

PORT ROYAL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

July 12, 2021

The Port Royal Borough Council held their monthly meeting on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 7 pm at 111 East Eighth Street, Port Royal, PA 17082.

Member's present were President, Mary Hubler, Vice President Brooks Gamble, Council Persons, Adam Bryner, Bonny Ellis, Linda Pray, Mayor, Bryan Baker and Jr Council Member, Olivia Gamble. Joseph Knepp, Council Member, was missing from the meeting.

Other's present were Kimbra Gray, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Solicitor Randy Zimmerman, Brian Book, Engineer cb3 Solutions, Jesse Harlan, Agent Don Jacobs Insurance Services, Inc., Residents, Karl Merideth and Nate Walters, residents of Main Street, Glenda Leister and Chelsea Boyer, residents of Ninth Street.

President of Council, Mary Hubler, brought the meeting to order and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance at approximately 7 pm.

MOTION was made to move to an Executive Session for discussion of Legal and Staff matters at 7:02 pm by Linda Pray, 2nd by Brooks Gamble, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made Brooks Gamble to end the Executive Session at 7:45 pm, 2nd by Adam Bryner, approved by all, motion carried.

Mayor Baker made apologies to the residents in attendance due to the lengthy executive session.

Due to terms of vacancy and Section 901 of the Borough Code, the alleged resignation accepted at the June 14 Meeting of the Port Royal Borough Council for Joseph Knepp is void. Mr. Knepp did not tender a written resignation. Action can be taken on the matter after a written resignation is received.

The check for Mr. Knepp will be held until all Borough Property is returned. The International Property Maintenance Code Book has not been returned to the Borough Office as of this meeting.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble for President of Council, Mary Hubler, to sign off on the Livestock Barn Agreement with stipulations between the Borough and the Juniata County Agricultural Society/Port Royal Speedway, 2nd by Bonny Ellis, motion carried, approved by all.

Mayor Baker requested the minutes reflect that he was vetoing the action. He stated that he was within his power to veto any vote according to the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs. Solicitor Zimmerman informed him he had no such power and a heated discussion ensued. Paraphrasing Solicitor Zimmerman, tell you what when you go law school and practice for as many years you will have room to talk.

MOTION was made by Bonny Ellis to authorize Solicitor Zimmerman to draft a letter to the Juniata County Agricultural Society/Port Royal Speedway regarding the terms of the Zoning Hearing Board held on Wednesday, June 7, 2nd by Adam Bryner, motion carried, approved by all.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to have Secretary Gray send a letter to Mr. Knepp requesting the return of the IPMC Book and a formal letter of resignation, 2nd by Linda Pray, approved by all, motion carried.

Jesse Harlan, Don Jacobs Insurance Services, presented through review of the current insurance policies verses suggest recommendations. Cost of Services is similar, but coverage is a bit more extensive with the recommendations being offered by Don Jacobs Insurance. A termination letter will need to be sent to PIRMA by July 25 if the Borough plans to move forward with Jacobs. Brian Book, Engineer cb³ suggested that Jesse meet with a few council members to do an inventory of equipment and attachments to update anything would be overlooked. He also suggested that we revisit the costs of replacement value for the buildings at Moyer Park.

Karl Merideth, resident Main Street, update speeding issues. He believes the situation is worsening and becoming a safety issue for children in the area. A meeting will be scheduled with the Juniata County Sheriff, Joshua Stimeling. Mr. Merideth was invited to be part of the meeting and share his observations.

Brooks Gamble thanked everyone on behalf of the Borough Council who attended the meeting to share their concerns.

MOTION was made by Adam Bryner to approve Minutes of the June Meeting with current July Minutes showing changes regarding the allege resignation of Joe Knepp per Solicitor Zimmerman, 2nd by Brooks Gamble, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to approve the Borough Bills for June, 2nd by Adam Bryner, approved by all, motion carried.

With no attempted to excused himself, Mayor Baker got up and left the meeting at 8:45 pm.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to approve the Code Enforcement Officer's Report for June, 2nd by Adam Bryner, approved by all, motion carried.

Brian Book, Engineer cb³ Solutions, LLC

Grants: There are a number of grant dollars being discussed.

1. **American Rescue Plan:** Single Page Application has been filed and accepted. There will be a meeting sponsored by SEDA COG at the Community Building on July 21st at 7pm.
2. **DCED/CDBG Program:** The application deadline for the 2021 grants closed on June 28th.

SR75 Bridge: No new updates.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to accept the June Maintenance Report, 2nd by Adam Bryner, approved by all, motion carried.

STREET COMMITTEE: Third and Fourth Streets are being evaluated. Mick Zimmerman is training Todd Oberlin, current Maintenance Person, to patch the pot holes and clean the storm drains.

OLD BUSINESS:

Halloween in the Park: Bonny Ellis will coordinate with Donna Brothers

Town Wide Meeting Schedule: Bonny Ellis will coordinate a date with Donna Brothers for the Community Building in September.

Vacant Council Seat: Selection Committee, Brooks Gamble and Bonny Ellis, will update Council for July meeting.

Logo Contest winners will be contacted to do the Murals for the front side of the Borough Building.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business to discuss.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Nothing was brought up.

MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 pm by Brooks Gamble, 2nd by Adam Bryner, approved by all, motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,

Kimbra Jo Gray
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Next Meeting, Monday, August 9, 2021 at 7 pm