

Meeting Minutes 6-20-09

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2009 MEETING

A quorum being present, the June 20th meeting of the Put-in-Bay Property Owner's Association was convened shortly after 10:00 a.m. By President Ed Skoch.

Board members present: Drake, Frederick, Ginsberg, McCracken, Skoch, and Titchener

These items were addressed:

1. Presidential announcements included the statement of the theme for the 2009 meetings and their dates (July-25th, August, 29th and September TBA). Please note the added September meeting. The election of Members of the Board will still take place at the August meeting.
2. John Titchener presented the Treasurer's report noting a balance of \$1,783.78 as of June 18th 2009.
3. The reading of the minutes for the meeting of August 30, 2009 was postponed.
4. Member concerns included the following issues and announcements:
 - A. Television reception. Mel Ginsberg exemplified the frustration of many who had problems with Time Warner cable television – telephone customer service representatives from unknown locations seemed unaware of the existence of Lake Erie, and thus, ill-prepared to understand cable problems on an island in it. But he managed to find an office in Port Clinton, complaints to which may have produced a Time Warner repair truck on the island – on a weekend! For details see Mel.
 - B. Those complaining about Verizon Wireless learned that one of the problems is our proximity to the Canadian border. In order to assure that cell phone users in Canada do not get a signal from the U.S. and charged for international roaming calls, Verizon has limited the signal range. Service seems to be better on the South part of the Island. Makes you wonder about those calls from wilderness campers lost on North Bass.
 - C. Sue Duff announced the schedule of the most active Senior Center in Ottawa County including exercise classes, health monitoring, crafts, cards and mah-jongg. Not to mention Thursday lunch and Monday pastries. For more information and the calendar of events, please visit their website:<http://www.co.ottawa.oh.us/ocseniorresources/pibcenter.htm>.
 - D. Kay Drake reminded those present of the Perry Group activities associated with the visit of the Niagara and Pirate's Weekend.
5. Ed Skoch asked new Mayor, John "Doc" Scarpelli, to think about what the island would be like in ten years. "Fewer permanent residents, more summer residents." To illustrate the growth in summer demand, Doc noted that the Village provided more than a million gallons of water over the Memorial Day weekend! Keeping water processed during the week in the new 500K storage tank makes this all possible. A new 225K sewage cell will allow additional tie-ins. There may be four new houses built, but so far, no new projects.
5. Chief Lampela was more interested in the really immediate future since it now appears that the so called Cop Grants may not be used for seasonal employees. He has applied for grants for two additional year-round officers but believes we would be really fortunate to get one. The future may include a Police Academy which might help fund the department's summer needs and will certainly include Capital Improvement requests to replace aging police cruisers. Both the Chief

and the Council are aware of some problems with some taxis – Lampela notes that the average ratio of taxi issues to all issues is 1 in 100. On Put-in-Bay it is 1 to 5!

He also reminds us that the department is obliged to answer all noise complaint calls.

The meeting was adjourned to coffee, cookies and conversation at 11:25 a.m.

PIBPOA Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2009

- I. **Call to Order at 10:00 a.m.**
 - A. **Quorum was established**
 - B. **Roll call of Trustees present: Skoch, Ginsberg, Titchener, Klanderman, Fredrick, Petro, McCracken**

- II. **Announcements**
 - A. **Dates of next meeting: Aug 22 10 a.m. Townhall, Oct 3 Skoch residence**

- III. **Reports**
 - A. **Minutes of last meeting: Reported by Frederick that minutes are online at www.pibpoa.org**
 - B. **Treasurer's report by Titchener: \$2302.28 as of 7/25/09**
 - C. **Membership report: no report**
 - D. **Vice-President: no report**
 - E. **President: no report**

- IV. **Speakers**
 - A. **Port Authority: Terry Burns**

The budget will be in the Aug. Gazette. The Port Authority should be getting some Stimulus money at some point in the future. In the next 10 years the big issue will be heightened security updates to the PIB airport. The goal in the next 5 years: pay off the debt, be financially self-sufficient in the next few years. The Port Authority is in charge of Sandusky dock, 3 airports (PIB, MBI & NBI), Jet Express 3, & MBI docks. There will be another levy on the ballot in near future. No one is in charge of grant application at the moment. Terry Burns is in charge of grant administration for grants already in place.
 - B. **Township: Matt Miller**

The biggest issue in the future will continue to be water/sewer. There will be no further new development without water/sewer. Cost will be 40-80 mil to have entire island tap into the water/sewer system. See www.pibtownship.com for further updates. A meeting with the EPA will be posted on the site. All are welcome to attend!
 - C. **Gift Shops/Tourist goods: Joy Urge**

We do have quite a bit turnover in women's/men's apparel. The Bakery and Candy store are doing well, as are the sub shops, pizza shops and DQ. Sales are slightly down in the gift shops. Please continue to support your local companies!
 - D. **Save the Townhall: Bill Jellison**

The townhall is in need of renovations: new heat system, new wiring etc. Levy will be on ballot: \$28-30 per \$100,000

There are more than 10 group that use the townhall: Rec committee, Arts Council, Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society, Senior Center, Churches, Perry's Monument etc.

- V. **Old Business**
 - A. **Phone/TV Service: No new report, will have further info next meeting**
 - B. **SBI Directory: Skoch continues to work on this.**

VI. New Business

~none

Meeting is adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Next meeting will be Aug 22, 2009 at 10 a.m. in the Townhall.

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PIBPOA Minutes
August 29, 2009

- I. Call to Order at 9:40 a.m.
 - A. Quorum was established
 - B. Roll call of Trustees present: Skoch, Titchener, Frederick, Petro, Drake

- II. Announcements
 - A. Meeting/Picnic - Oct 3 Skoch residence
 - Presenting the island of the year award
 - Ideas for next year's theme – one idea – no teeth in the zoning laws
 - B. Elections and nominations are going to be held on the web for board members – will be posted within a week - Looking for a secretary

- III. Reports
 - A. Minutes of last meeting: Reported by Frederick that minutes are online at www.pibpoa.org
 - B. Treasurer/Membership report – John Titchener
 - \$1,994.57 balance
 - Membership – have an alphabetical list that will be posted as a directory on the website
 - C. Vice-President: no report
 - D. President: no report

- IV. Speakers
 - A. Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy – Lisa Broll – Chair
 - Land conservancy started in 2000 part of larger group
 - Kelly Ferris – Secretary / Treasurer
 - John Ladd
 - Board Members: Lianne Genzman, John Ladd, Valerie Mettler, Carol Richardson, Bob Russell, Susan Byrnes and Kristin Stanford
 - News letter
 - Mission Statement - The mission of the lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy is to encourage conservation and protection of natural and agricultural lands in the Lake Erie Islands for the benefit of future generations.
 - Bird migration
 - Pretty blue flowers – Hair bells – one of the few places that they bloom
 - Preserving land
 - Nature camp for kids
 - 120 kids participated this year
 - Discover island nature programs
 - Booklet for eco-tourism – free and available at the monument
 - Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Museum – wild Tuesdays – programs
 - Sept. 12th – open with someone from the Ohio Bird Sanctuary
 - Land protection – purchased Ladd Carr Wildlife Woods and Jane Coates Wildflower Trail
 - Middle Bass – Clean Ohio Funds

- Nature preserve on East Point – Western Reserve Land Conservancy
- Purchase land and provide easements that enable owners to maintain ownership and provide tax deductions – especially shore area – funding running out – tax deductions run out at the end of the year
- Acres preserved – 20 acres between here and Middle Bass + easement at Kelleys Island
- Website:
http://lakeerieislandsbsc.com/nature/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

B. Scottie Jackson from the Goat – doing business on the island

- Teeth in the zoning laws – building the world’s largest water park bar – wait until that is complete
- 10- 15 years ago, never would have predicted the success of the pool bars and the growth downtown
- State Ohio – set amount of liquor licenses per capita – caveats – if you are a producer of beer or wine – Carl and the Brewery – 50 room hotel motel gives you a A1A liquor license
- Downtown – design for hotel behind the Doller House
- Property across from the airport was supposed to be another
- Skyway property – potential for another hotel and bar
- The Goat has been having a wonderful year
- Marketing for the island has been spectacular with television ads etc.

V. Old Business

A. Lorain Mooney – cable and phone problems

- No Verizon tower on the island, but now that they have merged with Alltel, there is a tower on Kelleys (update – found map of tower that is located on the island – see below)
- Time Warner Cable is on the island, working out of the office in Port Clinton
- Installations are typically on Thursdays

VI. New Business

A. Public meeting announcement – proposed connection ban on household sewage disposal systems

B. We will be building a repository of information on water and sewer on the website

C. City council – Bill Jellison

- Issue on the ballot for a \$1M tax levy to repair the town hall – fire suppression system
- New plant will improve the sewage removal process
- Received a grant for all new city docks – matching funds

D. Concern on development on Put In Bay Road – near the Island Club

E. Village planning commission is proposing changes to the zoning regulations

F. Village planning commission meets the 2nd Monday of every month at 1 p.m. in the afternoon, Town Hall Council Room

G. Dilapidated house on Victory Lane – no enforcement for repairing it or tearing it down – what can we do as a group? Attend council meetings

H. Sidewalks in the village are in poor condition

Meeting adjourned 11:30 a.m. Next meeting Oct. 3rd

Verizon cell tower map:

• Tower Structures - (Airline Dr. Put in Bay, OH 43456)



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MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2010 MEETING

A quorum being present, the June 26th meeting of the Put-in-Bay Property Owner's Association was convened shortly after 10:00 a.m. by President Ed Skoch.

Board members present: Drake, Frederick, Skoch, and Titchener

These items were addressed:

1. Presidential announcements included the statement of the theme for the 2010 (Zoning and What It Means to Property Owners), 2010 meetings and their dates (July 17th, August 21st and September 18th).
2. John Titchener presented the Treasurer's report noting a balance of \$842.00 as of June 26th 2010.
3. Karen Frederick reminded everyone that our website is PIBPOA.COM.
4. Speakers
 - A. Judy Berry, Mayor of Put-In-Bay, status issues for the Village and Township:
 - i. Experiencing tight budget.
 - ii. Sewer plant upgrade
 - iii. The EPA would like to see everyone on the island added to the water and sewer system.
 - iv. Good results from the EPA inspection of the sewer plant upgrades.
 - v. Water plant running out of capacity.
 - vi. Dock project: \$3.5 million dock project with a grant for \$2.5 million.
 - vii. Streets repaving projects.
 - viii. Zoning for the Village: Ms. Berry serves on the board.
 - ix. Ms. Berry has had informal meetings with other area mayors on the mainland including the mayors of Port Clinton, Oak Harbor, Marblehead and Genoa.
 - x. Planning division has been revising the Zoning Book.
 - xi. Question on Town Hall improvements.
 - B. Chief Lampela provided updates on the Police Force
 - C. Joey Wolf, Assistant to the Fiscal Officer (speaking for Township Chairman and Trustee Matt Miller, who is working today)
5. Old Business - Wireless service and cable service
6. New Business
 - A. Need new board members
 - B. Need to recruit new members
 - C. Next meeting will be dedicated to planning and zoning
 - D. Please attend as many open zoning hearings as possible. As much information as possible will be posted on the PIBPOA website.

The meeting was adjourned to coffee, cookies and conversation at 11:30 a.m.

September 2014

September 13, 2014 PIBPOA Annual Meeting and Picnic/ PIBYacht Club

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Duffey and officers reported.

Treasurer Report: Beginning balance	\$ 1,744.89
Income	750.00
Total	\$ 2,494.89
Expenses	
10 yr .Website renewal \$	265.90
Meetings	104.38
Advertising/Printing	643.42
Total	\$1,013.70
Ending Balance	\$1,481.19

Treasurer's report approved and seconded.

Secretary Report: None reported

Old Business:

The committee reported on the progress organizing the various service vendors. The various vendors will be posted on the PIBPOA website. In early spring the committee will request the members to contact the website to see what services and vendors are available. They then can personally select and contact the chosen vendor/vendors. A website template will direct the process.

Committee's report approved and seconded.

New Business:

Open floor discussions centered on the Kent State study and how we as an organization should participate. The general feeling was to follow Peter Huston's lead. The first project may be signage. If so, a committee will be formed for this project in the spring.

Open floor discussions talked about how to get new members for 2015. Several suggestions included: 1. Forming a welcoming committee for new land/home owners.

2. Offering 1st year membership free of dues.

3. Talking with neighbors/friends about POA and its advantages for becoming members.

President Jim Duffey talked about how POA needs representation at Village and Township Council meetings. Joy Urge was asked to do so and accepted.

Approved and seconded.

Nominations for 2015

Jim Duffey - President Mel Ginsberg - Trustee

Bob Smith	-	Vice President	Jean Hilt	-	Trustee
Barb Mehling	-	Secretary	Bill Slough	-	Trustee
Joy Urge	-	Council's Liaison	John Titchner	-	Trustee
Karen Frederick	-	Website Chairman			

There were no nominations from the floor. The new nominees were presented to the attending members. With no further nominations, Bob Smith closed the nominations and Bill Slough seconded. The slate of candidates was elected by acclamation.

President Jim Duffey thanked the retiring board members for their services.

Ed Skoch

Kay Drake

Gail McCracken

Jennifer Sochacki

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Luncheon followed and enjoyed by all attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mehling, Secretary

May 2015

May 30, 2015 PIBPOA Meeting/Town Hall

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Duffy.

