

PORT ALLEGANY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
November 4, 2024

CALL TO ORDER - The Port Allegany Borough Council met on November 4, 2024 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, Secretary/Treasurer Heather Szuba, Solicitor Nicole Larsen, Mayor George Riley, and Officer Adam Dickerson.

Visitors present were Chris Ernst of E&M Engineers and Michael Johnson of PAFD.

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

MINUTES – Caleb Benson made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 7, 2024 Regular Meeting as written. Katie Dynda seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BILL LIST – After review, Katie Dynda made a motion to approve the October 2024 expenditures. Laura Fillhart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

MANAGER’S REPORT – The Manager’s Report was provided and reviewed by Jeremy Morey. After discussion, Caleb Benson made a motion to file an appeal on the reassessment of 78 W. Mill Street. Katie Dynda seconded. The motion carried.

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. Chief Johnson asked that Council consider a tax rebate for first responders similar to what the School District has passed.

POLICE/MAYOR’S REPORT – The Police report was provided by Chief Distrola and reviewed by Mayor Riley. Mayor Riley asked Council to consider amending the Police Officer contract regarding Vacation time carry-over.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Solicitor Larsen asked to speak in Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – President Sam Dynda called for an Executive Session at 7:03 to discuss a legal matter and a personnel matter. Regular session resumed at 7:14 pm.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Preliminary Budgets were handed out to be reviewed prior to the scheduled Budget Workshop.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Nothing to report.

TAX REPORTS

- Real Estate
 - 2024 Total Face Collected \$494,618 (5.26%)
 - 2024 Total Uncollected \$85,493
- EIT: YTD October 2024 – \$182,130 (2023 - \$178,599)
- LST: YTD October 2024 – \$33,017 (2023 - \$37,715)

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Cory Thomas made a motion to renew the current Health Insurance Plan for 2025. Tom Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Cory Thomas made a motion to stay with the current contract language regarding Police Officer Vacation carry-over. Katie Dynda seconded. Motion carried with Laura Fillhart voting against the motion.

Laura Fillhart made a motion to authorize the County Assessment Office to process ownership and address changes on behalf of the Borough to the local tax collector. Cory Thomas seconded. Motion carried.

Caleb Benson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-7 to submit a Local Share Account grant for the Tabor Avenue drainage project in the amount of \$740,000. Jared Dickerson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-8 to submit a Local Share Account grant for a new street sweeper in the amount of \$287,100. Katie Dynda seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Katie Dynda made a motion to reschedule the Budget Workshop to November 18, 2024 at 5:30 pm. Cory Thomas seconded. Motion carried.

FUTURE ACTION

Flood Control Project

ADJOURNMENT – As there was no further business, Caleb Benson made a motion to adjourn. Jared Dickerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Szuba
Borough Secretary