

PORT ALLEGANY BOROUGH
Regular Meeting
December 3, 2018

CALL TO ORDER - The Port Allegany Borough Council met on December 3, 2018 at the Borough Council Chambers. Those present were Council Members Neil Binder, Eric Button, Sam Dynda, Dave Fair, Andrew Johnson, Richard Kallenborn, and Kate Kysor. Also present were Mayor George Riley, Manager Bob Veilleux, and Secretary Heather Szuba. Absent from the meeting was Solicitor Nicole Larsen.

Visitors present were Mahlon Davenport, Fire Chief Kevin Ernst, and Police Chief Dave Distrola.

Council President Andrew Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, leading those in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES – Sam Dynda made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2018 regular meeting. Eric Button seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

BILL LIST – Eric Button made a motion to approve the November 2018 expenditures as printed, with the additional payment to Cathy Comino. Neil Binder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

Monthly Report – November 2018

Borough	3	Annin Twp	2
Liberty Twp	21	Mutual Aid/Standby	1
Mileage	129	Total Calls	27

AMBULANCE REPORT

Monthly Report – November 2018

Borough	17	Liberty	25
Annin	3	Mutual Aid	9
		Total Calls	54

MANAGER’S REPORT – The Manager’s Report was provided by Robert Veilleux.

POLICE/MAYOR’S REPORT

Monthly Report – November 2018

Criminal Arrests	00	Traffic Arrests	04	Warrants Served	00
Parking Tickets	00	MV Warnings	03	Calls Received	68
Investigations	00	Traffic Accidents	01	Unsecured Buildings	00
Non-Traffic Citations	01	Mileage	1,266		

TAX REPORTS

Real Estate – 2018 Duplicate Balance \$73,684; Collected 85.07%

EIT: YTD November 2018 – \$167,159 (2017 - \$163,375)

LST: YTD November 2018 – \$34,357 (2017 - \$42,585)

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT – The Code Enforcement report was provided by Dan Dzubak.

ENGINEER’S REPORT – The Engineer’s Report was provided by Pat Ward, UTCE.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Nothing to report.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORT – The Wage, Tax, and Finance Committee opted to wait until Immediate Action to discuss proposed changes the 2019 Budget.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

Dick Kallenborn made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-21 Fireman’s Activities. Eric Button seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

After Council discussed the proposed budget with changes that the Wage, Tax, and Finance Committee decided upon, Dave Fair made a motion to preliminarily approve the budget and approve to advertise said budget. Dick Kallenborn seconded the motion. President Andrew Johnson stated that he does not feel that the budget should be balanced on the backs of public safety, with cuts proposed to Fire Protection and Ambulance. The roll call vote was as follows: Richard Kallenborn – yes, Sam Dynda – no, Neil Binder – no, Eric Button – yes, Kate Kysor – no, Dave Fair – yes, Andrew Johnson – no. The motion did not carry with a 4-3 vote in opposition.

Dave Fair made a motion to approve the Police Pension Cost of Living Adjustments. Eric Button seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Dave Fair also made a motion to approve the advertising of the HC District Zoning Map Change. Kate Kysor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Eric Button made a motion to appoint Valerie Archer and Kelly Tarbox to the Port Allegany Recreation Authority Board. Kate Kysor seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion about the proposed budget was then reopened. Borough Manager provided the option to take the money that was being cut from Fire Protection, Ambulance, and Library from Retained Earnings from prior years. There was hesitation among Council members because this would reduce reserve funding for future purchases, which they feel needs to be built, not reduced. Dick Kallenborn shared that he feels these entities need to increase their fundraising efforts to make up the difference in support from the Borough. Several discussions were had on alternative solutions to balancing the budget, with an agreement that taxes should not be raised. Dick Kallenborn asked Andrew Johnson if he feels he should excuse himself from voting due to his association to the Fire Department. Council President Johnson responded that he did not feel he had a conflict of interest and should not excuse himself from voting.

After further discussion, Dick Kallenborn made a motion to approve the budget, amended as follows: to use money from Retained Earnings from 2018 to keep Ambulance, Fire Protection, and Library at their current millage allocation, with the understanding that it will be communicated to these entities that they should plan for a decrease in funding for fiscal year 2020. Eric Button seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Richard Kallenborn – yes, Sam Dynda – yes, Neil Binder – yes, Eric Button – yes, Kate Kysor – yes, Dave Fair – no, Andrew Johnson – yes. The motion carried with a 6-1 vote in favor.

FOR FUTURE ACTION

- Civil Service Commission Vacancies
- Vacancy Board Chairman Vacancy
- Planning Commission Vacancy

ADJOURNMENT – As there was no further business, Eric Button made a motion to adjourn. Neil Binder seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Szuba
Borough Secretary