Treasurer Report:	Beginning balance	\$1,481.19
	Income	1,500.00
	Total	\$2,981.19
	Expenses	
	2014 Picnic	\$ 450.84
	Misc.	1,217.42
	Total	\$1,312.93

Treasurer's report approved and seconded.

Secretary Report: Minutes waved, approved and seconded.

New Board/Officer introduced.

Website – www.pibpoa.com now established and explained by President Jim Duffy.

Bug spraying/window washing will be offered to members if six or more sign up for service. Discounts and lower ferry fees will be available through vendors.

President Jim Duffy introduced guest speakers Mike Miller Township Trustee, Mayor Ruth Scarpelli and Interim Police Chief Michael J. Frank.

Matt Miller's talk: St. V's and PIB EMS have partnered. Urgent Care is available Friday and Saturday (10:00am-4:00pm) and Sunday until noon thru November. A doctor, nurse, x-ray and lab services available during these hours.

Zoning – Blight is being addressed and progress has been made on several sites.

Security – Talks have been held with Village Police, Ottawa County Sheriff and State Highway Patrol Departments.

Mayor Ruth Scarpelli's talk: Water – EPA testing results show water is safe. Future testing during algae blooms will be quicker. A possible change to an ozone treatment of water is being proposed and will be very expensive to install.

Mayor's Court – no longer hears felonies or misdemeanors. These are heard by a Magistrate. All Township cases are heard in Ottawa County.

Improvements along public docks, removal of overhead wiring and fixing problems of bricks around trees has been addressed or being addressed.

Interim Police Chief Michael J. Frank's talk: Hired partime to bring PIB Police department regulations up to date and to hire and train officers. Education of laws to officers and citizenry a top priority.

A clean slate on how things are done on island is being established. Federal, State and County laws need to apply to PIB. Liability is a major concern for island if these laws are overlooked or not followed. Handling intoxicated visitors biggest problem. Only two cells in police station and can only hold for six hours. Improved facilities needed. Will see more Highway Patrol cars on island during weekends. A Detective Bureau being established to insure quality control of police department. All officers wearing cameras and recorders. Trained to be fair – warnings issued first if compliant and summons issued if stopped again for same offense.

Car Parade agreement worked out: Volunteers will man intersections. A PIB Police car will lead parade, and to forestall possible liability, candy will be passed out by bikers or by foot. No more throwing of candy from cars or trucks in parade.

Website is available – chiefmfrank@pibpolice.com Please use if questions, concerns or issues arise. All e-mails will be answered as quickly as possible.

Questions and answers followed all guest speakers.

President Jim Duffy thanked all speakers and then addressed the members if there were any suggestions for topics for future guest speakers. The following suggestions were made: Erie/Ottawa State Representative to talk about water and algae problems and

possible alternative energy resources.

Davis Bessie evacuation plans for PIB

Todd Bickley – zoning inspector

President Jim Duffy asked to adjourn meeting. Approved and seconded.

Next POA meeting June 27, 2015 at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mehling, secretary

June 2015 Q&As

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM JUNE 27th MEETING

At June 27th meeting, President Jim Duffy asked to have an open discussion on how we could improve membership and any ideas/problems attending members have. The following points of interest were presented and discussed.

Q.1 The Mayor, Police Chief, Chamber of Commerce President, Village and Township Trustees should be invited to attend all meetings.

A. Letters went to all parties in question extending an open invitation to attend all PIBPOA meetings, resulting with island updates of interest.

Q.2. Does PIBPOA have any options and/or interest in keeping Superintendent for Perry's Monument? Would a Park Manager be sufficient and save tax dollars in lieu of a Superintendent? A year round manager is necessary for observation of Monument and ground repairs needed and for planning activities with community leaders and businesses for public during Spring and Fall months.

A. Rep. Marcy Kaptur's office has advised that the Superintendent position will remain at the Perry Monument.

Q.3. How much of money procured from arrests goes to village? Loss of money every time arrest cases go to county. How much money is spent for Police department?

A. We are requesting this information and will have a definitive answer soon.

Q.4. What are the new rules passed by Village council concerning docks and noise decimal levels? Will enforcement actually happen?

A. The answers are posted on the PIBPOA website. They apply from 10:00pm to morning.

Q.5. Protection of property, island safety and keeping environment positive should be the goal of PIBPOA.

A. The Board agrees.

Q.6. Business owners are not our enemies. PIBPOA should help them whenever possible.

Owners should be invited to meetings to hear and discuss PIBPOA issues and work with us to solve any shared problems.

A. The Board agrees. The business owners are vital to the welfare of PIB, and we are asking the Chamber of Commerce to have a representative attend our meetings.

Q.7. How can PIBPOA increase membership? By-Laws need to be updated and possibly

changed to include anyone invested in island....not just property owners. Have Board

members considered changing name? An article in Gazette having an interview with Pres. Jim Duffy might help bring in new members.

A. The Board is preparing a letter for the August Gazette. The Board requests each member to ask a neighbor to attend a meeting and join PIBPOA. No changes to By-Laws or name will be done at this time.

Q.8. Stickers for rented golf carts stating what is illegal or a violation should be passed out to all golf cart businesses. Members should deliver these and even stick them onto the golf carts.

The Mayor should ask for a mandate be passed and presented to police department stating that these stickers be placed on all rented golf carts.

A. A copy of a golf cart sticker has been sent to acting Chief Franks for his review and

decision on how to proceed. This is a police decision and the PIBPOA will help if requested.

Q.9. More members need to attend Village and Township Council meetings to show PIBPOA

interest in island matters and concerns.

- A. The Board agrees. We have a committee that attends these meetings. If members would also attend, then more would be informed of issues and pending legislation. We are trying to inform members with our website.

Q.10. An interest in having roundtable discussions at every meeting was introduced by Sue Duff

and seconded by Dianne Smith.

- A. The Board agrees that the roundtable discussions were very productive. We recommend they be held at first and last annual meetings.

June 27, 2015: PIBPOA Meeting/Town Hall

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Duffy.

Treasurer Report:	Beginning Balance	\$1,312.93
	Income	1,025.00
	Total	\$2337.93
	Expenses	
	Put in Bay Gazette	\$- 66.85
	Put in Bay Gazette	- 250.35
	Total	\$- 317.20
	Ending Balance	\$ 2020.73

Treasurer Report approved and seconded.

Secretary Report: Minutes waved, approved and seconded.

The scheduled speaker, Assistant County Prosecutor unable to attend due to bad weather and boats not running.

President Jim Duffy asks to have open discussion on how we could improve membership and any ideas or problems attending members have. The following points of interest were discussed and/or presented.

1. The Mayor, Police Chief, Chamber of Commerce President, Village and Township Trustees should be invited to attend all meetings.
2. Does PIBPOA have any options and/or interest in keeping Superintendent for Perry's monument? Would a Park Manager be sufficient and save tax dollars in lieu of a Superintendent? A year round manager is necessary for observation of monument and ground repairs needed and for planning activities with community leaders and businesses for public during spring through fall months.
3. How much of money procured from arrests goes to village? Loss of money every time arrest cases go to county. How much money is spent for Police department?
4. New rules passed by Village council concerning docks and noise decimal levels. Will enforcement actually happen?
5. Protection of property, island safety and keeping environment positive should be the goal of PIBPOA.

6. Business owners are not our enemies. PIBPOA should help them whenever possible. Owners should be invited to meetings to hear and discuss PIBPOA issues and work with us to solve any shared problems.
7. How can PIBPOA increase membership? Bring 1 new member each meeting. By-Laws need to be updated and possibly changed to include anyone invested in island...not just property owners. Have Board members consider changing name. An article in Gazette having an interview with President Jim Duffy might help bring in new members.

8. Stickers for rented golf carts stating what is illegal or a violation should be passed out to all golf cart businesses. Members should deliver these and even stick them on to the golf carts. The Mayor should ask for a mandate be passed and presented to police department that these stickers should be placed on all rented golf carts.
9. More members need to attend Village and Township Council meetings to show PIBPOA interest in island matters and concerns.
10. An interest in having roundtable discussions at every meeting was introduced by Sue Duff and seconded by Dianne Smith.

President Jim Duffy talked about the website. Work is in progress to have minutes from all Councils, Chamber of Commerce and PIBPOA meetings being posted for all members to read and be informed.

Future possible speakers suggested were: 1. Ottawa County Health Department to discuss and answer questions about future sewer and building moratorium.

2. EMS representative to discuss and answer questions concerning PIB EMS department.

President Jim Duffy asked to adjourn meeting. Approved and seconded.

Next POA meeting July 25, 2015 at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mehling, secretary

May 21, 2016

PIBPO meeting called to order by Pres. Jim Duffy.

1. Officers and trustees were introduced.
2. Mayor McCann addressed the meeting and talked on the following topics:
 - a. New condo construction and his hope it will bring year round residents willing to take on village offices.
 - b. Christmas in July – start solving problems today! Do not wait until that weekend.
 - c. Open containers part of Christmas in July problems. Warnings do not work – must site them. Working on that this summer.
 - d. Noise – we have a noise ordinance in place now. 82 max decibels on the street. Working on enforcing the ordinance.
 - e. 4 – wheelers – working on legislation to prohibit them in summer months
 - f. Mayor McCann encourages the public to go to village council meetings to voice complaints about noise if too loud.
 - g. Mayor McCann plans to air condition downstairs of Town Hall this year and other projects in process.

Announcements by Pres. Duffy:

1. Pay your dues - \$25.00
2. Talking with Police Chief about a volunteer service.
3. Working on website for better communications.
4. If you need services (window washing, spraying, etc.) sign up for information.

Patrick Meyer addressed attendees to promote and announce children's play and what Arts Council is trying to accomplish.

Dates of meetings:

June 18th

July 16th

Aug. 20th

Sept. 17th

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 am.

June 18th, 2016

Pres. Jim Duffy called the PIBPO meeting to order.

1. Introduced Officers and Trustees and asked for anybody interested in serving to let someone on board know.
2. \$1,784.35 reported in treasury.
3. Pres. Duffy asked that any members needing services sign up on website.
4. Made the statement that PIBPO members helped defeat helicopter change in variance for taking off and landing after dark.

Police Chief Franks talked about the following items after being introduced by Pres. Duffy:

1. Noise – sound levels are down and noise variance is working.

Sound meter used to test noise 3x before ticket is issued.

2. The community surveys sent out have been very useful in addressing problems and concerns of residents and will be useful in getting changes started.
3. 17 police officers are now being paid \$14.00/hr. Old rate was \$8.00/hr.
4. New orange signage posted in park concerning open containers.
5. Budget for police department has been increased.
6. Required internet training for new officers helpful in learning proper paper work.
7. College internships now offered – free labor for record keeping.
8. New Jeep, new computers, remodeled all dormitories and Chief's house now used by female officers.
9. Bullet proof vests acquired.
10. Sold 2 white cruisers and bought 2010 Dodge Charger.
11. New RMS system.
12. 121 arrests since start of season – word getting out that good behavior is expected on PIB.
13. Chief has met with all businesses – all in cooperative mood to address community problems.
14. Taxies and golf cart businesses being cooperative also and taxies have been warned about speed.
15. Portable PPT – alcohol testing being used by officers and arrests being made.
16. 20-30 OVI drunk driving arrests so far this season.
17. Christmas in July – Sheriff, Highway Patrol, Border Patrol and Alcohol/Drug agents to be present.
18. Park to be lit up with temporary flood lights.
19. Pamphlets with maps to be passed out at airport check point to advise cart renters of rules and island points of interest. Volunteers asked to help doing 2 hour shifts.
20. 2017 – a revaluation of golf cart requirements.
21. ATV's – Legislation being processed for 2017. Nov.-April allowed on roads. May-Oct. NOT allowed on roads.
22. Call 419-285-4121 if you see anything needing to be addressed by police.

Jeff Koehler spoke about speed limits dropped to 15mph in Shore Villas and Victory Ave. 10mph on Lorraine.

President Duffy asked members to come up with ideas to raise money and would a 50/50 raffle be worth doing?

Meeting adjourned at 11:03am.

July 23,2016

PIBPO meeting called to order by Pres. Jim Duffy.

Pres. Duffy introduced the speaker, Shawn Tatter of the Ohio Dept. of Public Safety and Liquor Enforcement.

Mr. Tatter stated he has all 11 officials on the island and they include the Fire Marshalls, Highway Patrol, Sheriff department and INS...all would be present for Xmas in July.

He also stated that training sessions for all bar operators have been held to educate the bar tenders what to look for and the consequences of serving underage patrons. Also, undercover agents will be present but they do not go out of their way to talk bar tenders into underage transgressions.

Mr. Tatter stated his department is basically understaffed, but they try to cover the entire state.

He also explained how so many liquor licenses can end up in one small area like PIB.

Several questions were asked from the audience of over 50 people.

Pres. Duffy thanked Mr. Tatter for coming and addressing the PIBPO members and giving a very informative narrative.

Pres. Duffy also thanked all the volunteers (mostly PIBPO members) for helping out the Police Department in handing out literature to golf cart renters explaining the rules and conduct required while visiting PIB and also pointing out points of interest on the island.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting to be held Aug. 20th at the Senior Center.

Aug. 20, 2016 – PIBPO meeting by Pres. Jim Duffy

Previous minutes were approved and seconded.

Comments by Pres. Duffy:

- a. New website being structured for next year.
- b. Joe Petak congratulated for the 3 newly erected directional signs.

Pres. Duffy introduces guest speakers, Steve Riddle – Village Administrator and Chris Ladd, who spoke about the water department.

