

PORT ALLEGANY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

July 11, 2025

CALL TO ORDER - The Port Allegany Borough Council met on July 11, 2025 at the Borough Council Chambers. Those present were Council Members Jared Dickerson, Katie Dynda, Cory Thomas, Tom Johnson, Caleb Benson, and Sam Dynda. Also present were Manager Jeremy Morey, Secretary/Treasurer Heather Szuba, and Solicitor Nicole Larsen. Council Member Laura Fillhart and Mayor George Riley were absent from the meeting.

Visitors present were community members Barry Boyer and Keith Delacour and Michael Johnson of Star Hose Company No. 1.

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 June 9, 2025 Regular Meeting as written. Katie Dynda seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BILL LIST – After review, Jared Dickerson made a motion to approve the June 2025 expenditures as written. Caleb Benson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Tom Johnson abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest regarding personal financial gain.

ENGINEER’S REPORT – No report provided.

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 – Solicitor Larsen asked for an Executive Session for a legal update.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – The Secretary’s report was provided and reviewed by Heather Szuba.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – A Heart & Soul update was provided by Allie O’Shea.

TAX REPORTS

- 2025 Real Estate Tax
 - Face Collected \$496,920 (81.74%)
 - Less Discount -8,391
 - Plus Penalty +242
 - Cash Collected 488,771
 - Uncollected \$110,372
- EIT: YTD June 2025 – \$121,775 (2024 - \$123,382)
- LST: YTD June 2025 – \$21,558 (2024 - \$21,948)

OLD BUSINESS – President Dynda chose to wait until Immediate Action to discuss the tax rebate for EMS personnel.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – President Sam Dynda called for an Executive Session to discuss a legal matter regarding the STMP grant at 6:49 pm. All were excused from the room except Council, Borough Manager, and Borough Secretary/Treasurer. Regular Meeting resumed at 6:53 pm.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Katie Dynda made a motion to move forward with a Resolution providing EMS personnel with an annual tax reimbursement of up to \$400 if certain criteria are met. Motion died for lack of second. After further discussion, President Dynda referred the matter to be further discussed by the Wage, Tax, and Finance Committee.

Solicitor Larson pointed out that the Agreement with the Western NY & PA Railroad should be with the Municipal Authority and not the Borough so that item was dropped from the Agenda.

Caleb Benson made a motion to accept the 2024 Financial Statements for the Non-Uniformed Cash Balance, Non-Uniformed Defined Benefit, and Police Pension Plans. Jared Dickerson seconded. Motion carried.

Caleb Benson made a motion to approve advertising of Ordinance 495 and to approve Publication 93 both regarding the Arnold Avenue Bridge. Katie Dynda seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FUTURE ACTION

ADJOURNMENT – As there was no further business, Caleb Benson made a motion to adjourn. Katie Dynda seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Szuba
Borough Secretary