

PORT ALLEGANY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

May 6, 2024

CALL TO ORDER - The Port Allegany Borough Council met on May 6, 2024 at the Borough Council Chambers. Those present were Council Members Laura Fillhart, Katie Dynda, Caleb Benson and Sam Dynda. Also present were Manager Jeremy Morey and Mayor George Riley.

Absent from the meeting were Council Members Jared Dickerson and Cory Thomas and Secretary/Treasurer Heather Szuba.

Visitors present were Chris Ernst from E&M Engineers, Michael Johnson from Port Allegany Fire Department, and Dotty Anderson, Allie O'Shea, Brenda Sawyer and Sharon Horvath from Port Allegany Heart and Soul.

Council President Sam Dynda called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, leading those in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES – Caleb Benson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2024 Regular Meeting. Laura Fillhart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

BILL LIST – After review, Caleb Benson made a motion to approve the April 2024 expenditures. Katie Dynda seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – The Engineer's Report was provided and reviewed by Chris Ernst.

MANAGER'S REPORT – The Manager's Report was provided and reviewed by Jeremy Morey.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT – Code Enforcement report was provided and reviewed by Jeremy Morey.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – The Fire Chief's report was provided and reviewed by Chief Mike Johnson. Chief Johnson informed Council about their need for upgraded facilities and their efforts to budget and seek out additional funding for those upgrades.

AMBULANCE REPORT- The Ambulance report was provided by Nancy Hardes.

POLICE/MAYOR'S REPORT – The Police report was provided by Chief Distrola. Mayor Riley informed Council that Chief Distrola had knee surgery and would be out for an extended period of time. The Sergeant's exams are here and Mayor Riley hopes that the exam will be administered this summer.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – No Report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – The Secretary's Report was provided by Heather Szuba and read aloud by Sam Dynda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Heart & Soul – Dottie Anderson introduced Allie O'Shea as the Heart & Soul Project Coordinator. Caleb Benson volunteered to be the Council representative on the Core Team.

TAX REPORTS

- Real Estate – 2024 Total Face Collected: \$449,369.93 (77.46%)
2024 Total Uncollected \$130,741.36
- EIT – YTD April 2024 – \$78,986 (2023 \$64,277)
- LST – YTD April 2024 – \$12,365 (2023 \$13,075)

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Sharon Horvath gave an update to Council about the Summer Concerts on the Square. They will be held at St. Gabriels Catholic Church until the Square is complete and can host concerts.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

- **Heart & Soul Proposed Budget**- Caleb Benson made a motion to adopt the proposed budget, Laura Fillhart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

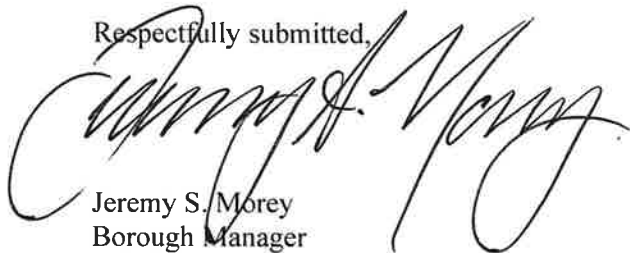
- **Heart & Soul Project Coordinator Contract-** Katie Dynda made a motion to enter into the contract, Caleb Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Reschedule June Meeting-** No action taken. The meeting will be on June 3, 2024 as originally scheduled.
- **Council Vacancy-** Laura Fillhart made a motion to appoint Tom Johnson to fill the vacant seat of Jill Stuckey, Katie Dynda seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

FOR FUTURE ACTION

- Garbage Disposal Contract

ADJOURNMENT – As there was no further business, Katie Dynda made a motion to adjourn. Laura Fillhart seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy S. Morey".

Jeremy S. Morey
Borough Manager