1. All island treated water is pumped from Lake Erie. 2010, a new water intake and suction pipe was installed on Sybll road between Cerney and Urge properties to the water plant.
2. The structure is using a 12 inch pipe which is 15 ft. deep within a 20 inch hole and is under the lake bed so no ice damage can occur.
3. Chemicals are fed to strainer to stop zebra mussels from growing and blocking intake.
4. Air blasts occur in winter to keep ice from forming on strainer.
5. Water is tested on a regular basis for algae.
6. 3 pumps pump water into another strainer to clarify water then treated with chemicals. No flouride in water.
7. An Ozone facility is being studied for construction. EPA is strongly suggesting an upgrade using ozone be done.
8. Federal grants and monies are being used to help cover costs.
9. Current Budget - \$500,000.00 covered by customers.
10. Expansion of water delivery is also being studied. Very expensive because of digging through limestone which makes up most of island.
11. A model of entire island water system is being made so new building permits can be properly issued or refused.
12. Largest usage of water occurs over Christmas in July – 600,000 gal. in 24 hours. A normal day – 200,000 to 300,000 gal.
13. 300 400 customers on present water system.
14. Questionnaires sent with water bills need to be answered and returned to water plant.

Pres. Duffy introduces Township Trustee Chris Cooper who talked about the following items:

1. 2 new EMS squads were purchased. Each supplied with new up to date equipment.
2. A grant was written and approved for a power lift.
3. 3 new security cameras were installed – one at the Fire Station.
4. Additional property adjacent to Crown Hill Cemetery has been cleared and now being plated for burial sites.
5. Life Flights – membership not insurance. Patient must first pay deductible and whatever insurance does not cover will be covered by membership.
6. Recycling facility may be enlarged because of increased usage. A possible paint, etc return is a possibility. Chris will work on this.
7. Resurfacing and striping of roads is being studied. Some roads are not wide enough for striping.
8. Township has no noise ordinance at present.

Pres. Duffy introduces PIBPO Board and Trustees and asks for any ideas for future speakers or if anybody may be interested in serving.

Pres. Duffy asks for outstanding membership dues to be paid- \$25.00. This year the paid dues are down from last year. A need to increase membership would be helpful in establishing PIBPO as an organization with clout for any future problems concerning property owners.

Next PIBPO meeting being changed from Sept.17th to Sept.24th.

Attending members approved that future meetings be held at the Senior Center instead of Town Hall.

Meeting was adjourned by Pres. Duffy and seconded.

Meeting ended at 11:10am.

PIBPOA Meeting– May 20th, 2017

Meeting opened by President James Duffy.

Treasurer's Report: Balance - \$2154.15 approved and seconded

Secretary's report approved and seconded

President Duffy spoke about the following:

Introduced 2017 PIBPOA Board members:

President James Duffy

Trustees: Bill Slough

Vice President Bob Smith

John Titchener

Treasurer Joyce Slough

Jean Hilt

Secretary Barb Mehling

Doug Mehling

Web Master Kathy Spayde

Thanked Township Trustees for removing, storing and replacing signage.

Thanked Kathy Spayde for the superb job on the PIBPOA website.

Thanked Chief Steve Riddle for follow up on noise issues.

Announced that the new Gym on island is offering PIBPOA members a \$35.00/mo. membership fee instead of the \$50.00 normal charge.

Speakers:

Mayor Mack McCann:

1. Replacing water line on Victory Ave. Original estimate by Gov. officials was \$700,000 – probable costs to be \$300,000 when completed.
2. Purchased Stan Frederick property and will be used for police housing and parking. Portions of land possibly to be used by school and EMS.
3. Parking behind Town Hall to be limited to 3 hours.
4. Manhold on Delaware Ave. being upgraded.
5. Waterworks Department to install Ozone system – waiting for EPA recommendation for which system island needs.

Chief Steve Riddle:

1. Introduced Lt. Doug Miller who is in charge of training new officers. He has a Masters in Criminal Justice and was a medic in the Army.
2. 9 new officers this year. All are being acclimated to island and proper paperwork required by law. New officers will be with a Sr. Officer until deemed ready to be alone.
3. There are 4 Full-time officers.
4. Homes that have requested surveillance will be photographed to check for any changes during year while occupants are gone.
5. Any noise issues with docks or bars will be dealt with one at a time.
6. Body cameras are being used with more to be purchased.
7. 5-6 police agencies have been contacted to help on island for Memorial , July 4th, Xmas in July, and Labor Day weekends.
8. Zero tolerance for open containers will be enforced....no warnings first.
9. Chief Riddle's cell phone # 419 344 1998. Please call with any concern or problem. Will respond as quickly as possible.
10. Chief's objective is to keep island safe, address any problems and to regain respect for the Police department.

Township Trustee Chris Cooper:

1. New Fire Truck purchased from Sandusky is fully outfitted and ready for use. \$15,000.00 to outfit.
2. Fire hose testing being done. Helps to keep insurance rating down.
3. EMS has 2 new squads (used) fully fitted and inspected.
4. 3 new portable CPR machines purchased - \$20,000/each.
5. Roads are being inspected by County Engineers to identify which need paving.
6. Striping of all roads will be done after this inspection.
7. Crown Hill Cemetery now has nearly 400 new sites (including cremation). Plotting is now taking place.
8. Paint, batteries, etc. disposal is not done on island. Web site – RecycleOSS.net gives information and sites concerning this type of disposal.

9. Public township ice ramp needs major improving – possible grant money available .

Port Authority member Patrick Myers:

1. We are responsible for 3 Airports which are all recognized by the FAA.
2. Airports are open from dawn to dusk.
3. Qualify for Federal entitlement funds and can acquire equipment and fund projects at about 10 cents on the local dollar.
4. The airports are our largest expense and largest resource gatherer and potential for the islands economy.
5. The FAA funded trucks and plows clean the runways, village streets, county roads, Twp. Roads, and State Rt. 357.
6. The FAA funded tractors mow our Twp. Grasses and diminish brush from public access points and now do mowing for the Park District folks.
7. The FAA funded back hoes help in emergency tree removal, storm damage clean-up, and bury our dead at the cemeteries.
8. Marine side – improvements have been made to Twp. Lake access, to West Shore winter ice ramp, received improved Navigational lighting for marine traffic operating in our waterways, completed improvements to the main Middle Bass dock and built a ferry boat to serve the islands.
9. We have working partnerships with Boardwalk concerning the 80 Mooring buoys in the harbor – all are first come first serve.
10. Resource makers are: Golf Cart Terminal Operator...Erie cart rentals
Bi Plane Tour Operator, Helicopter Tour Operator, Jet Express 3, Middle Bass Dock, Put in Bay Road Race Reunion, 3W2 Pilots Association
11. 2017 projects – Tri Motor Hanger, North Bass improved dock accessibility and Island Promotions concert.

12. In the 90's the Funding Model was - 65% local property tax revenue
25% Marine and Harbor revenue
8% Airside revenue
2% Private resources

Today - 38% local property tax revenue
25% Marine and Harbor revenue
20% Airside revenue
15% Economical development/
Partnerships
2% Private resources

A larger variety of sources contributing to the pie.

President Duffy called on Kathy Spayde to give a quick talk on the PIBPOA website. PIBPOA.com

President Duffy asked for ideas for future speakers and reminded all to pay the yearly dues.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next PIBPOA meeting at the Senior Center is June 17th at 10:00am. Speaker to be announced.

June 17, 2017

PIBPOA meeting called to order by Pres. Jim Duffy.

Treasurer's report - \$2300.00 balance

Secretary's report approved.

Pres. Duffy asked attendees for suggestions for future speakers:

1. EMS – Life Flight information
2. Solar/wind power for island
3. Concert at airport – Aug.31st – plans, security and properties surrounding airport.
4. Lake Erie algae problem – Rep. Marcy Kaptor

Pres. Duffy asked attendees if PIBPOA should be more involved in island issues such as zoning, 1 island/ 1 government, etc. A show of hands suggested PIBPOA should take a more active role in island issues.

Reni Miller suggested PIBPOA pick an issue that we know we can have positive influence to show members we can make a difference.

Sponsoring a public forum concerning 1 island/1 government was another suggestion.

Joe Cerney suggested that Village Council be changed from 7 seats to 5 seats.

Pres. Duffy asked for volunteers to attend any island meetings over the winter so PIBPOA can be aware of issues and zoning changes that are brought forward and dealt with during the winter months.

Pres. Duffy introduced Peter Huston, Chamber of Commerce.

1. Lake Erie Foundation would like to address the PIBPOA members about how all the Lake Erie islands can work together and have more say with issues that concern them all.
2. Looking for sponsors to help with additional island signage.
3. Founder's Day – Pooch Parade cancelled this year – need a volunteer to take over for Bob Reuter for next year.

4. Chamber of Commerce looking to add 2 new Board members
5. Changes have been made as to how the Chamber can get its message across.
6. Xmas in July has been removed from the Chamber's calendar.
7. New version of island guide with an updated map is now available.
8. Now have an app updating all Chamber's events and information.
9. Using social media more to communicate better.
10. Actively going to community seeking what community needs or wants.
11. Need volunteers to help at Visitor Center – no set day or time.
12. Jet Express connecting the islands with Cedar Point allowing people to visit the islands while staying at Cedar Point.

Pres. Duffy introduced Kathy Spayde – PIB Garden Club

1. PIB Garden Club objective is the beautification of the island.
2. Responsible for the hanging flower baskets and new gardens in the village park. Planting, watering, May Fly protection, weeding of gardens and removal of baskets.
3. Responsible for the Village Beach plantings care and cleaning along with the village park service.
4. Volunteers are always needed to help with the above projects and any added in the future.
5. The website –[www. putinbaygardenclub.com](http://www.putinbaygardenclub.com) has the upcoming events scheduled for 2017.

Pres. Duffy introduced Lisa Brohl – Lake Erie Island Conservatory

1. Originally a chapter of the Black Swamp, the Lake Erie Island Conservatory – non-profit, was established in 2000 to preserve land on the islands.
2. 50 acres are now protected on PIB and Middle Bass Islands combined.
3. Newest addition is the Dodge Woods to be dedicated Aug.6th
4. Massie Cliffside Preserve was purchased with grants and has been cleaned up by volunteers. Hiking trails, fishing, etc. available.
5. Along with PIB Park District the Scheef East Point Nature Preserve was purchased in 2007 with the help of grants.

6. A Water Trail for canoeing or paddling around the islands is now open. A map showing the trail and stops is available. A grant from the Ohio Education Environmental Fund made this possible.
7. The Alaskan Wildlife Museum was purchased in 2012 by Lake Erie Conservatory and PIB Historical Society. A Building Fund was established to fund additions to the Museum which are needed for additional space for Nature camps and programming.
8. Pig Roast will be held Aug. 9th with the proceeds going toward the Building Fund.
9. Elder Hostel programs, Rhodes Scholar programs, Nature camps and Island Green Week are all part of Lake Erie Conservatory's activities.

All the above speakers were thanked for the information they provided for their organizations.

Pres. Duffy asked for the meeting to be adjourned – requested and seconded.

Next PIBPOA meeting is July 15th - 10:00am at the Senior Center.

Respectively submitted,

Barbara Mehling, secretary

July 15, 2017

PIBPOA meeting called to order by Vice-Pres. Bob Smith.

Treasurer's Report – 96 members - \$2335.15 balance. Read and approved.

Secretary's May minutes read and approved.

VP Bob Smith asks anyone not a member to become one...more members means a stronger say and impact for island issues.

VP Bob Smith introduces the speakers for today's meeting:

1. Lake Erie Foundation President Jim Stouffer
<http://www.lakeeriefoundation.org/>
2. Lakeside President/CEO Kevin Sibbring
<http://www.lakeside.org/>
3. Lake Erie Shores and Island Foundation President Larry Fletcher
<http://www.shoresandislands.com/>
4. Board member of Lake Erie Foundation Rick Graham
<http://www.lakeeriefoundation.org/>
5. Lake Erie Waterkeeper, Inc. Executive Director Sandy Bihn
<http://www.lakeeriewaterkeeper.org/>

All the above speakers talked mostly about alga blooms, the causes of and how to help prevent in the future. Memberships in the above organizations help increase the strength of the organizations to then have a more powerful voice that would help influence government officials at all levels. Donations are needed so that the work to keep Lake Erie clean can keep going.

Lake Erie is one of the world's largest and most productive freshwater natural resources. Millions of people each year enjoy Lake Erie's waters for swimming, fishing, boating, etc. Algae are natural components of marine and freshwater ecosystems and form the foundation of most aquatic food chains. Algae is the base of the food chain. When nutrients are in excess and the temperature of the water is elevated enough then potentially harmful cyanobacteria algal blooms occur. Phosphorus is a limiting nutrient that drives the bloom and nitrogen aids in bloom formation and can also determine its toxicity.

On Lake Erie, the primary sources of nutrient pollution are runoff of fertilizers and manure, failing septic tanks and sewage treatment plant overflows during major storm events.

Many projects are being implemented to keep nutrients in the soil instead of allowing them to flow into the lake.

1. Ohio (Senate Bill 150) is focusing on teaching and enforcing the 4R's of nutrient stewardship. <http://www.nutrientstewardship.com/what-are-4r's>
2. Ohio is helping communities and residents served by septic systems to understand the importance of systems maintenance and correct failing systems.
3. Ohio is a partner in various international agreements to reduce the amount of phosphorus flowing into the western Lake Erie basin by 40% by 2025.

Everyone can help by supporting legislation to increase monitoring of phosphorus levels in Lake Erie and its tributaries.

