

PORT ALLEGANY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

April 7, 2025

CALL TO ORDER - The Port Allegany Borough Council met on April 7, 2025 at the Borough Council Chambers. Those present were Council Members Laura Fillhart, Jared Dickerson, Katie Dynda, Cory Thomas, Tom Johnson and Caleb Benson. Also present were Manager Jeremy Morey, Secretary/Treasurer Heather Szuba, and Mayor George Riley. Council President Sam Dynda was absent from the meeting.

Visitors present were Chris Ernst of E&M Engineers; Taxpayer Barry Boyer; Taxpayer Crystal Ray; Diana Dynda, Allie O'Shea, and Dotty Anderson of Port Allegany Community Heart and Soul; Ellen Mosher of Port Area Ambulance Service; Michael Johnson of Port Allegany Fire Department; and Citizen Todd Burgess.

Council Vice President Cory Thomas 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 March 3 2025 Regular Meeting as written. Laura Fillhart seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BILL LIST – After review, Katie Dynda made a motion to approve the March 2025 expenditures. Jared Dickerson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Chris Ernst gave Council an update on the Municipal Authority generator.

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 and reviewed by Mayor Riley.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – nothing to report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – provided and reviewed by Heather Szuba.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Allie O'Shea gave Council an update on the Heart and Soul process, what have been common themes and what next steps will be taken.

TAX REPORTS

- 2025 Real Estate Tax
 - Face Collected \$451,421 (74.7%)
 - Less Discount -8,391
 - Cash Collected 443,030
 - Uncollected \$152,871
- EIT: YTD March 2025 – \$59,500 (2024 - \$59,620)
- LST: YTD March 2025 – \$10,264 (2024 - \$9,621)

OLD BUSINESS – Council revisited the benefits of opening an account with the Invest Program.

NEW BUSINESS – Council discussed the Soliciting/Peddling license fees set at the January meeting and decided they did not want to make any changes.

A discussion was also held on creating a tax rebate for Emergency Service personnel. No action was taken at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Todd Burgess asked questions about what types of entities the Solicitors/Peddlers license fee would apply to.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Laura Fillhart made a motion to establish an account through the Invest Program for General Fund Reserve funds currently in a JVB account. Katie Dynda 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. Katie Dynda seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Szuba
Borough Secretary