

## **PORT ALLEGANY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting  
September 8, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER** - The Port Allegany Borough Council met on September 8, 2025 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, Solicitor Nicole Larsen, and Mayor George Riley.

Visitors present were community member Barry Boyer, Michael Johnson of Star Hose Company No. 1, and Chris Ernst of E&M Engineers.

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

**MINUTES** – Laura Fillhart made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 4, 2025 Regular Meeting with Amendments. Jared Dickerson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** – Chris Ernst presented the Engineers report which included a bid tabulation for the Mill Street Paving Project. Bids were due on September 8, 2025 at 2:00 pm. He made a recommendation to Council to award the project to IA Construction.

**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 Michael Johnson.

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

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

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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** – The Secretary's report was provided and reviewed by Jeremy Morey.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – None.

### **TAX REPORTS**

- 2025 Real Estate Tax
  - Face Collected     \$501,314 (83%)
  - Less Discount       -8,391
  - Plus Penalty         +981
  - Cash Collected     493,904
  - Uncollected        \$102,977
- EIT: YTD August 2025 – \$177,799 (2024 - \$169,427)
- LST: YTD August 2025 – \$31,402 (2024 - \$31,236)

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – Mill St. Paving Project

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Barry Boyer asked what the Borough would be doing with the millings from the Mill St. project. He is interested in purchasing a few loads if the Borough sells any.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – President Sam Dynda called for an Executive Session to discuss the Resignation of the Secretary/Treasurer and Clerk Leave Time at 7:12 pm. All were excused for the discussion except Council, the Borough Manager, the Mayor, and the Solicitor. Regular Meeting resumed at 7:34 pm.

**IMMEDIATE ACTION**

Jared Dickerson made a motion to approve a \$200/year maximum tax rebate for qualifying members of the Volunteer Fire Department. Cory Thomas seconded. Motion carried with Jared Dickerson, Sam Dynda, Katie Dynda and Cory Thomas voting in the affirmative. Tom Johnson, Caleb Benson and Laura Fillhart abstained from voting due to being members of the Fire Department.

Katie Dynda made a motion to award the Mill St. Paving Project to IA Construction. Tom Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Caleb Benson made a motion to approve advertising for the Secretary/Treasurer position with a salary range of \$50,000 - \$61,000 dependent upon experience. Jared Dickerson seconded. Motion carried.

Jared Dickerson made a motion to accept the resignation of Heather Szuba as Secretary/Treasurer. Caleb Benson seconded, and the motion carried.

Katie Dynda made a motion to remove Heather Szuba as a signatory for the Borough. Jared Dickerson seconded, and the motion carried.

Cory Thomas made a motion to appoint Jeremy Morey as Interim Treasurer for the Municipal Authority until a new Secretary/Treasurer is hired. Tom Johnson seconded, and the motion carried.

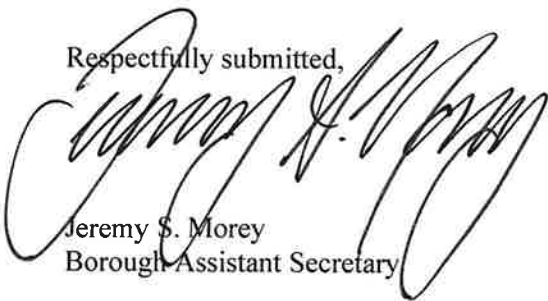
No motion was made on the AECOM Submission of Right-of-Way Application.

Caleb Benson made a motion to pay the Clerk the difference in her pay when she takes Short Term Disability. Katie Dynda seconded, and the motion was carried.

**FUTURE ACTION**

**ADJOURNMENT** – As there was no further business, Laura Fillhart made a motion to adjourn. Katie Dynda seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy S. Morey', is written over the typed name and title.

Jeremy S. Morey  
Borough Assistant Secretary