Use no-phosphorus fertilizer on lawns and gardens. The middle number, representing phosphorus, should be 0.

Avoid using products with a lot of phosphorus and nitrogen at home and at work.

Plant deep-rooted native plants along streams, lakes and exposed dirt areas to filter runoff and reduce erosion.

Regularly check and maintain septic systems.

The motto for the organizations is "OUR GREAT LAKE ERIE –FOR BUSINESS, FOR PLEASURE, FOREVER."

A question and answer period followed.

A motion to adjourn made by VP Bob Smith and seconded.

Next PIBPOA meeting will be Aug. 19h at the Senior Center... speakers to be announced.

Submitted by Secretary Barbara Mehling

PIBPOA Meeting - June 16, 2018

Vice President Bob Smith called the meeting to order @ 10:00am.

Treasurer's report: \$3600.00 balance as of 6/16/2018.

First speaker: Karen Wilhelm – PIB Librarian

Talked about the PIB Community Story Walk being constructed along the Dodge Woods Preserve Trail. This is being done through the PIB Park District with Julene Market and Lisa Brohl helping. About every 15 feet a post with a portion of the story is being erected. The final post will have a visitors book to sign. The story will be changed every 4-6 weeks. This story walk will promote outdoor learning through reading and literacy while encouraging families to exercise. The PIBPOA donated \$350.00 to purchase one post.

Second speaker: Peter Huston – Chamber of Commerce Director

Talked about replacing the directional signage destroyed at the airport on Langram plus possibly adding 3-4 more/ Park near Jet Express dock, Topsy Turvey, Perrys Cave and possibly in front of Peter's house. These signs will be made entirely of metal with larger wording and mileage to areas. The costs will be \$500 to \$600 per sign. PIBPOA will replace damaged sign. Contributions are needed for any others to be erected.

Third Speaker: Glenn Basting – New Village Administrator

Talked about starting as administrator and that his qualifications mainly deal with water and waste water plants and how to keep water supply available and safe to use. He also will be dealing with streets and parks. His office hours are Monday – Friday 8-4.

Fourth Speaker: Jessica Dress – President of Village Council

Talked about the danger of algae bloom in water supply and that the village is installing a temporary ozone unit at the cost of \$50,000. A permanent ozone unit will cost an estimated \$1.2 million. Looking to county and state for monetary help or grants.

Also talked about worker turnover at water plant and that hiring is occurring to replace these workers. Questions from floor were asked about expansion of water lines in township and replacement of old lines. Extremely costly with township property owners paying the costs of expansion. Old lines were being evaluated for repair or replacement.

Fifth speaker: Brad Ohlemacher – Chamber of Commerce President

Talked about the mission of the Chamber...Promote commerce on PIB

The one goal is working to have a safer and better outcome for Xmas in July. More support for the local police from the County and Sherriff departments is needed. The concert last year proved how official support helps keep everything in control. More funds are needed from County and State. Brad talked with Randy Gardner, Ohio Senator, and Mr. Gardner will be looking into this. State and County promote PIB as a destination but do not provide funds to help with issues that occur because of the influx of visitors to the island.

An open meeting with the public is scheduled July 9th at 1:00pm at the Miller dock Pavilion with County Commissioners. Brad asks all to attend and bring your concerns and questions.

Also, Brad talked about Verizon and the lack of cellular connections on the Island. A portable unit would increase connections and costs about \$7000. A friend of Brad's is a close friend of the President of Verizon and he is willing to talk to the President of Verizon about the cellular issues on the island.

Vice President Bob Smith thanked all the speakers for a very informative meeting and then adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting is July 21st at 10:00 at the Senior Center. Speakers will be announced prior to meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mehling, secretary

Aug.18, 2018

At 10:05 President Jim Duffy called the PIBPOA meeting to order.

Kate Ptak – speaking on behalf of LEINW Center about their programs – 8000 visitors annually

Trying to raise matching funds to build second phase of building project. Presently have \$17,000/
need \$60,000.

Pat Rogers -EMS

A check for \$300.00 was presented from the PIBPOA Board by Pres. Jim Duffy for support of their services.

Brad Ohlemacher – President of PIB Chamber of Commerce

Bd. Chamber met on Monday after “Xmas in July” weekend and formed a “Safe Island” task force to present a plan after Labor Day.

The plan will include the following:

1. Promotion – Put in Bay.org, Put in Bay.com – agreed NOT to promote “X’mas in July”
2. Legal – Hiring a Civil Rights lawyer. Trying to reach Tamika (promotor of groups and busses) but she is not answering calls. Will make a suggestion to her of 2 busses each weekend for 10 weeks.
3. Transportation – The golf cart rentals are the only businesses winning. Billy Market and Todd Blumenstadt are working on this and plan to hire a Civil Rights lawyer to help on solutions.
4. Protection – **Brad Ohlemacher states that we are basically underfunded. He is looking for funds to hire quality police long-term. The businesses are willing to help.**

Would like to hire 100 commissioned officers – Businesses will pick-up the tab. Also, the Chamber is interviewing media consultants to assist in media control.

Steve Riddle – Chief of PIB Police department.

Be prepared for weekends to change next year. There will be more State Troopers, Sheriff deputies and Liquor control present.

Websites that advertise bulk travel will be watched.

Traffic patterns will be rerouted and controlled.

37 DUI’s were issued – next year will be bringing more portable units to hold arrestees.

\$2500 for food to attending officers was only expense for PIB.

After many suggestions from attendees it was concluded that there are no “magic” solutions to solving the “Xmas in July” problems

President Jim Duffy thanked Chief Riddle for organizing support.

Next meeting is Sept. 22nd. New Board members will be elected.

Adjourned 10:52am.

May 19, 2019

President Jim Duffy opened the PIBPOA meeting by introducing the PIBPOA Board...Bill Slough, Bob Smith, John Titchner, Joe Cerny, Doug Mehling, Dave Gundlach, Gail McCracken, Sally Stuckey, Joyce Slough, Kathy Spayd and Barb Mehling.

Kelly Ferris gave a talk on 1 Island/1 Government...Village Commission has made a motion to create a Commission of 5 township representatives and 5 village representatives to be appointed and approved by island vote. This commission would have 1 year to study pros and cons with 1 Island/1 Government. Presently there are 170 people living in Village, 60 year-round with 70 positions to be filled. 20-25 years ago a study was done and could be updated to present time to re-evaluate 1 Island/1 Government. Upper islands do not have to be included if they so desire.

Brad Ohlemacher presented an overview of the "Xmas in July" weekend Task Force. Members present were Peter Huston, Chief of Police Steve Riddle, Patrick Meyers, Bill Market, Micheal Bell (former Mayor of Toledo) and Aaron Walker. The sub-committees are: Legal, Transportation, Protective and Message. The Task Force has met for 360 hours and realize there are no simple answers to the problems of that weekend. \$50,000 has been contributed by local businesses. Tomicha Williams, Promotor of the busses from Detroit met with Peter Huston and Michael Bell and was informed of the impact on island and the problems of that weekend. A line of open communication was developed and she is cooperating. Monitoring of social media about her promotion and operation and also any negative comments of island is conducted daily. No business is promoting "Xmas in July".

Bill Market, Chair of Transportation, is tracking every busy weekend. The last boat for Jet Express that weekend is 1:30am. Both boat lines are in communication with Tomicha and other tour promotors. Asking the promotors to stagger times of arrival and departures of busses. Also the busses will be met before unloading with rules to be followed while on island and expectations of behavior. Rules of driving golf carts will be on stickers on carts. No discounts on Saturday. All busses and visitors will be greeted with a welcome. Short term...a little less fun to turn weekends around.

A report from Eric Booker, chair of Legal Committee, reports that the island cannot sue the Tour promotors and expect a favorable ruling.

Steve Riddle, Police Chief and Chair of Protection talked about the improvements of the department: \$40,000 spent on new police vehicles, 4 new golf carts, 2 officers for data, 2 officers for squads and 1 officer as a sharp shooter. There will be zero tolerance of golf carts violating rules of operation. \$14,000 spent on new computer wiring and a new computer program to send traffic accidents and arrests faster. \$85,000 received from Village Council...\$15,000 for more officers on streets, bullet proof vests for officers and sending 5-7 officers to a boot camp dealing with crowd control. The traffic plan for busy weekends will include some streets to be shut down. The plan is still being worked out. "Xmas in July" weekend will see officers from Sheriff Department, Home Land Security, Drug and Liquor Control, U.S Coast Guard and State Park.

Michael Bell, former Mayor of Toledo, stated that he understood the problems arising on the island but that they have been occurring and increasing for several years. Businesses and Property owners need to get involved. The issues involve all but mostly the people of color. More diversity of people coming to island brings more problems and plans to address these problems are needed. Of the visitors coming to

island only 15% are of the asshole factor. If only a certain group of people are selected to eliminate, greater problems will arise. Monitor behavior of all people not color of people. Being negative will not solve the problems. Mr. Bell and friend Aaron Walker will continue to help in any capacity because of their love for PIB.

Patrick Meyers, Chairman of Message Committee, spoke of how beautiful PIB and Lake Erie Islands are and because we live here, we demand and expect respect for our islands from the visitors. All need to be on same page for expectations. Do not start Facebook fires with negativity. Signage is being developed about do's and don'ts for visitors and will be distributed on streets and on golf carts. First level employee training sessions on principles will be conducted through the Chamber of Commerce.

Peter Huston talked about social media and how negativity on it affects the islands. Visitors are the main source of income for the islands so please keep postings positive. Our motto should be "Firm but fair to all equally".

Questions and answers followed.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 by President Jim Duffy after thanking all who attended and all who spoke.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mehling, Secretary

June 15th, 2019

President Jim Duffy called the PIBPOA meeting to order at 10:05 am.

First speaker was Peter Huston who spoke about creating a "Splash Down Day" on July 20th to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 astronauts returning from the moon mission. This coincides with "Jeep weekend" and would be a perfect time to celebrate Ohioan's contributions to the nation. Help is needed to develop and bring this idea to conclusion. Also, the Safe Island Task force has suggested reusing the 'Ask Me' T-shirts and volunteers on busy weekends. Volunteers would work shifts during the day and early evening at Jet Dock, the Park and Tipper's parking lot.

Chief Steve Riddle then spoke and said that the evolving Traffic Plan for busy weekends is on the web. He asked that people on island avoid the village area as much as possible as to not contribute to traffic jams around park. Tour busses must notify Millers and Jet Express before arriving and that multiple busses would be staggered...no more than 1 bus load on each ferry. This allows more efficiency of scheduling officers when need is greater. On Mardi Gras weekend, 79 tickets were issued for fines of \$65.00 to \$265.00. 64 were paid immediately, the remaining 15 had warrant locks placed on their driver's licenses which cannot be renewed until fine is paid.

Open container laws allow for discretion therefore officers may ticket or ask the offender to empty and receive a warning. Chief Frank's force wrote 400 tickets in 2015. Chief Riddle's force wrote 800 in 2016 and in 2017 wrote only 400. The word about open containers is getting out to visitors. This year, golf carts are the target and zero tolerance will be followed by the officers. 3 police cars will be patrolling Langram looking mainly for unsafe drivers and/or seat belt violations.

The Ottawa Sheriff department will police the township while the village polices itself on busy weekends. 30 deputies will be on island on busy weekends with other agencies contributing 40 agents, some in plain clothes. Total of 30 village officers, 30 deputies in township and 40 additional agents policing the island. Chief Riddle does not think a portable jail is necessary because he has been able to use the ODNR boat to transport offenders off island instead of housing in island jail.

Jeff Koehler was present in place of Village Mayor and answered questions from attendees not from the point of view of the Council or Gazette, but of that of a long-time islander and observer.

First question raised the 1 Island/1 Government issue. Jeff answered that, at the moment, this was a long shot because neither the Township or Village Council seemed interested. The Township has questions as to how different problems would be solved and until these were answered no progress can be made. The proposed Commission of 10 (5 township -5 village) would be in charge of this but neither the Village or Township seem anxious to establish this Commission.

The next question asked about the City Manager. Jeff praised the efforts of the Council's administration but noted that they were being asked to answer engineering questions exceeding their training. In order to change to a city manager form of government, the Council would need to vote in favor of the issue or a citizen's petition signed by 10% of registered voters, would then enable the issue to be placed on ballot and voted. Only village voters would then decide in either case.

The big issue was water/sewer. Jeff expressed interest in bringing a water line from Ottawa county to island and referred to Joe Cerny's recent study of long-term costs of operating our own water

treatment plant versus costs of a waterline from mainland. The last Poggemeier study recommends the solutions at the end of the report. Water costs are rising and will continue because EPA first placed a new requirement of one operator from level I to level II. Now EPA requires two level II operators. Each mandate increases the cost of water from a small plant 1/10th the size of the mainland's.

The sewer solution is much better since (1) the present system has excess capacity and (2) the Council has approved a low- pressure system policy which might address the need of Toledo Ave., Shore Villas and Victory Ave. without lift stations.

Pres. Jim Duffy thanked all of the speakers and asked the property owners to decide which issue they would be most interested in the Board to concentrate on. After much discussion, the membership decided by voice vote to concentrate on the water issues.

The meeting was adjourned by Pres. Duffy at 11: 20am.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mehling, Secretary

PIBPOA July 20, 2019

Jim Duffy presiding.

Attendance 45

Peter Huston announced:

Jeep Show

Monument Event is honor of 50th Anniversary of Landing on the Moon

Request for "Ask Me" volunteers for the July 27th weekend. Peter gave an overview of security plans for the handling of this busy weekend.

