brian Fisher, Casey Johnson, Frank Koehlehofer, Phillip Kolakovich, Lea Lentz, Jeff Lyall, Brian Moran Jr., Doug Moran, Mike Owens, Lisa Preston, Mike Preston, Jeff Smeader, Lori Southard, Don Thomas, Amy True, Michelle Watta, Kenn Wimmer

Paving Program 2023:

a. Motion by R. Lange, seconded by J. Southard to award Astec Asphalt, Inc. the contract for the base bid of \$108,364.36 and authorize additional work not to exceed \$184,000.00 including engineering for the following work ranked by priority:

1. Miscellaneous spot repairs
 - a. North St. Mary's
 - b. West Ontario
 - c. Ontario at Church
 - d. Cedar at Martin
2. East Hickory Street
3. Orchard Street
4. South Martin Street

Motion Carried.

a1. Hickory Street resident raised issues regarding ownership and width of the street; she will meet with Larry O'Keefe to further discuss.

Fire Services:

a. R. Mach submitted for review a preliminary list of work items to be completed by Council, Council Sub-Committees, Village Staff, the Village Public Safety Committee, the Fire Chief and his assignees.

b. Fire Chief Moran spoke to Council stressing the importance of providing safe and compliant fire services to Port Sanilac and surrounding communities.

c. R. Mach suggested taking the best practices from SEFA and utilizing a model like the Harbor with an Oversight Committee, as the department will be self-performing. R. Mach spoke of process concerns, the 2024/2025 budget cycle, equipment inventory, questions regarding revenue from the Township Millage, fire service coverage, and employee outreach. R. Mach reaffirmed that Council is unanimous in supporting the Fire Department.

d. Assistant Fire Chief Thomas spoke to the importance of keeping rescue services.

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e. President Falcon stressed the importance of working together to continue to provide safe, compliant, and efficient fire services to our community and neighbors. We have very little time to complete the tasks and move forward.

f. Lea Lentz, Sanilac Medical Control Authority Executive Director, offered her assistance and support for fire services and rescue.

g. Residents voiced concerns regarding minimal negotiations to move SEFA forward, the dissolution of SEFA, lack of confidence in future fire services and time frame to put effective fire services in place.

h. President Falcon committed to working with Council, the Fire Department, and neighboring communities to provide safe fire services. We need to move forward as a team.

Motion by D. Falcon, seconded by R. Lange to adjourn the special meeting at 8:24 pm. **Motion Carried.**



Barbara Rabineau
Clerk