

Port Allegany Borough Council

Regular Meeting

June 3, 2024

Call to Order – The Port Allegany Borough Council met on June 3, 2024 at the Borough Council Chambers. Those present were Council Members Laura Fillhart, Katie Dynda, Caleb Benson and Jared Dickerson. Also present was Mayor George Riley.

Absent from the meeting were Council Members Cory Thomas and Sam Dynda, and Manager Jeremy Morey, and Secretary/Treasurer Heather Szuba.

Visitors present were Chris Ernst from E&M Engineers, Michael Johnson from the Port Allegany Fire Department, Dotty Anderson from Heart and Soul, Sharon Horvath from the Women’s Club, Lauren Jackson and Lindsay Isherwood from the PA Christmas on the Square Committee.

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

Swearing in of New Council Member – Mr. Tom Johnson was unable to make the meeting, swearing in postponed until next month.

Minutes – Caleb Benson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2024 Regular Meeting. Jared Dickerson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills List – After review, Jared Dickerson made a motion to approve the May 2024 expenditures. Laura Fillhart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer’s Report – Engineer’s Report was provided and reviewed by Chris Ernst. With additional comments about the progress on the square.

Manager’s Report – was provided.

Code Enforcement report – was provided

Fire Chief’s Report – The fire chief’s report was provided by Chief Michael Johnson. Chief Johnson also provided a print version of the Department’s Annual Report. The Chief discussed the notable events of the past month and recent recruitment efforts. He also stated that the station may be manned at certain times in the near future to increase the ability to get to the scene of an emergency quicker.

Ambulance Report – No report

Police/Mayor’s Report – Report was provided and reviewed. Mayor Riley informed council that Chief Distrola is still recovering from knee surgery and some shifts are left uncovered. The Sergeant’s Exams will take place, hopefully at the end of June.

Solicitor’s Report - no report

Secretary’s Report – no report

Committee Reports

- Heart and Soul – Dottie Anderson outlined what the group has done this past month and what they have happening in the next few weeks. They will be conducting interviews to complete Community demographics and network analysis. Recently met with representatives of ANF.

Tax Reports

- Real Estate
 - 2024 Total Face Collected \$460,765 (79.43%)
 - 2024 Total Uncollected \$129,963
- EIT – YTD: May 2024 - \$109,102 (2023 - \$94,398)
- LST – YTD May 2024 - \$17,716 (2023 - \$20,280)

Public Comments

- Lindsay Isherwood of the PA Christmas on The Square Committee gave an update on the purchase and proposed usage of Christmas/Winter decorations. She provided documentation and costs. All costs will be raised by donations.

Immediate Action

- Motion to approve the Christmas Committee's efforts to purchase Christmas Decorations by Laura Fillhart, seconded by Caleb Benson – motion approved unanimously

Future Action

- Refuse Contract
- Church Street Property

Adjournment – As there was no further business Jared Dickerson made a motion to adjourn. Laura Fillhart seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm

Respectfully submitted by,

George R. Riley, Jr.
Mayor