Leigh and Tom LaPlante presented a product for internet connection on the island. Mi2, PIBwifi.com They will have several plans to choose from providing "high-connectivity" for the whole island. Basic one-time installation is \$149 with a \$49/monthly + tax.

Jim Duffy introduced Keria Stanislawczya, a Water Quality Research Technician at OSU Stone Laboratory. Overview of the issues she discussed:

- 1) Microcystas produce toxins/blue algae. Monitored by the yellow buoy between Stone Lab and Gibraltar
- 2) Charter Captains Project – Samples are collected each Monday from fishing charter captains who collect at varied sites in the lake. The lab reports results back to be reported to charter fishing customers.
- 3) NOA Labs – reports predictions about the toxicity of algae blooms.
- 4) Stone Lab does regular site specific sampling for algae and chemicals.
They run experiments with adding chemicals to monitor the algae uptake.
They are looking for solutions to HAB Harmful Algae Blooms
- 5) Water treatment testing is conducted at PIB, Kelleys Island and Middle Bass to monitor microcystins.

Keira opened the floor for questions: well-water safety; filtration systems at PIB; Predictions for Algae Bloom 2019; 4 R program (right rate, right place, right product, right ??? (she couldn't remember at that moment); Goal – 40% Phosphorous reduction and OSU programs of research/implementation; "Captive Animal Farms" and manure issues; Detroit "breakdowns" and Maumee River flows that affect the south shore of Lake Erie; Water treatment plants – Overwhelmed or mitigated?; How is this all funded?

John Tichener reported that documents, reports and grant potentials are all available from various governmental agencies. Kathy Spayde (PIBPOA webmaster) noted that many of these documents are posted online at PIBPOA.com

Chief Steve Riddle gave the numbers for safety employees for the July 27th weekend:

30 deputies, 30 PIB police, 14 Task-Force personnel, 5 Ohio State troopers,
4 Federal agents, 14 Coast Guard personnel.

Taxi-drivers will use Main Street (behind the Depot); Delaware will be closed.

Tour train routes have been changed.

Jim thanked everyone for being at this meeting. He asks that "each one bring in one new member" for the next meeting. He asked for speaker/subject suggestions.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Dianne Smith took the minutes.

August 18, 2019

PIBPOA meeting called to order by Pres. Jim Duffy

Speakers: Brad Ohlemacher, Todd Blumensaadt, Police Chief Steve Riddle, Kathi Spayde

Brad talked about the "Safe Island Task Force" and effect it had on the non "Xmas in July" weekend and what was done right:

1. The "Task Force" was formed after last years' "Xmas in July". All businesses agreed to stop promoting "Xmas in July". Patrick Meyers asked former Mayor of Toledo, Michael Bell and Aaron Walker, both black, to help with the Task Force and they never missed a meeting.
2. Michael Bell and Peter Huston talked with the bus promoters in person and informed them that all are welcomed to PIB but laws and rules need to be followed or possible action could occur against them.
3. Development of traffic plans to control street usage in Village.
4. Enhanced Island communications between Task Force, police and islanders.
5. Text alert system established.
6. Signage for Island and stickers for golf carts stating the rules to be followed by visitors were made and posted.
7. Media training day held.
8. Show of force was enhanced that weekend. Less "fun" for the visitors.
9. Ongoing social media monitoring to stem negativity about Island.
10. Golf cart renters informing police of number of rentals for busy weekends so appropriate force can be scheduled.
11. Miller boat line and Jet Express asking promoters to schedule arrival of busses so orderly arrivals can be dealt with on boats.

Need to continue to do:

1. Keep "Safe Island Task Force" active.
2. Get stickers on all golf carts.
3. Keep communicating laws and rules to visitors.
4. Keep educating employees of Island rules and regulations.
5. Keep positive comments on social media. Over 700,000 people can currently be reached by social media.
6. Promote visitations during week as family oriented and weekends more adult.

Brad talked about "Bash on the Bay" and answered questions from audience.

1. Tim Niese (promoter) has established a "War room" to deal with any emergency and has established an exit plan if needed.
2. A total of 300 security will be patrolling the concert site. This will include mounted horses and drug and bomb sniffing dogs.
3. The Sheriff of Ottawa County will be in charge of the Township and Chief Riddle will be in charge of Village.
4. Langram Road will be closed to golf carts and cars. Only taxis, busses and law enforcement will be permitted.

5. Almost 15,000 tickets have been sold compared to 7500 for last year.

Todd Blumensaadt was next speaker and talked about the changes the Jet Express has made to handle visitors and crowds at docks.

1. Have spent almost \$600,000.00 on social media to promote visitation to Island during week. No advertising for weekends.
2. Tickets are only sold in Port Clinton, Sandusky and Kelleys Island. No tickets are sold on PIB.
3. All tickets have times for boarding to and from Island. Will not allow boarding before unless boats are not full.
4. No jets leaving PIB after 12:15am unless needed to get visitors off.
5. All 4 boats will be operating from PIB dock during "Bash on the Bay"

Police Chief Steve Riddle talked next about 2018 "Xmas in July" compared to 2019 weekend.

1. 2018 - 104 arrests. 2019 – 13 arrests, 1 open container.
2. Show of force was large compared to number of visitors this year.
3. Golf carts that were illegally parked were moved by police and ticketed.
4. Busses could not get booked by promoters this year because so many were trashed in 2018, keeping numbers down this year.
5. \$15,000 - \$25,000 is spent on busy weekends for staffing.
6. Trying to work with Sandusky Register to establish a better relationship between the paper and the police department. Communications are opening up and paper is aware that names cannot be given out for public to read.
7. The radios used by department are not working well and the situation is being fixed. New wiring and antennas are being installed. Newer radios are needed.

Kathi Spayde was the final speaker and she gave a projected talk on how to navigate the website PIBPOA.com. This was extremely helpful in how to navigate the website and it showed the large amount of information available on the site. A thank you was given to Kathi for all her work in establishing and maintaining the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

Next meeting is September 28, 2019 at Senior Center at 10:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mehling, Secretary

September 28, 2019

PIBPOA MEETING

Meeting called to order by Jim Duffy at 11:05 am.

Secretary minutes and Treasurer report (\$2472.54) were accepted.

Jim introduces candidates present: Village Mayor – Jessica Dress and Judy Berry
Township trustee – Chris Cooper

First question asked – “What are your qualifications and experience for the position of Mayor?”

Jessica – Graduate of Ohio State University with honors. Newspaper reporter for Sandusky Register. Resident of PIB for 6 years. Postal service past 5 years. 4 years as a Village Councilman. Mayor of Village Council since February, 2019. I consider myself as a leader that is honest, accountable, transparent with quiet initiative and firm decision- making abilities.

Judy – Worked for Sears for 20 years, the last 10 as Dept. Manager. Full-time resident of PIB for 24 years. 1985 built and managed the Perry Holiday Inn. 1990 built and managed Bay Lodging Resort. Managed a 5 bed Bed and Breakfast, managed the PIB Winery and served as Recreational Manager at Crew’s Nest. Served on Chamber of commerce Board for 4 years – President for 2 years. Village council for 4 years and was Mayor.

Second question – “What are the biggest issues facing Village or Township?”

Jessica - 1. Stability of Police Department

2. Housing for officers

3. Budgeting for long core projects.

4. Increase size of Village through zoning – revisit land use plan.

5. Intra-structure needs updating.

6. Updating receipts from Resort tax needs to occur.

Judy – 1. Water

2. Safety

3. Working with businesses to help educate visitors of island rules.

Chris – 1. Shoreline protection for all islands.

2. Road paving for all islands.

3. Recycling

Third question – “What are the greatest successes of the village and island?”

Jessica – 1. Noise issue has been brought under control.

2. Better protection of island in better written policies and laws.

3. Increase of business help for all area of island

4. Appointment of a motivated long-term Village Administrator

Judy – 1. Expansion of water and waste plants.

2. Better communication and volunteering.

Chris – 1. Island Task Force- Xmas in July weekend

2. Keeping tax payer costs down by using grants.

Questions from audience - “In favor of One Island- One Government?”

Jessica and Judy – Yes Chris – No

Village and Township doing own study of One Island, One Government.

“in favor of Village expansion?”

Jessica and Judy – Yes Up to property owners to do so.

“What will either of mayor candidates do about Bathing Beach?”

Both replied that proper equipment is needed to keep beach clean. Grants would help in costs of maintaining beach. Possibly contracting to local business could be a solution to costs.

“What can be done to make businesses comply with resort tax?”

Monies are controlled through the State. Village cannot see what businesses pay and what businesses do not pay. Only by asking for an audit by State can make businesses comply. Need to keep fair for all businesses to comply.

Jim Duffy thanked the candidates for responding to questions and informing PIBPOA about their ideas concerning the positions they are seeking.

Jim also thanked the Island Task Force for all their time and efforts concerning the safety of the island and hope they will continue their work.

Jim thanked Kathi Spayde for her work on the PIBPOA website and Gail McCracken for keeping the PIBPOA going when problems had arisen in past years.

Gail McCracken asked that the By-Laws be changed from having 9 trustees to 12 since there are 11 trustees serving and the number needed to be divided by 3. The vote by showing of hands was passed. Elections were held and Doug Mehling, John Titchener and Dave Gundlach were elected to a 3 year term and Bill Boag was nominated and accepted as the 12th trustee.

Jim then asked members what issues the PIBPOA Board should investigate over the winter.

1. One Island – One Government
2. Golf cart rentals – how many more can island have and how to make renters comply with laws.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Mehling, Secretary

July 18, 2020 - PIBPOA meeting Perry's Cave Shelter 9:00 60 attending

Meeting called to order by President Bob Smith

Secretary's report accepted and Treasurer reported a balance of \$4429.94.

Speakers: Interim Police Chief Jim Kimble and EMS Patrick Rogers

Chief Kimble: 27 years working at Sheriff's department of Wood County in various roles. 3 years working as a U.S. Marshall in Federal Court House.

Came to PIB after a phone call from Ottawa County Sheriff telling him of PIB needs and asked him to come and see if interested in becoming Police Chief of island. Accepted after consulting wife and family. Been here 4 weeks and finds the islanders to be accepting and welcoming.

The following are the main points of his presentation:

Improving and updating department procedures, paperwork and proper writing of citations to be turned into Ottawa County Prosecutor.

Providing training of new officers and updating training of old officers. Working on improving communication skills and training officers to use their communication skills to diffuse problems before using handcuffs, tasers or guns. Also providing training in racial relations. Show and treat people with respect.

Warnings to be given first but no second chance.

Noise levels will be enforced.

Having attorneys from Ottawa County show officers how to write up golf cart violations.

Mapping out zones in Village and Township for officers to be patrolling daily, providing Township more police presence.

Has been approached by other agencies as to how they can help with the problems on PIB and are willing to help in any way needed. Custom/Border Patrol offering extra equipment.

Increased drug enforcement to be implemented.

A mock court to be held to help officers know how to testify and show them how a court session works, giving them the needed training for appearing in court.

When asked how the islanders can help him and officers, he replied, "Make the officers feel they are part of the community. Keep supporting us."

5 new radios have been bought. A grant for Razors has been submitted. Razors are faster than golf carts. Body cameras and armor are ok.

If islanders see improper behavior...do not address problem but call police station to report. #419-285-4121. Do not call 911!!!

EMS Patrick Rogers reported on last weekend testing – 994 tests given, 66 positive, 30 tests not yet reported. No shutdown of businesses because below 10% positivity.

Patrick asked attendees to wash hands frequently and always wear masks in public. Also get any information on CoVid from medical experts, not from Facebook or other social sites.

If you have symptoms of cough, fever, head or body aches and/or loss of smell and taste STAY HOME! EMS cannot treat you. If breathing problems start then call 911.

Chamber of Commerce provides list of businesses where CoVid has occurred.

Ottawa Health Department has a new commissioner and he is doing a great job of dealing with testing, etc. Could be coming back to island for further testing to include islanders. The health department is doing follow-up on positive cases to quarantine for 10 days. They cannot do tracing and do not require a positive test to go back to work.

If islanders see businesses or workers not following proper procedures take a picture and send to Health Department.

Address signs are available at EMS if needed for your property. They will deliver the signs if needed.

President Bob Smith thanked the speakers for a very informative program.

The attendees were asked what issues to be discussed or speakers to talk.

1. Village Mayor
2. Township Trustee
3. County Auditor
4. State Park – boat ramp
5. Safe Task Force

The next PIBPOA meeting to be held August 22,2020. Site, time and speakers to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary Barb Mehling

August 22, 2020 – PIBPOA meeting Perry's cave Shelter 9:00am - 35 attending

Meeting called to order by President Bob Smith

No Treasurer's Report

Secretary's minutes of last PIBPOA meeting read and approved

Speakers: Judy Berry, Village Council member and Jennifer Widmer, Ottawa Co. Auditor

Judy Berry talked about the 2020 Census and that only 15% of PIB residents had complied. She handed out instructions with two options for seasonal owners to complete even though they may have already done so for primary residences. This is extremely important for the Village and Township so monies can be appropriated properly in the next 10 years. Without proper representation of people, the Island will have less monies to support Police and Fire Departments, etc.

Judy also talked about the problem with golf carts on Island. Talks are ongoing with golf cart businesses to solve problems occurring with rentals. As of today, there are 3000 golf cart rentals plus those privately owned. Businesses are part of the problems, so need to be part of solutions. A possible auxiliary police department is being discussed to help serve as additional eyes for Island police, not to enforce but to inform of wrongdoing. Other options are being discussed but nothing determined yet.

