

PORT ROYAL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

February 14, 2022

The Port Royal Borough Council held their monthly meeting on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 7 pm at 111 East Eighth Street, Port Royal, PA 17082.

Member's present were President, Mary Hubler, Vice President Brooks Gamble, Council Members, Adam Bryner, Linda Pray, Glenda Leister, Mayor Dan Henry, Jr Council Person Olivia Gamble, Council Member, Bonny Ellis attended via ZOOM.

Other's present were Kimbra Gray, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Brian Book, Engineer cb³ Solutions, Paulette Forry, Editor The Times, Becky Lock, Editor Juniata Sentinel, Borough Residents, Dave & Deb Martin, Dylan Cisney, John Towsey, Shane Armstrong, Grace Goss, Zack Bomberger

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 by Adam Bryner to approve Minutes of the January Meeting, 2nd by Brooks Gamble, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Glenda Leister to approve the Borough Bills for January, 2nd by Adam Bryner, approved by all, motion carried.

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

Public Comments

Grace Goss expressed concerns about the snow removal in alleyways and side streets. President Mary Hubler responded that our borough maintenance worker, Randy Williamson, has only been with us since December. She went on to explain that it is difficult to remove snow when there are vehicles blocking the alleyways and parked haphazardly on the side streets. She also stated that he was putting salt down in areas with pedestrian traffic and other highly used areas in the borough. Office has been getting a lot of good feedback, but Mrs. Goss said she was not hearing that.

Other residents are brought concerns regarding the Ag Society and the Borough. Dylan Cisney was concerned about an announcement placed on the website concerning "misinformation". President Hubler explained that people were indicating that the borough was going to be having a meeting with the Ag Society during the regularly scheduled monthly meeting and that it was never going to happen. She went on to explain that such an event would be a workshop due to Sunshine Laws. He was still unclear as to whether a meeting had been scheduled between the Ag Society and the borough. It was explained to him that when the attorneys were involved that everything transpiring needed to be handled by them, not private individuals. It was also relayed that there are more extenuating issues than just the camper parking.

Shane Armstrong questioned why the borough was using tax dollars to fund the solicitor, what he was doing and what was trying to be achieved. It was again explained that if everything was still in a pending situation, council would not be commenting. Brooks Gamble is confident that the residents will agree with the council and the situation needed to be played out. He went on to explain the numerous times the council tried to stop the issues before they got too far. Ag Society did not communicate and did not get back to council leaving no choice but to let the attorneys take over. Glenda Leister is interested in trying to resolve the issues. She would like to sit down and have everything resolved.

Grace Goss feels that everything is being swept under the rug and there will be no resolution.

Brian Book, Engineer cb³ Solutions, LLC

Grants: The Borough was awarded \$250,000 for Milford & 8th Streets in response to our DCED-MultiModal Grant Application. Reviewing the Construction Cost Estimate, the three major components split out as follows:

- Milford Street Repaving \$ 310,000
- Milford Street Utilities \$ 420,000
- 8th Street Repaving \$ 125,000

The PRMA is considering applying for a DCED-Act 2004 Local Share Account Grant of \$500,000 or more to cover the SR333 and Milford Street Utilities. Would the Borough want to pledge their support and grant dollars toward a joint project?

SR75 Bridge: PennDOT is moving for resolution on the project schedule. There is no definitive update.

Stormwater Issues on 4th Street: The Army Corp of Engineers will begin the Flood Plain Management Services (FPMS) work shortly. Any Stormwater documents need to be available for them. The current contact is Karl Kerr, ACOE, 410-962-4417 & Karl.Kerr@usace.army.mil .

Ag Barn: Ag Society has applied to the Authority for water service and will be attending the next Authority meeting to discuss. Ag Society needs to indicate their intentions to the Borough. Also, their currently sketch shown them using the Boroughs' 8th Street Right-of-way. We should send them a letter to coordinate. There are no water lines shown in the borough-approved construction work to the ag barn.

Residents had various comments as to the necessity of knowing what the water service is to be used for. Engineer Book explained that the obvious reason is for feeding and washing the livestock to be housed in the barn. He noted that there were never any plans submitted to the Municipal Authority on extending the water line until January 17th. He also noted that plans were never submitted to Port Royal Borough or Juniata County that included water lines. Zoning Officer, Karen Zaporozec, says as a borough we don't care if it is just watering, feeding, or washing livestock, if they are using it for other purposes that is a different issue.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to have Brian Book send a letter to the Ag Society enquiring the purposes of the water usage, 2nd by Adam Bryner, approved by all, motion carried.

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

Electrical upgrades for the shop were discussed and proposal from RedTec Electric LLC was shared. Proposal was under the limits to put out for bids.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to hire RedTec Electric LLC to upgrade the electrical system in the shop and to inspect for any other deficiencies and report them to Borough Maintenance, Randy Williamson, for review, 2nd by Adam Bryner, approved by all, motion carried.

A leak was reported for the fuel oil tank in the shop.

MOTION was made by Adam Bryner to have Randy Williamson check into replacing the fuel oil tank, 2nd by Brooks Gamble, approved by all, motion carried.

SPRING CLEAN UP: Scheduled for April 18th through 23rd.

SCRAP METAL: Randy Williamson wanted to bring the idea to council about saving scrap metal and using the funds received to use toward improvements/tools for the shop. Council members agreed and approved the suggestion.

SHREDDER EVENT: Council Members gave approval to check into firms available and get pricing to discuss at a future meeting. Glenda Leister suggested checking with Iron Mountain.

A date needs to be set for the Street Committee to meet and discuss future repairs. Sidewalks on Fourth Street were brought up as a concern.

Concerns were shared by borough resident, Chris Rice, about the loud trucks on Main Street. Mayor, Dan Henry, will schedule a meeting with the sheriff's office to discuss upcoming future oversight for the borough.

A thank you card was sent around for signatures for Senator Jake Corman for the new truck. A photo opportunity is going to be scheduled soon to bring attention to the grant we received for the truck and new equipment.

MOTION was made by Linda Pray to adopt the updated property maintenance guidelines, 2nd by Brooks Gamble, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to accept the new fee schedule as submitted, 2nd by Adam Bryner, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Adam Bryner to accept the Juniata County Agricultural Society/Port Royal Speedway race schedule as submitted, 2nd by Glenda Leister, approved by all, motion carried.

Glenda Leister will head up an Event Planning Committee.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to move to executive session for legal issues at 9:05 pm, 2nd by Adam Bryner, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made to leave executive session and adjourn the meeting at 10 pm by Brooks Gamble, 2nd by Adam Bryner, approved by all, motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,

Kimbra Jo Gray
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Next Meeting: Monday, March 14, 2022 at 7 p.m.