

PORT ALLEGANY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

May 5, 2025

CALL TO ORDER - The Port Allegany Borough Council met on May 5, 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, Secretary/Treasurer Heather Szuba, Mayor George Riley, and Solicitor Nicole Larsen.

Visitors present were Chris Ernst of E&M Engineers; Taxpayer Barry Boyer; Taxpayer Crystal Ray; and Ellen Mosher of Port Area Ambulance Service.

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 April 7, 2025 Regular Meeting as written. Katie Dynda seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BILL LIST – After review, Caleb Benson made a motion to approve the April 2025 expenditures. Laura Fillhart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER’S REPORT – Chris Ernst gave Council another 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 by Chief Michael Johnson.

AMBULANCE REPORT – The Ambulance report was provided by and reviewed by Ellen Mosher of PAAS.

POLICE/MAYOR’S REPORT – The Police report was provided by Chief Distrola and reviewed by Mayor Riley. Mayor Riley also added that the Wine Walk was a success and two checks for \$3,800 each will go to the Women’s Club for Christmas on the Square and the Canoe Place Historical Society. The Mayor also encouraged Council to look into some initiatives to encourage businesses to fill the empty store fronts in town.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – nothing to report.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

TAX REPORTS

- 2025 Real Estate Tax
 - Face Collected \$467,521 (77.37%)
 - Less Discount -8,391
 - Cash Collected 459,130
 - Uncollected \$136,772
- EIT: YTD April 2025 – \$74,870 (2024 - \$78,986)
- LST: YTD April 2025 – \$12,250 (2024 - \$12,365)

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – Council discussed changes to the existing Ordinance regarding side-by-side use in the Borough, specifically the curfew and speed limit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Ellen Mosher announced that the Ambulance will be holding a 50th Anniversary celebration on the Square on May 20, 2025. This will be a free event for the public to attend.

Crystal Ray talked about rude Facebook comments, current business owner's not being checked in on, and made points that people do not know the laws/rules regarding side-by-side usage.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Katie Dynda made a motion to reschedule the June meeting to June 9. Laura Fillhard seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Caleb Benson made a motion to table the Heart & Soul Budget. Laura Fillhart seconded. Motion carried.

Laura Fillhart made a motion to designate Jeremy Morey and Heather Szuba as Voting Delegate and Alternate, respectively, as PSAB Annual Conference. Katie Dynda seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Cory Thomas made a motion to approve using ARPA funds of \$25,350 for Caustic Soda Fee System upgrades and \$41,258.55 for backup well pump(s). Laura Fillhart seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Laura Fillhart made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-5 Establishing an INVEST Account for Reserve Funds. Tom Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Katie Dynda made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-6 Updating Ordinance 453 regarding member contributions to the CBRA. Caleb Benson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FUTURE ACTION

Flood Control Project
Heart & Soul Budget

ADJOURNMENT – As there was no further business, Caleb Benson made a motion to adjourn. Cory Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Szuba
Borough Secretary