Jim Duffy introduced Jennifer Widmer, Ottawa Co. Auditor. She is serving first term, elected in 2018. A re-evaluation of Island properties will occur starting Jan. 1st, 2021. Jennifer discussed how the county does the re-evaluations. 3 appraisers, who have been with county for 20 years, will be conducting the process. The reappraisals are determined by the following:

1. Sales from last 3 years (2018-2020)
2. Geographic location
3. Appropriation taxes
4. Age of structures

Any properties which sold at a higher cost than the purchase price will have increased property taxes. Any school system can have taxes increased if the selling price was higher than purchase price before evaluations occur. School taxes are 70%. There is no maximum for what is increased in any year. The State sets the tone on rates which are determined by the "Market ratio" – appraisal divided by sales price.

The Auditor's office is always available for any questions or concerns and functions apolitically. They strive to get appraisals correct. 2 handouts were given to attendees that show the "neighborhoods" and show how assessed values for real estate taxes have increased for the last 20 years. South Bass Island Township went from \$47 million to \$94 million. The Village went from \$21 million to \$50 million.

Question: How long can an owner go without paying taxes? Answer – no set time, only when an amount is reached will county start procedure to settle or foreclose. County has a "Land Bank" which can purchase properties, tear down structures and resell property or can turn properties over to Banks to foreclose and resell. If a mortgage exists, then Bank bears costs and forecloses.

President Bob Smith thanked Judy and Jennifer for very informative presentations.

The Senior Center has been informed by State that it can open September 21st with restrictions.

Attendees were asked what organizations PIBPOA should grant monies.

Police department, EMS, Nature Conservatory were suggested.

Attendees were then asked what speakers and/or topics they would like to have discussed at last PIBPOA meeting in September. Police Chief update on season and Safety Task Force to inform PIBPOA what changes were implemented because of CoVid 19 were suggested.

President Smith asked for a motion to adjourn. John Titchener raised the motion, Dave Gundlach seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Mehling, secretary

At 9:00 am, President Bob Smith called meeting to order. Approximately 45 people were in attendance. Bob thanked Perry's Cave for providing a Covid-19 compatible meeting space for PIBPOA meetings during 2020.

Treasurer's report and Secretary's minutes were read and approved.

The speakers for today's meeting will be Jake Market, Captain Mark Hammer and Mike Drusbacky.

Jake Market gave a brief summary concerning the new passenger boat "The M/V MaryAnn". Jake spoke about why the Market family decided to build a new passenger and car ferry in 2017. Mainly to replace the Islander (1983) so it can be used only when needed. The M/V Maryann will be similar to the Put in Bay but built with more attention to passenger comfort. There will be AC and 2 bathrooms in a wheel chair accessible lower cabin and wider steps and 2 bathrooms on second deck. Elliott Bay Design Group, with 120 year experience, was chosen to build the ferry and hopefully the M/V MaryAnn can be delivered to PIB Spring of 2021. The ferry will be able to carry 600 passengers and 28 cars or 5 semis and is being built in 11 sections that are welded together and inspected by the Coast Guard.

Captain Mark Hammer, a veteran of the Perrysburg police and Lucas County Sheriff's office was asked by Chief Kimble to assist PIB Police. He talked about many concerns and problems concerning PIB. Golf carts are becoming a huge problem for the police to deal with, mainly because of the large number of carts available on Island, both rental and private, and the small police force dealing with them. The PIB police cannot ticket every violation due to the costs involved. Open containers are being dumped and violators given a warning, 2nd offense arrested. More man power is needed on the weekends.

Mike Drusbacky, Deputy Director of Ottawa County Emergency Management Agency talked about what the agency is able to do during an emergency. There are 4 phases of emergency: mitigation, preparation, response and recovery. The agency does not have first responders but is an insurance policy and will always coordinate communication between involved agencies. Any isolated population

should be self-sufficient concerning food, water, heat, etc. if first responders are denied access to location during an emergency. Plans are made and updated concerning any emergency and exercises and drills are occurring regularly. He then advised us what we can do during an emergency. 1) use cell phones to provide information to appropriate agency 2) be self-sufficient concerning food, water, and have enough medications on hand 3) use private boats to get people off island 4) know your neighbors and give help if needed.

President Bob Smith thanked the speakers for their very informative talks and presentations. He also thanked the Volunteer Fire Department and EMS for their services and presented each a \$750 check from the PIBPOA Board.

Dianne Smith announced that the Senior Center would not open in September and probably would remain closed until the Covid restrictions are lifted by Ottawa County Health Department.

New Business: Judy Berry has accepted to fill vacant spot on PIBPOA Board.

The meeting was adjourned by motion and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Mehling, Secretary

At 9:00am, President Bob Smith called meeting to order. Approximately 60 people were in attendance. Bob thanked the Perry Cave for allowing PIBPOA to use the picnic shelter for meeting.

Treasurer's report was read. \$5,387.94 in account. Report was approved and seconded. Secretary's minutes from September, 2020 were approved and seconded.

New news: Bob announced that the Homeland Security Agency is willing to give tours. A show of hands indicated majority in favor to tour the agency. Bob will work out details and announce the plans when ready.

Bob also talked about PIBPOA possibly helping police in some capacity with the crowds coming to Island. Because of CoVid-19, the pent-up energy has caused many problems this year. If you see something wrong occurring, report to police with as many facts as possible.

The speakers for today's meeting will be Mayor Jessica Dress, Township Trustee Chris Cooper, EMS Patrick Rogers and Police Chief Jim Kimble.

Jessica began talking about how the Village is dealing with reopening after the CoVid-19 shut down last year. Getting workers has been very difficult but Village Dock and Bath House workers were hired and they are doing a great job working the docks and keeping the Bath House clean. Safety issues are also a big concern so ideas concerning golf carts and crowd safety is a top priority. The village is reaching out to business owners to help. A 10:00 pm curfew for golf carts within the village has been recommended and will be pursued. Also, businesses were asked to possibly change the music being played. More police officers need to be hired for increased security. Last year had 15, this year 6. One new officer was recently hired.

Suggestions from attendees were: 1) golf carts should have renting business sign on carts so can be identified properly, 2) need more police patrolling in township, 3) Make streets around park 1-way, 4) could a fund

be available for golf cart complaints to cover costs of arrests, 5) could a separate phone # be funded to handle golf cart complaints. Jessica will consider the suggestions and bring before Council.

Chris Cooper gave a list of what Township is working on.

1. Have signed an agreement to purchase the Frederick land behind EMS to improve coming and going of EMS traffic and to provide more storage capabilities.
2. Catawba will be paved and widen from the Goat to Joe's bar this Fall and Langram paved next year. Ottawa County will be doing the paving.
3. The Township Trustees will be paying for more police protection in township.
4. Work at cemeteries to replace pillars and fencing will be done.
5. A new mower has been purchased to cut grass in cemeteries.
6. Road crews are working hard to keep streets and roads cleared after storms and waste block is being purchased for all islands to stop erosion. Total cost is \$1 million. \$640,000 grant was obtained toward the cost.

Chris was asked if the Township has a noise ordinance. He answered that there is no noise ordinance because the Township, not being Home-ruled, cannot make its own rules.

A question about fish guts was asked and Chris explained that the Fish box on Trenton is removed during hot weather because of smell. Costs are \$2000 to empty and clean each time. Different possible solutions are being investigated. Have to work with EPA and State.

Patrick Rogers, EMS was introduced and thanked for his considerable help in getting Ottawa County Health Department to fly to PIB with CoVid-19 vaccine starting last January. Patrick announced that EMS is now doing blood draws. Reservations are required. 10 new EMT's have been hired for this season. Life Flight membership applications are available at the EMT office. \$75/individual, \$100/family. Works with your insurance. If deductible is paid, no cost to member. EMS will have TeleMed connection with doctors available for islanders.

Police Chief Kimble announced that ATT now operates all calls to Police station including 911 calls. Verizon was dropped because they never installed another cell tower on Island after promising to do so. More police officers are needed but very hard to hire. New recruits need to buy own gun, uniforms, etc. Also, all police stations nationwide are dealing with smaller number of cadets graduating from Academies. Chief Kimble has asked for a 10:00pm curfew on all golf carts within Village - rented or private. Safety concern is reason for request. Because the number of rented golf carts has continued to increase each year, Chief Kimble has asked businesses to reduce the number they rent. Driving drunk and beeping horns unnecessarily will no longer be tolerated. Additional police help from Highway Patrol, Sheriff Department and Home Land Security will be on the Island weekends. One way traffic around Village Park will start this weekend. Because of limited Jail space, Coast Guard will escort arrestees off Island and Sheriff Department will pick up on mainland to be incarcerated. Chief Kimble made it very clear that the PIB Police department is lacking in vital equipment and if islanders can help in any way it would be very appreciated.

President Bob Smith thanked all the speakers for very informative talks.

Next PIBPOA General meeting will be July 24th...hopefully at the Senior Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mehling, Secretary

At 9:00am, President Bob Smith called meeting to order. Approximately 60 people were in attendance. The Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were approved and passed.

The following speakers presented information concerning their respective Club or Organization.

A: Kathy Schrader spoke for PIB Garden Club.

1. Established in 2009 as a non-profit 501 organization dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the beauty of South Bass Island.
2. 7 gardens and the hanging baskets in the Village parks have been established since 2009 and are funded and maintained by the members.
3. The PIB beach beautification project continues and members work with the Village to maintain the beach.
4. Funds are raised through membership dues, sponsoring garden related field trips and hosting Home and Garden tours.
5. Monthly meetings on horticulture topics are held for members from May-September.
6. The website is www.putinbaygardenclub.com

B. Dick Bliss spoke for the Antique Car Parade.

1. The non-profit Club was established by the late Skip Duggen who wanted an Antique car parade every Sunday and every holiday.
2. \$10.00 yearly membership fee
3. Car must be at least 25 years old to join

C. Dave Frederick spoke for American Legion Scheibel-Downing Post 542

1. Established in 1921...this year being the 100th year celebration
2. Post 542 has members on South, Middle and North Bass Islands.
3. Conduct graveside services with rifle volley and taps and maintains flag displays on veteran graves.

4. Visits are made to the Veteran Home in Sandusky.
5. On June 14th, Flag Day, old, worn or damaged flags that are turned into the Post are destroyed by a proper burning ceremony.
6. Post 542 sells any size of American flags and flag poles.
7. Has programs for disabled vets, Health care in and out of hospitals, widow – orphan benefits, children education through local schools, “Patriotism” essay program, scholarships, Boys and Girls State.
8. Maintain the Dough Boy statue and garden and the 57 mm gun in Village Park.

All veterans on the islands are invited to join Post 542.

D. Rene Fultz spoke for the Nature Center.

1. The Nature Center just completed a renovation of adding 1000 sq. feet for offices and meeting areas plus renovating existing rooms and displays.
2. A turtle pond, a wild life window and an active Bee Hive were added.
3. Nature Camps are conducted every year and “Wild Tuesdays” talks occur every week from 1:00-3:00.
4. “Island Green Week” is Aug. 7-15th.
5. Road Scholar “Lake Erie Birding the Shores and Islands” will be Sept. 12-17 for PIB and Oct. 24-29 for Kelley’s Island.

Volunteers are always welcomed to help with any of our programs or just answer questions from visitors.

E. Peter Huston spoke about Great Lakes Island Alliance.

1. A non-profit organization which encourages relationship building, fosters information exchange and leverage resources to address shared challenges and embrace opportunities to benefit islands.
2. The 2021 Alliance Summit will be held on Put in Bay Oct. 3-6. With a \$35,000 budget, donations by sponsors and donors are needed.

3. Any island resident can participate in the 4day summit...cost \$100.00 for entire summit.

4. 6 scholarships are available to participate.

F. Kelly Farris spoke about the PIB Township Park District which was affirmed by General election in 2007.

1. 3 Commissioners serve...Kelly Farris, Lisa Brohl and Kendra Koehler

2. PIB Township Park district is dedicated to protecting and preserving unique areas that enhance the heritage of the Lake Erie Islands.

3. Partner with LEIC, OSU and NPS.

4. Over 116 acres are now protected in natural state forever.

G. Lisa Brohl spoke about the Lake Erie Island Conservatory , non-profit

1. Was originally part of the Black Swamp in 1993 and became LEIC in 2015.

2. LEIC is dedicated to preserving land on all islands for future generations.

3. In last few years, Cooper Woods and Benjamin Woods Preserves have been protected. Aug. 8th a dedication of the Benjamin Woods will occur.

4. The Middle Bass Music Festival is a fund raiser for LEIC.

5. \$50,000 grant was just received for wild life services.

6. New members are always welcomed.

H. Jack Bergman spoke about the Perry group which was established in 1984 as a non-profit which would educate, promote and perpetuate the history of the 1813 Lake Erie Battle

1. Harold Heinrich, Industrialist and historian, had a dream to promote the Battle of Lake Erie and to preserve and promote the history of the Battle in connection with the Park Services.

2. Heinrich drew plans for a Visitor Center and housing for Park employees.

3. Through Government funds and local donations the Center and housing was built.

4. Perry Group is sponsoring 2 events...Aug. 11th, a viewing of the rising moon from the top of the monument and Sept. 10th a ride on Jet Express to site of Battle to lay a wreath. Cost for ride is \$55.00/person and includes complimentary snacks. Cash bar available.

