

PORT ALLEGANY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
September 3, 2024

CALL TO ORDER - The Port Allegany Borough Council met on September 3, 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, Mayor George Riley, and Solicitor Nicole Larsen.

Visitors present were Jason Stake representing Port Area Ambulance and Barry Boyer, resident.

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

MINUTES – Cory Thomas made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 5, 2024 Regular Meeting as written. Katie Dynda seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BILL LIST – After review, Laura Fillhart made a motion to approve the August 2024 expenditures. Tom Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AMBULANCE REPORT – After reviewing year-to-date Ambulance stats, Jason Stake asked Council to consider raising the Ambulance millage from 0.825 to 1 mill.

ENGINEER’S REPORT – A brief Engineer’s Report was given by Jeremy Morey.

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 Mike Johnson.

POLICE/MAYOR’S REPORT – The Police report was provided by Chief Distrola and reviewed by Mayor Riley.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Solicitor Nicole Larsen reviewed a letter she intends to send regarding the STMP grant.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Secretary Heather Szuba reported that the Auditors were here for the week collecting the data they needed to complete the 2023 Borough and Municipal Authority audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Manager Jeremy Morey reported that the Planning Commission will meet September 11 at 1:00 to discuss a subdivision.

TAX REPORTS

- Real Estate – 2024 Total Face Collected: \$478,198 (82.43%)
2024 Total Uncollected \$101,913
- EIT – YTD August 2024 – \$169,428 (2023 \$157,255)
- LST – YTD August 2024 – 31,237 (2023 \$35,127)

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Sealed bids on the 90 Church Street property were opened. Only one bid was received. Cory Thomas made a motion to accept a bid for \$5,100 from Kole Hults. Katie Dynda seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sealed bids on Refuse Collections were also opened. Only one bid was received. Caleb Benson made a motion to accept the bid by Casella Waste. Jared Dickerson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Cory Thomas made a motion to approve table the discussion on the Flood Control Project. Katie Dynda seconded. Motion carried with Jared Dickerson voting against the motion.

Katie Dynda made a motion to approve the County ARPA funds reimbursement request in the amount of \$16,415.40 for the Harrison Street driveway restorations. Jared Dickerson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Cory Thomas made a motion to approve transferring \$16,415.40 to the Water Authority. Katie Dynda seconded and the motion carried.

FUTURE ACTION

Flood Control Project

ADJOURNMENT – As there was no further business, Laura Fillhard made a motion to adjourn. Cory Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Szuba
Borough Secretary