

## **PORT ALLEGANY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting

January 6, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER** - The Port Allegany Borough Council met on January 6, 2024 at the Borough Council Chambers. Those present were Council Members Laura Fillhart, Katie Dynda, Cory Thomas, Tom Johnson, Caleb Benson, and Sam Dynda. Also present were Manager Jeremy Morey, Secretary/Treasurer Heather Szuba, Solicitor Nicole Larsen, and Mayor George Riley. Council Member Jared Dickerson was absent from the meeting.

Visitors present were Chris Ernst of E&M Engineers; Michael Johnson of PAFD; and Barry Boyer, taxpayer.

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

**Appointments** – Laura Fillhart made a motion to appoint the following positions:

- Auditors (Calliari, Mehalick & Co., CPA)
- Borough Solicitor (Nicole Larsen)
- Borough/Municipal Authority Engineer (E&M Engineering)
- Vacancy Board Chairman (Matt Lawton)
- Borough Manager (Jeremy Morey)
- Borough Secretary (Heather Szuba)
- Council Treasurer (Heather Szuba)
- Municipal Authority Board (Chris Ruding)
- Depositories (Juniata Valley Bank, Hamlin Bank)
- Signatories (Manager, Secretary, President)

Caleb Benson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES** – Laura Fillhart made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 9, 2024 Regular Meeting as written. Cory Thomas seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**BILL LIST** – After review, Cory Thomas made a motion to approve the December 2024 expenditures. Laura Fillhart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT** – The Engineer’s Report was provided by 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.

**AMBULANCE REPORT** – The Ambulance report was provided by PAAS.

**FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT** – The Fire Chief’s report was provided and reviewed by Chief Mike Johnson.

**POLICE/MAYOR’S REPORT** – The Police report was provided by Chief Distrola and reviewed by Mayor Riley.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT** – nothing to report.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT** – Statements of Financial Interest were provided and a reminder was given that the Borough must have active involvement in the Heart and Soul program.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Nothing to report.

### **TAX REPORTS**

#### ➤ Real Estate

- 2024 Total Face Collected \$541,179 (87.97%)
- 2024 Total Uncollected \$69,776

- EIT: YTD December 2024 – \$227,574 (2023 - \$215,962)
- LST: YTD December 2024 – \$40,504 (2023 - \$44,473)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – none.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – President Sam Dynda called for an Executive Session at 6:57 to discuss a personnel matter. Regular session resumed at 7:23 pm.

**IMMEDIATE ACTION**

Cory Thomas made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-01 Declining Compensation. Laura Fillhart seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Cory Thomas made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-02 Fee Schedule amended as discussed. Caleb Benson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Caleb Benson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-03 Waiving Police Pension Contributions. Katie Dynda seconded. Motion carried.

Cory Thomas made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-04 Tax Record Disposition. Caleb Benson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Laura Fillhart made a motion to approve the repairs to the tornado siren. Katie Dynda seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Katie Dynda made a motion to table action on upgrading the shop lights until other estimates can be obtained. Tom Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

**FUTURE ACTION**

Flood Control Project

**ADJOURNMENT** – As there was no further business, Cory Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Katie Dynda seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Szuba  
Borough Secretary