5. Plans for a 2023 "Bicentennial + 10" are being worked up.

I. Bob Smith spoke about the Lake Erie Island Historical Society.

1. Aug.5th an Island Auction will be held at the Heineman Winery starting at 4:00.

2. The "Resale Shop" is run by the LEIHS by volunteers.

3. New members are welcomed.

President Bob Smith announced that a tour of Homeland Security building is now on hold because of Co-Vid 19 variant.

50/50 winner was Jim O'Donnell - \$46.00

A handout of Golf Cart Rental logos and phone numbers were given to members to use if problems with golf carts occur and need to be reported to proper rental companies.

Next PIBPOA meeting will be Aug, 28th...speakers TBA

Meeting adjourned by first and second motions.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mehling, Secretary

Minutes for the August 28th, 2021 PiBPOA Meeting

President Bob Smith called the 39 members in attendance at the Perry Cave Shelter House to order at 9:06 a.m. He thanked Perry's Cave for allowing the association to once again use the outdoor shelter house.

A motion to suspend the reading of the July minutes was made, seconded and passed unanimously. Treasurer Joyce Slough reported a balance of \$4374.94.

There was no Old Business. New Business consisted of the reports of Barbara Rowles for Perry's Monument, Rich Hahn for the Road Race Reunion Committee and Deacon Jim O'Donnell of Mother of Sorrows.

Superintendent Rowles described the seawall restoration project, 2022 to 2023 which will rebuild the sea walls and increase the height of the North sea wall. In 2023 construction will require running the power cables to East Point and Middle and North Bass temporarily above ground. In 2023/4 the Upper Plaza will be rebuilt.

Mr Hahn passed out posters, programs and race schedules for the 2021 Reunion races which will include 100 racing cars and 50 street exhibition cars. Each year is better than the one before and is supported almost entirely by entry fees (\$450) and volunteer contributions and labor. He noted the restrictions organizers face: cars must be insured while on the island, emergency services must be available (if the EMS is called away the races must be temporarily halted), 800 hay bales must be acquired as well as 50 radios and numerous fire extinguishers etc. He asked for short-term volunteers (such as flaggers for 4:30 to 5:30 on the Tuesday Old Course Parade) and longer term volunteers to assist with the planning committees.

Deacon O'Donnell remembered the tragic events of December 12, 1983 which led to the construction of the Memorial Carillon and reported on efforts to maintain it. A tree which obscured the view and may have silenced a bell has been removed. Despite lightning damage the bells are all functional and repairs to the music system have been undertaken.

Bob announced that the September meeting would be held on September 18th at the Perry Cave Shelter House at 9:00 a.m. and would include the election of new members to the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

John Titchener, Secretary *pro tem*

Minutes of the PiBPOA general meeting of September 24, 2021

President Bob Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00. 27 members attended. A motion was passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. Treasurer Joyce Slough reported a balance of \$3203.97

Bob introduced Mother Mary Staley who asked what an islander is and suggested a more current category: New Wave Islanders. These are people who are committed to and experienced with the island as determined by a many questioned quiz. Tee shirts available.

Sgt Mike Wheeler reported for the police department which will have two new cruisers and five full time officers on the island in the winter. A new breathalyzer will determine blood alcohol content immediately and will allow permit real time ticketing. All officers will take a week long training course on Standard Operating Procedure next spring

Lisa Brohl detailed the vandalism along the Book Trail. Jody Anderson described art projects involving her PIBHS students and island seniors. Kathi Spayde read the statement of purpose for the UNITED PiB committee and asked those interested to contact a member of the committee: Joe Cerny, Rudy Cooks, Jeff Grantham and Kristi Ontko.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to thank retiring treasurer Joyce Slough and retiring trustee Gail McCracken. Guy Guidone and Jeff Grantham have been nominated to replace them and their cv's posted on the website. There were no additional nominees from the floor. Nominations were closed. A motion to accept Guidone and Grantham by acclamation was passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn before it rains passed unanimously at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Titchener,

Secretary *pro tem*

At 10:00 am, Pres. Bob Smith called meeting to order. Approximately 35 people were in attendance. The Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were approved and passed by first and second motions.

The following speakers, Jennifer Widmer- Co. Auditor, Peter Huston and Lisa Brohl were introduced by Pres. Bob Smith.

Jennifer talked about how and why property taxes in Ottawa County were recently re-evaluated.

1. Every 6 years the State requires a re-evaluation of properties with an update every 3 years.
2. The State asked for a 20% increase...Ottawa County did 15%.
3. New values of properties sold is based on 92% of sales prices.
4. Values of all homes rely on recent sales in area. High and low values are usually not used to establish taxes for surrounding properties.
5. Ottawa Co. does fly overs every 2-3 years to re-evaluate properties for improvements, etc. New constructions are flagged.
6. Property taxes are determined 3 ways -"on water, see water, smell water".
7. For 1 year after a re-evaluation of properties, a school district can ask for another re-evaluation if many sales have occurred within the district.
8. Vacant properties, buildable or not, are a large issue in Ottawa Co.

Peter Huston, Project manager for Great Lakes Islands Alliance, talked about how and why the alliance formed.

1. 19 year- round island communities within the Great Lakes have formed this alliance to encourage relationship building, foster information exchange and leverage resources to address shared challenges and embrace opportunities to benefit islands.
2. Within this alliance, islands can discuss any concerns and share possible solutions that will help their island and possibly help other islands also.
3. Some concerns include – access to healthcare, growth and capacity planning, recycling and trash, aging in place, transportation, retention of employee and families.

Peter also talked about the summit occurring October 2-5, 2022 which is being hosted by the Lake Erie Islands. He asked for PIB members to become involved and register to attend. For more information visit www.glialliance.org

Lisa Brohl talked about the Lake Erie islands Conservancy and the latest project of Pollination.

1. The PIB Park district now has 125 acres on Middle and South Bass Islands conserved with new trails being established on both islands.
2. Recently a \$50,000 grant was received from Fish and Wildlife dept. for pollination of native plants to attract the Rusty patched Bumblebee and Monarch Butterflies to Middle and South Bass islands.
3. Lisa asked if anyone would be interested to set aside some property, for this project to contact her. There is no restriction on size of property.
4. LEIC would prep and seed the property.
5. A 10 year property agreement for owner to mow 1x/year would be required.
6. www.lakeerieislandsconservatory.org or E-Mail: leiconservancy@gmail.com

Pres. Bob Smith thanked all the speakers for a very informative meeting.

Next PIBPOA general meeting will be June 25th, Saturday at the senior Center at 10:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mehling, Secretary

At 10:00, President Bob Smith called the meeting to order. 42 members were in attendance.

The Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were read and approved by 1st and 2nd motions.

The following speakers, Rosanne Kaiser, Port Authority secretary and Chris Cooper, Township Trustee were introduced by Pres. Bob Smith.

Roseanne spoke about the need of a new terminal.

1. The present terminal's foundation is deteriorating and the electrical system needs major repair.
2. 4 years ago, a plan and study was started.
3. The estimated cost is \$1.4 million to build the 4,000 sq. ft. one story building.
4. Bids will be taken this Fall and the winning bid will be accepted in March 2023.
5. Construction could possibly start Fall of 2023 and be finished Spring or Summer of 2024.
6. Public meetings will be held for information and answering of any questions.

Chris Cooper talked about both Cemeteries, Catawba Rd. and Police levy.

1. New fencing, cleaning of headstones, weed spraying and ground work have been completed in Crown Hill.
2. Work continues in Maple Leaf.
3. Catawba Rd. has been repaved and restriped.
4. The Police Levy will be back on the ballot.
5. The levy will have an increase of 1/4th mill to original request.
6. An increase in the Resort Tax was refused by the State.
7. No decision has been made concerning the use of Village Police or County Sheriff in Township.
8. Pubic Police meetings will be held for information and discussion concerning this issue.

A Question and Answer period followed for both speakers.

President Bob Smith thanked Roseanne and Chris for very informative presentations.

Next PIBPOA meeting will be July 23rd at the Senior Center at 10:00am.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 by 1st and 2nd motions.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mehling, Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 by president Bob Smith. 68 members in attendance.

A “special Village Council’ meeting was called to order by Judy Berry with 5 members present...Judy Berry, Craig Cox, Fred Cerny, Jeff Koehler, Jeff Biery

PIBPOA Treasurer and Secretary’s reports were read and passed by 1st and 2nd motions.

President Smith introduced to the members present the 2 speakers, Sheriff Steve Levorchick and PIB Police Chief James Kimble

Sheriff Steve Levorchick made the following remarks:

1. PIB Township Trustees approached the Sheriff about contracting for protection for Township mainly because MBI has no police protection and the Township has no input into how PIB police department operates.
2. Cost would be \$700,000/yr. for 7 full time deputies for 24 hour coverage, 5 deputies for PIB and 2 deputies for MBI.
3. Since Sheriff office is on mainland, many logistic problems would occur.
4. Hiring deputies extremely difficult now. Very few graduating recruits...not many people want to become cops anymore.
5. PIB Police Department does not have enough deputies or resources to provide adequate coverage to Township.
6. Sheriff Department will handle any calls even if not contracted to do so. Response time would be slow.
7. Township and Village need to work together and explore all options to decide what is best for all islands.
8. Sheriff pointed out if PIB Department was dissolved, it could never be reinstated.
9. Community members need to write Representatives about enforcing current laws to bring resources to islands.
10. Township and Village need to co-exist in order to solve problems effecting PIB, especially policing.

11. All fines from Village Mayor's court go to Village. No cases have gone to County Prosecutor from PIB. The Sheriff called the Mayor's Court a "Kangaroo Court" All Township cases go to County Municipal Court.

Police Chief James Kimble made the following remarks:

1. Working to establish a team of officers that are committed to PIB and want to work and live here.
2. Current basic pay is \$20/hr.
3. Need more staff, equipment, training, housing especially for families.
4. A \$1.5 million budget is needed for Police Department to do all.
5. Because of the large numbers of tourists, policing on PIB is extremely difficult
6. Making officers feel welcomed, getting to know them personally and showing respect would be very helpful in establishing a committed team.
7. A School Resource officer is needed. Conversations between School Board and PIB community needs to take place concerning this issue.

A Question and Answer period followed both speakers.

President Smith thanked the speakers and adjourned the meeting at 11:55 by 1st and 2nd motions.

Judy Berry adjourned the "special Village Council" meeting" by 1st and 2nd motions.

Next PBPOA general meeting is scheduled for Aug.27th, 2022 at Sr. Center for 10:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Mehling, Secretary

Meeting was called to order by President Bob Smith. 48 members in attendance.

PIBPOA Treasurer and Secretary's reports were read and passed by 1st and 2nd motions.

Old Business: Doug Mehling talked about the PIBPOA Board project of acquiring and putting reflectors on light posts that are closer than 3 feet on the Village and Township roads. He asked members to inform the committee of any poles on their roads which could use a reflector.

President Smith introduced the speakers...Supt. Barb Rowles, EMS Manager Darrell Long, Road Race Coordinator Rich Hahn and Township Police Levy spoke person Joey Wolfe. Also present were Greg Dobos and Paula Ziebarth.

Supt. Barb Rowles talked about the restoration of the seawalls and plaza.

1. Sea wall restoration is behind schedule because the demonstration concrete that has been poured has not passed inspection. Hopefully within next few weeks the concrete will pass inspection.
2. The Beach area will be poured first to bring back that area to normal.
3. The North seawalls will be raised 12 to 24 inches and the South seawalls to 18 inches.
4. A new walkway will be constructed on North side with low level lighting for walkways on North and South.
5. Planning for restoration of upper plaza will start July 2023. Demolition and rebuilding of plaza will occur 2024-2025.
6. The Monument will be closed from 2023 to 2025.

7. Parking from front of Monument will be changed to angle parking on the east and west side of Monument.
8. Ramping will be built on North side for handicap visitors.
9. Any granite removed will be reused as well as the 2 urns.
10. The "Great American Outdoor Act" provides funding of \$50million for the plaza and grounds restoration.

Rich Hahn talked about the PIB Road Races.

1. Started in 1952 on PIB by the Cleveland Sports Car Club. Parkers Garage was the technician inspection area.
2. Today the race must meet the same standards that all race tracks follow.
3. All workers, except the hay movers, are volunteers.
4. Flaggers are needed for "Laps of old track" on Tuesday Sept.20th.
5. 115 cars are presently signed up but more probably will sign up as date of race gets closer.
6. Noko is the corporation sponsor thanks to Roger Parker.
7. Planning starts for 2023 two weeks after 2022 race.
8. The PIB Nemec brothers have donated a "Buckeye Bullet" rocker cover car to be raffled off.
9. Car Show will be held at Heineman's Winery Tues. Sept 20th from 12-4pm. "Laps of old track" starts at 5:00pm.

EMS Manager Darrell Long talked about the changes in the Mercy Health Life Flight membership.

1. A possible tele-med program is being considered for the island.
2. The annual fee for Islanders for the Flight program is \$150 not \$100 as printed on application forms.
3. Membership covers the balance owed after insurance deductible and insurance has been paid.

4. Rite Aid in Port Clinton is currently the only pharmacy to deliver prescriptions to the island.

Joey Wolf talked about the proposed Township 1.5 mil levy on ballot this November.

