

## **PORT ALLEGANY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting

March 3, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER** - The Port Allegany Borough Council met on March 3, 2025 at the Borough Council Chambers. Those present were Council Members Laura Fillhart, Jared Dickerson, Katie Dynda, Sam Dynda, Cory Thomas, and Tom Johnson. Also present were Manager Jeremy Morey, Secretary/Treasurer Heather Szuba, and Mayor George Riley. Council member Caleb Benson was absent from the meeting.

Visitors present were Chris Ernst of E&M Engineers 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.

**MINUTES** – Katie Dynda made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 3, 2025 Regular Meeting as written. Cory Thomas seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**BILL LIST** – After review, Laura Fillhart made a motion to approve the February 2025 expenditures. Cory Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT** – Nothing to report.

**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 by Chief Mike Johnson.

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

**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** – provided and reviewed by Heather Szuba.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Nothing to report.

### **TAX REPORTS**

- Real Estate
  - 2025 Total Face Collected \$100,367.30 (16.61%)
  - Less 2,007.37 Discount
  - 2025 Total Uncollected \$503,924.85
- EIT: YTD February 2025 – \$43,266 (2024 - \$51,043)
- LST: YTD February 2025 – \$9,576 (2024 - \$8,538)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Barry Boyer commended the Public Works crew for keeping the streets plowed and salted.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** –President Sam Dynda called for an Executive Session at 7:05 pm to discuss a personnel matter. Regular session resumed at 8:06 pm.

### **IMMEDIATE ACTION**

Laura Fillhart made a motion to establish a policy that the Borough would pay for Registration and Lodging for Council Members and/or Mayor to attend in-state training. Katie Dynda seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Laura Fillhart made a motion to gather more information on the Invest program. Katie Dynda seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Laura Fillhart made a motion to participate in the Summer Work Experience Program. Tom Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Tom Johnson made a motion to amend the Agenda to add a salary increase for the Secretary/Treasurer to Immediate Action, a decision resulting from the Executive Session. Katie Dynda seconded. Motion carried.

Katie Dynda made a motion to approve a salary increase for Secretary/Treasurer Heather Szuba of \$9,294, split into two equal increases, \$4,647 effective immediately and \$4,647 effective January 1, 2026. Laura Fillhart seconded. Motion carried.

**FUTURE ACTION**

Flood Control Project

**ADJOURNMENT** – As there was no further business, Cory Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Laura Fillhart seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Szuba  
Borough Secretary