

PORT ALLEGANY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

August 5, 2024

CALL TO ORDER - The Port Allegany Borough Council met on August 5, 2024 at the Borough Council Chambers. Those present were Council Members Laura Fillhart, Jared Dickerson, Katie Dynda, Cory Thomas, Tom Johnson, Caleb Benson and Sam Dynda. Also present were Manager Jeremy Morey, Secretary/Treasurer Heather Szuba, and Solicitor Nicole Larsen.

Absent from the meeting was Mayor George Riley.

Visitors present were Michael Johnson from Port Allegany Fire Department, Dottie Anderson from the Women's Club, Chris Ernst from E&M Engineers, and Barry Boyer, resident.

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

MINUTES – Cory Thomas made a motion to approve the Minutes of the July 1, 2024 Regular Meeting as written. Laura Fillhart seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BILL LIST – After review, Cory Thomas made a motion to approve the July 2024 expenditures. Jared Dickerson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – The Engineer's Report was provided 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 asked the Borough for some housekeeping items to be done such as painting hydrants and trimming trees hanging over the roadway. A Quarterly financial report was also provided.

POLICE/MAYOR'S REPORT – The Police report was provided by Chief Distrola.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Discussion held for Executive Session.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Nothing to report.

TAX REPORTS

- Real Estate – 2024 Total Face Collected: \$472,465 (81.44%)
2024 Total Uncollected \$107,646
- EIT – YTD July 2024 – \$131,182 (2023 \$127,026)
- LST – YTD July 2024 – \$22,577 (2023 \$28,623)

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – President Sam Dynda called an Executive Session at 6:59 PM to discuss a legal matter. The Regular Meeting resumed at 7:13 PM.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

As no bids were received, Katie Dynda made a motion to readvertise the Church Street property in the Era as well as on Facebook and Solomon's Word with bids being due by noon on August 30. Caleb Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

As no bids were received on Refuse Collection, Jared Dickerson made a motion to readvertise the bid, in addition to the Borough Manager reaching out to haulers, with bids being due by noon on August 30. Katie Dynda seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Caleb Benson made a motion to approve the County ARPA Reimbursement Request. Jared Dickerson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Cory Thomas made a motion to approve the County Liquid Fuels Reimbursement Request. Katie Dynda seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Katie Dynda made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-5, Waiving Police Officer pension contributions for 2024. Jared Dickerson seconded and the motion carried.

Katie Dynda made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-6, Appointing the Borough Manager as CAO of the pension plans. Caleb Benson seconded and the motion carried.

Jared Dickerson made a motion to move forward with the STMP legal issue through Solicitor Larsen as discussed in Executive Session. Caleb Benson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Cory Thomas made a motion to table any decisions on the Flood Control Project until next month. Katie Dynda seconded. Motion carried.

FUTURE ACTION

Church Street Property
Refuse Collection
Flood Control Project

ADJOURNMENT – As there was no further business, Jared Dickerson made a motion to adjourn. Cory Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Szuba
Borough Secretary