1. The levy which would raise \$220,000 to \$230,000 would be used for police service for all Bass islands but not for the Village of PIB.
2. 100% of the Township resort tax is used for police protection and is no longer sufficient.
3. The levy would cover gap between resort tax and actual costs.
4. It costs \$100,000/yr. for each police officer.
5. A \$400,000 house would cost the homeowner an additional \$210/yr. in taxes.
6. Homeowners need to start paying for police protection.
7. Levy language will be announced in September.
8. This \$1.5 mil levy is intended to provide police protection no matter with whom the Township establishes a contract.
9. It is not meant to discredit the Village or to invite the Ottawa Sheriff in.

A Question and Answer period followed all speakers.

President Smith thanked the speakers for a very informative meeting and adjourned the meeting at 12:05 by 1st and 2nd motions.

Next PIBPOA general meeting is scheduled for Sept. 9th, 2022 at 10:00 at the Sr. Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mehling, Secretary

PIBPOA General Meeting

Sept. 10, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Bob Smith. 43 members in attendance.

PIBPOA Treasurer and Secretary's reports were read and passed by 1st and 2nd motions.

Old Business: Doug Mehling told members that reflectors for telephone poles that are within 3 feet of roads have been purchased and received. He asked the members to advise the committee of any poles on their roads that need a reflector.

New Business: Judy Berry passed out 3 petitions for members to sign. 1st petition concerns having a Police Officer in the PIB School. This would provide protection and education to students about safety, use of drugs, etc. Also, provide an officer during busy season on island when school was out.

2nd and 3rd petitions would go to our 2 State Representatives and ask them to help the island get State funding to cover the expenses needed for the multitude of tourists coming to island. Example – head tax, etc.

Elections were held for the 2023 PIBPOA Board and the following were voted in by acclamation: Doug Mehling, John Titchener, Dave Gundlach and Judy Berry.

President Bob Smith introduced the speakers for today's meeting: Sarah and Eric Booker, Scot Jackson, Lisa Brohl and Kendra Koehler.

Eric spoke about how the past 2 years during CoVid were crazy. They dealt with food shortages and 50% less labor than previous years. This year dealing with rising food prices and labor costs. Food prices have risen on average 80-120%. Labor from \$12-\$15/hr. to \$18-\$22/hr.

Sarah talked about the “French Fry” story which told the members how many people are involved from producing the potatoes to getting the fries on your plate for your enjoyment. The oil for frying the potatoes went from \$35/5 gal. to \$61/5gal. since 2020.

Eric spoke about Business prospective on island. Issues are:

1. A cap on golf carts
2. Parking
3. Overnight rentals of golf carts
4. Security
5. A dress code needs to be established.

Property owners as a group have power and need to put pressure on the Village Council and Township Trustees to do something about these issues and problems.

Also, Eric told the members that the downtown has never been designated as a “Historic District”. The future of downtown cannot stand in the way of progress.

Scot Jackson talked about the “PIB Twp. Park District Political Action Committee” and asked members to become involved in helping to save more green spaces on the islands.

Lisa and Kendra informed the members about the upcoming 1.1mil levy on Novembers ballot. This levy will support the operations and growth of the park district. The average costs for homeowners would be \$38.50/ yr. for 10 years. Handouts were available to show members three options for the newly acquired Duff land and a fact sheet concerning the levy.

A question and answer period followed the speakers.

President Smith thanked the speakers for a very informative meeting.

The PIBPOA yearly donations were handed out by Pres. Bob Smith to EMS - \$1,000, Fire Station - \$1,000 and Swim & Sail - \$500.

A call for a motion to adjourn was made and passed by 1st and 2nd motions. Meeting adjourned at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mehling, Secretary

PIPBOA General Meeting for 6/23

A capacity crowd of fifty-six people attended the June general meeting held at the Senior Center on Saturday, June 24.

President Bill Slough welcomed everyone. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report, and it was passed. He asked if any members of the PIPBOA would be interested in becoming a board member to fill the seat that became open after the passing of former President Bob Smith.

Librarian Karen Wilhelm, from the Erie Islands Library branch located at the PIB school, provided a public service announcement that recapped events and programs featured there. She also made a point to let everyone know that it is not the stereotypical "Shush, be quiet!" type of library, but instead it is more of a community center.

There were five guest speakers on hand to discuss *Policing the Island*. Here is a recap of just some of their comments:

- 1) PIB Township Trustee Chris Cooper addressed the Township's decision in December 2022 to sign a three-year contract with the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office for policing services instead of the Village of PIB. The main reason was that the Village Police Department simply did not have adequate staffing to provide coverage in the Township, which includes Middle Bass Island. Regarding the additional funds needed to bring in the Sheriff's officers, he noted that despite a Township police levy failing to pass last year, they received a grant that helped cover the initial costs to launch this new endeavor. The grant will help cover this year and part of next year, so another police levy will be up for vote in the future. So far, things have been going fine and both departments are working together very well.
- 2) Acting Mayor of the Village of PIB Judy Berry started by letting everyone know not to worry about the new Parking Permit ordinance in the Village just yet. It is still part of an ongoing discussion on finding revenue. Regarding policing, she attended a recent Mayors conference that confirmed the lack of police officers is a national problem. She noted that when she was Mayor 15 years ago, there were thirty officers on the roster with twenty on duty on the weekends. Today, there are currently only ten officers on staff. Along with the competition involved in recruiting new officers within the state of Ohio, it requires money to pay them competitive wages and to provide them with housing on the island. They are looking for grants to help cover those costs and all options are on the table to help generate the required revenue. She loves the Sheriff's presence on the island and sees it as a positive.
- 3) Ottawa County Steve Levorchick reiterated the fact that staffing levels in law enforcement are a big challenge today. He noted that police academies in the area used to have 20 to 30 graduates in a class. Recently, the academy in Sandusky had a class of only five graduates. Regarding the years long problem with radio coverage on the islands that have negatively impacted communications for EMS, the fire department, and law enforcement personnel for years, he announced the Ottawa County Commissioners are purchasing a new \$432,000 radio transmitter.

Once installed, it will provide complete coverage for the islands. With the great cooperation between he and Chief Kimble, mutual aid between the two departments has been working well. The Sheriff's office provides 24/7 dispatch service to the Village Police, EMS, and the fire department at no cost. The number one complaint from residents is vehicles passing in No Passing Zones. He acknowledged that it is challenging on certain roads here (Ex: Catawba) because of the continual solid double lines. Consequently, he has asked the Ottawa County Engineer to re-evaluate the striping of hazardous zones.

- 4) Lieutenant Jerome Arnold, commander of the Ottawa County Sheriff's PIB Township unit, reminded everyone that the county engineers marked hazardous zones for safety reasons. Unless they decide to make changes, his team will continue to enforce the law. They enforce the same laws here that they enforce on the mainland.
- 5) Chief James Kimble of the Village of PIB Police Department stated that his officers are giving an average of 10 to 15 Open Container citations a night. It does not help the problem when any bar owner allows people to walk out with drinks in hand. Between the two law enforcement departments, he reiterated that there is policing on the island 24/7. On the topic of extremely loud music including explicit lyrics in the downtown area, he said that his team is going out twice a day to measure decibel levels and that bar owners have been warned that citations will be issued as needed.

Videos of their presentations are available on the PIBPOA website (<https://www.pibpoa.com/2023.html>) and on their Facebook Group page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/PIBPOA/>).

Pres. Bill Slough called the meeting to order at 10:00am. 43 members were present. Speakers were: Peter Huston, Sally Stuckey, Joe Cerny and Chris Arnold.

Peter Huston first talked about the "Great Lakes Alliance" which connects communications between 20 Islands in the Great Lakes.

1. Purpose of GLA is to help the Islands solve problems and find their own solutions by learning how other Islands are solving similar problems and also realizing what they have in common.
2. After visiting Amherst Island, Peter became aware of a survey Amherst had sent to homeowners.
3. With Betsy McCann's help, a survey of questions was E-mailed April – May to all PIB homeowners.
4. 66% responded with 2/3rd answering they were very satisfied or satisfied with life on PIB.
5. The survey covered questions concerning Protection (Police, Fire and EMS), Healthcare, Tourism, Housing, Internet service and Governance of PIB.
6. The survey results will be used to make better future decisions concerning PIB and a possible future survey this Fall may occur but will cost approximately \$3000.00.

Sally Stuckey talked about the United PIB Committee which began in 2021.

1. The purpose of UPI was to investigate the Pros and Cons of "One Island, One Government" being either a Village or a Township for PIB. Middle and North Bass Islands to be included.
2. The Twp. now provides Fire, EMS, and garbage pick-up for all the Islands. Police is provided for Twp. only. The Village provides sewer and water services to Village, State Park. Any Twp. entity that wants to tie into either system can do at their own expense. Police are provided to Village only.
3. The Twp. public roads are maintained by Ottawa County. Village public roads, except State routes, are maintained by the Village.
4. The Village can pass Ordinances for entire Island. The Twp. cannot pass any Ordinances.
5. Village Property taxes are higher than in Twp.
6. Village debt is very high and has numerous lawsuits. Twp. debt is low with few if any active lawsuits.
7. If Village is dissolved, Twp. will be controlled by State and Ottawa county and must follow the Ohio Revised Code. If Twp. is dissolved, the Village will be self-controlled and a much larger pool of possible candidates would be available to run for Mayor and Council.

Joe Cerny told the members that he is actively working to get a representative of “Ohio Government Services” to come and speak to PIBPOA members about possible solutions for governing the Islands. Middle and North Bass to be included.

Chris Arnold, Pres. of Kelly’s Island Landowners Association (KILA) which is an organization with C 501- 3 status, cannot be political only charitable.

1. KILA has 800 members, 300 which are active and pay dues.
2. The Board has 14 members serving and has \$67,000 in the Treasury.
3. Recent Community projects have been paying for the antique lampposts in Village and a remodeling of the Pavilion.
4. KILA hosts an annual Homecoming and is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.
5. A yearly raffle is held and only 600 tickets are sold. KILA profits \$9000 after monetary gifts are distributed to winning ticket holders.
6. T/shirts are continuously sold and Fish Frys are held several times each season.

Chris explained to the members that he has only known Kelly’s to have 1 government and feels it has worked out ok for the Island. He also said “Numbers have Power” and that PIBPOA members should become more active in the community by attending Village and Twp. meetings and voice concerns and/or problems. If more members attend these meetings, the Council and Trustees will take notice and be more attentive.

Pres. Bill Slough thanked the speakers and announced that the next PIBPOA general meeting will be Saturday, Aug. 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Submitted by,

Barbara Mehling, Seretary

Meeting called to order by Pres. Bill Slough at 10:00am. 51 members in attendance.

No Treasurer's report. Secretary's report passed by vocal vote.

First speaker was Supt. Barbara Rowles.

1. Barb talked about the 210th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie on Sept. 3rd. The OSU Matching Band, the Naval History & Heritage Command, the U.S. Fleet Band, and reenactment sailors of USS Constitution plus Fireworks are scheduled throughout the day.
2. During the weekend of Aug. 19,th Commander Oliver Perry's birthday would be celebrated.
3. The weekend of Sept. 9th, demonstrations, a Community Parade including Broncos on the Bay, the Jet Express traveling to Battle site to lay a wreath, and a Memorial held with wreath laying at the Monument Burial site would all occur.
4. Barb informed the members that a possible renovation of the Upper Plaza would occur in 2025 to 2026.
5. Sea walls and North side drainage to be completed this season.
6. The Bayview realignment and landscaping will occur in Spring 2024.
7. The South wall will be accessible soon with new lighting.
8. The orange fencing will remain for 6-8 weeks to allow the grass to be reestablished.
9. A New interpretive Plaza will be constructed on the north side of the Monument and a new walkway to be completed in Spring of 2024.

Second speaker was Roseanne Kaiser, Secretary of PIB Twp. Port Authority.

1. She discussed the new terminal and brought architectural plans to show the members.
2. A Grant of \$1.9 million was received from AT Funds for the building of the terminal. Of the total costs to build the terminal, 95% from Government and 5% from local funds.
3. Construction to start April 2024 and completed in Fall 2024.
4. A portable trailer to be used in place of terminal during construction.
5. The engineers are applying for a Grant to be used for new parking construction to start at the end of 2024 or Spring of 2025.
6. Expansion of lot across from the terminal to occur for additional parking.

Third speaker was Kelly Faris, Chr. Of PIB Island Park Districts.

1. He announced that the Univ. of Michigan reported that the Lake Erie Islands and South Bass Island are a global and critical area for survival of migratory birds.
2. The Park District mission is to protect and preserve unique areas that enhance the Heritage of Lake Erie islands.
3. Officials of the Park District are appointed by the Common Pleas Court of Ottawa County for 3 years with no pay.

4. Many property owners have contacted the Park District to take their properties for future preservation.
5. Kelly then discussed the 3 phases of the Duff property:
 1. Duff Woods – which is completed
 2. Duff Homestead – a matched grant for \$20,000 is needed to preserve the Homestead.
 3. Duff Vineyard – a levy is on the November Ballot to get millage to apply for a twenty-year loan.

The fourth speaker was Lisa Brohl who talked about possible plans for the Duff property.

1. The Duff Homestead would be use for offices and a Visitor Center.
2. The Duff Vineyard would be preserved as a working vineyard and possible Museum.
3. An environmental architect is helping with a plan for plantings and working of the vineyard.
4. Lisa also announced the Park District received a \$50,000 grant toward Phase 2 and \$100,000 raised for exhibits, fencing and walkways.

Pres. Bill Slough thanked all the speakers for a very informative meeting. He announced that the next meeting would be Sept. 9th at 10:00am.

The meeting was adjourned by 1st and 2nd motions.

Respectfully submitted,

Barabara Mehling, Secretary