

## **PORT ALLEGANY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Reorganizational Meeting

January 5, 2026

**CALL TO ORDER** - The Port Allegany Borough Council met on January 5, 2026 in the Borough Council Chambers. Those present were Council Members Keith Delacour, Todd Moses, Jared Dickerson, Katie Dynda, Tom Johnson, and Cory Thomas. Also present were Manager Jeremy Morey, Secretary Brian Neal, Mayor Laura Moses, and Solicitor Nicole Larsen.

Visitors present were: Barry Boyer, Mike Johnson, Chris Ernst, Ellen Mosher, Bob Hartle, Todd Burgess, Chris Ruding, Lawrence Brundage and Mary Lashway.

Council Mayor Laura Moses called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, leading those in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**- Mayor Moses administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Council Members Katie Dynda and Todd Moses and Tax Collector Mary Lashway.

### **ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL**

Mayor Moses accepted nominations for Council President. Cory Thomas nominated Keith Delacour as Council President, Katie Dynda seconded the nomination. All were in favor.

Mayor Moses accepted nominations for Council Vice-President. Jared Dickerson nominated Cory Thomas as Council Vice-President, Katie Dynda seconded the nomination. All were in favor.

Mayor Moses accepted nominations for Council President Pro-Temp. Todd Moses nominated Katie Dynda as Council President Pro-Temp, Cory Thomas seconded the nomination. All were favor.

Mayor Moses then turned the meeting over to Council President Keith Delacour.

**APPOINTMENT OF VACANT SEAT**- Tom Johnson made a motion to appoint Todd Burgess to fill the vacant Council seat of Laura Moses, Katie Dynda seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Todd Burgess was sworn in and seated as a member of the Borough Council.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

- Auditors- Katie Dynda made a motion to appoint Calliari, Mehalick & Co., CPA as Borough Auditors, Tom Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Borough Solicitor- Jared Dickerson made a motion to appoint Nicole Larsen as Borough Solicitor, Katie Dynda seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Borough Engineer- Cory Thomas made a motion to appoint E&M Engineers as the Borough Engineer, Katie Dynda seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Vacancy Board Chairman- Katie Dynda made a motion to appoint Matt Lawton as the Vacancy Board Chairman, Todd Moses seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Borough Manager- Katie Dynda made a motion to appoint Jeremy Morey as Borough Manager, Tom Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Borough Secretary- Katie Dynda made a motion to appoint Brian Neal as Borough Secretary, Tom Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Council Treasurer- Cory Thomas made a motion to appoint Brian Neal as Council Treasurer, Katie Dynda seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Municipal Authority- Cory Thomas made a motion to appoint Chris Ruding to another term on the Municipal Authority, Tom Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Katie Dynda made a motion to appoint Keith Delacour as the Council Representative on the Municipal Authority, Tom Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Depositories- Jared Dickerson made a motion to name Juniata Valley Bank, Hamlin Bank and INVEST PA as Borough depositories, Cory Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Signatories-** Jared Dickerson made a motion to name the Borough Manager, Borough Secretary and Council President Pro-Temp as signatories, Tom Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- **Setting 2026 Meeting Schedule-** Tom Johnson made a motion to hold Borough Council meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month at 5:30 pm with the June and September meetings being held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month and a Budget Workshop to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of November at 5:30 pm, Jared Dickerson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES** – Cory Thomas made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 8, 2025 Public Hearing on the Fire & EMS Tax Rebate Resolution and the Minutes of the December 8, 2025 Regular Meeting. Katie Dynda seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**BILL LIST** – After review, Katie Dynda made a motion to approve the December, 2025 expenditures as presented. Cory Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** – The Engineer's Report was presented by Christopher 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 presented by Mike Johnson.

**AMBULANCE REPORT** – The Ambulance report was presented by Ellen Mosher.

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

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – Nothing to report.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** – Nothing to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – None

#### **TAX REPORTS**

Real Estate

- 2025 Total Face Collected \$519,179 (86%)
- 2025 Less Discount \$8,391
- 2025 Plus Penalty \$2,768
- 2025 Cash Collected \$513,556
- 2025 Total Uncollected \$83,076

EIT: YTD December 2025 – \$236,875 (2024 - \$227,864)

LST: YTD December 2025 – \$45,206 (2024 - \$40,539)

**OLD BUSINESS** – A discussion was held about current and upcoming fees and rates associated with QuickBooks Online and QuickBooks Desktop and other software that might be better suited for the operations of the Borough

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**- Council President Keith Delacour called for an Executive Session to discuss Police Personnel and the Collective Bargaining Agreement at 7:25 pm with all excused except for Council, Manager, Secretary, Mayor and Solicitor. The Regular Meeting resumed at 8:04 pm.

#### **IMMEDIATE ACTION** –

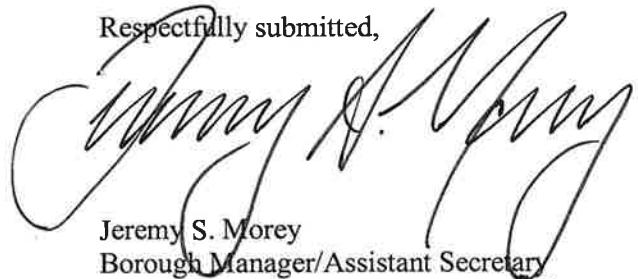
- Action on Resolution 2026-1 Declining Compensation- Cory Thomas made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-1, Katie Dynda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Action on Resolution 2026-2 Fee Schedule- Katie Dynda made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-2, Jared Dickerson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Action on Resolution 2026-3 Waiving Police Pension Contributions for 2026- Cory Thomas made a motion to table the resolution until February, Jared Dickerson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Action on Resolution 2026-4 Tax Record Disposition- Cory Thomas made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-4, Tom Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Formal cancellation of the Flood Control Project- Jared Dickerson made a motion to formally cancel the Flood Control Project, Katie Dynda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Dissolution of the Port Allegany Civil Service Commission- Jared Dickerson made a motion to dissolve the Port Allegany Civil Service Commission, Katie Dynda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Purchase of 2027 International Dump- Todd Burgess made a motion to the purchase the 2027 International Dump from Ascendance Truck in Clarion with upfit from Bradco Supply in Towanda, Katie Dynda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Re-opening the 2026 Budget- Katie Dynda made a motion to re-open the 2026 budget, Tom Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Action on Park Hotel request with PLCB- No action due to a lack of motion.
- Action of IBEW Contract 2026-28- Tom Johnson made a motion to adopt the contract, Katie Dynda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Cory Thomas abstaining from voting.
- Action on QuickBooks Online- Cory Thomas made a motion to table until February, Tom Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**FUTURE ACTION** – None.

**ADJOURNMENT** – As there was no further business, Jared Dickerson made a motion to adjourn, Katie Dynda seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy S. Morey".

Jeremy S. Morey  
Borough Manager/Assistant Secretary

