

## **PORT ALLEGANY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting

February 3 2025

**CALL TO ORDER** - The Port Allegany Borough Council met on February 3, 2024 at the Borough Council Chambers. Those present were Council Members Laura Fillhart, Jared Dickerson, Cory Thomas, Tom Johnson, and Caleb Benson. Also present were Manager Jeremy Morey, Secretary/Treasurer Heather Szuba, Solicitor Nicole Larsen, and Mayor George Riley. Council members Katie Dynda and Sam Dynda were absent from the meeting.

Visitors present were Chris Ernst of E&M Engineers; Michael Johnson of PAFD; and Barry Boyer, taxpayer.

Council Vice President Cory Thomas 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 January 6, 2025 Regular Meeting as written. Caleb Benson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**BILL LIST** – After review, Laura Fillhart made a motion to approve the January 2025 expenditures. Jared Dickerson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT** – The Engineer’s Report was provided by and reviewed by Chris Ernst. Chris also congratulated the Borough on securing the funding for the replacement of the Arnold Avenue Bridge with the total out of pocket for the Borough being zero dollars.

**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 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. Additional information provided by the Mayor was that a few shifts were left uncovered as directed by Council to cut down on overtime and that efforts are in place to add a part-time police officer to the roster.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT** – nothing to report in open discussion.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT** – provided and reviewed by Heather Szuba.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Nothing to report.

### **TAX REPORTS**

- Real Estate
  - Nothing to report.
- EIT: YTD January 2025 – \$11,566 (2024 - \$14,896)
- LST: YTD January 2025 – \$2,031 (2024 - \$1,695)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – none.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Vice President Cory Thomas called for an Executive Session at 6:46 pm to discuss a legal matter. Regular session resumed at 6:57 pm.

### **IMMEDIATE ACTION**

Tom Johnson made a motion to accept the Audit Representation Letter as provided by Calliari, Meholick & Co. Caleb Benson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**FUTURE ACTION**

Flood Control Project

**ADJOURNMENT** – As there was no further business, Laura Fillhart made a motion to adjourn. Jared Dickerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Szuba  
Borough Secretary