

PORT ROYAL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

June 13, 2022

The Port Royal Borough Council held their monthly meeting on Monday, June 13, 2022, at 7 pm at 111 East Eighth Street, Port Royal, PA 17082.

Members present were President, Adam Bryner, Vice-President, Brooks Gamble, Council Members, Glenda Leister, Nicholas Walters, Teresa Murphy, John Towsey, Mayor Dan Henry, and Jr Council Person Olivia Gamble.

Others present were Kimbra Gray, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Randy Williamson, Borough Maintenance, Brian Book, Engineer cb³ Solutions, Donald Zagurskie, Borough Solicitor, Becky Lock, Editor Juniata Sentinel, Chad Smith, Axis Professional Surveying, Borough Residents, Dave & Deb Martin, Caleb Shertzer, Trent Brenneman, Grace Goss, Heather Hockenberry and Steve Bargo.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to enter an Executive Session at 6:15 pm to discuss personnel and current legal issues, 2nd by Glenda Leister, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble at 6:59 pm to adjourn Executive Session, 2nd by Glenda Leister, approved by all, motion carried.

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

Persons in attendance were informed that an Executive Session was conducted before the meeting and action for those discussions would occur as the meeting progressed.

FIRST ON THE AGENDA

MOTION was made by Glenda Leister to authorize Solicitor Donald Zagurskie to engage in discussions concerning the current legal issues with zoning and the old school with Attorney Rich Wagner, counsel for the Juniata County Agricultural Society/Port Royal Speedway, 2nd by Brooks Gamble, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to approve Council President Adam Bryner to sign the Approval for Subdivision/Lot Addition for Book, Foltz and Leister properties, 2nd by John Towsey, approved by all except for Glenda Leister abstaining from the vote due to conflict of interest being a property owner, motion carried.

Election of New Council Member

The floor was open for nominations for the vacant Democrat seat.

MOTION was made by John Towsey to nominate Stephen Bargo to the seat vacated by Bonny Ellis, 2nd by Brooks Gamble. There were no other candidates presented for approval. Roll Call Vote: Brooks Gamble – Yes; Nick Walters – Yes; Teresa Murphy – Yes; John Towsey – Yes; Glenda Leister – Yes; Adam Bryner – Yes; approved by all, motion carried.

Selection of Zoning Hearing Board Members

President Adam Bryner opened the floor to discuss openings needing filled on the Zoning Hearing Board. Residents Caleb Shertzter and Trent Brenneman are willing to serve in place of the outgoing members.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to appoint Caleb Shertzter and Trent Brenneman to openings on the Zoning Hearing Board, 2nd by John Towsey.

Roll Call Vote for Caleb Shertzter: Brooks Gamble – Yes; Nick Walters – Yes; Teresa Murphy – Yes; John Towsey – Yes; Glenda Leister – Yes; Adam Bryner – Yes.

Roll Call Vote for Trent Brenneman: Brooks Gamble – Yes; Nick Walters – Yes; Teresa Murphy – Yes; John Towsey – Yes; Glenda Leister – Yes; Adam Bryner – Yes.

Caleb Shertzter and Trent Brenneman were both approved by a quorum vote of members, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to approve Minutes of the May Meeting, 2nd by Glenda Leister, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Nick Walters to approve the Borough Bills for May, 2nd by Teresa Murphy, approved by all, motion carried.

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

Public Comments

Grace Goss requested an update on the situation between the Juniata County Agricultural Society/Port Royal Speedway and the Borough. It was shared that nothing was new, but updates would be available as soon as there is something to share.

Heather Hockenberry is concerned with the lighting at Moyer Park being too bright and affecting her family's evening activities. Lighting was installed using grant monies. Brian Book will check with Brad Kerstetter about usage. Council members will take her concerns and suggestions into consideration and address at an upcoming meeting.

Trent Brenneman suggested a stop sign be placed at Fifth Street as a possible control for speeding on Main Street and flaggers for the bigger races to help with traffic control.

Brian Book, Engineer cb³ Solutions, LLC

SR 75 Bridge Project: PennDOT held an opening job conference on June 6th concerning scheduling with Norfolk Southern.

Grants: The Authority applied for a DCED Local Share, Statewide, Grant in the amount of \$960,222 for the combined work on Milford & 8th Streets. Grant was one of eighteen hundred furthered on for further review.

Long Range Project Planning: Projects for consideration:

- Milford Street & 8th Street – Depending on Authority efforts, we can resubmit for the remainder of the project.
- Main Street between 3rd and 2nd – Project is approximately 447 linear feet. Cost estimates will be available for July meeting.
- 1st Street (under the Bridge) Approximately 310 linear feet.

The DCED/PennDOT MultiModal Grant Application for 2022 is open with a \$100,000 to \$3,000,000 Limit until July 31st. A concept sketch, estimate and schedule need to be prepared for application.

Stormwater: The Army Corp of Engineers has begun the Flood Plain Management Services (FPMS) work.

Ag Barn: Water Services was extended.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to accept the Engineers Report for May, 2nd by Nick Walters, approved by all, motion carried.

Randy Williamson, Borough Maintenance, shared a conversation that he had with Dale and Sue Shields regarding speeding on Main Street and numerous children at risk. A request was made to place Slow Children Signs between on Main Street between 8th and Market Streets/Route 75 South. He also updated council on the progress of curb and ADA handicap areas.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to accept the Maintenance Report for May, 2nd by Teresa Murphy, approved by all, motion carried.

John Towsey will be added to the Street Committee.

Closeout Report for the Marcellus Shale Legacy Grant has been delivered to the Juniata County Planning Committee for acceptance.

PennDOT will be requested to place message boards alerting traffic for pedestrians around Market Street July 1st and 2nd during the Town Wide Yard Sale.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to approve Steven Aufer for appointment to the Port Royal Municipal Authority, 2nd by Nick Walters, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Glenda Leister to abolish the Port Royal Planning Commission, 2nd by Brooks Gamble. (Motion had to be rescinded to have verbiage corrected.)

MOTION was made by Glenda Leister to authorize Solicitor Donald Zagurskie to review and advertise the Ordinance to abolish the Port Royal Planning Commission, 2nd by Brooks Gamble, approved by all, motion carried.

A workshop will be held on Wednesday, June 29, at 6:30pm at the Port Royal Borough Building to review the current Employee Handbook and various Ordinances. Advertisement to be placed in accordance with Sunshine Act.

MOTION was made by Glenda Leister to begin the next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, July 11, at 6:15pm with an Executive Session to discuss personnel and ongoing legal issues, 2nd by John Towsey, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm by John Towsey, 2nd by Brooks Gamble, approved by all, motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,

Kimbra Jo Gray
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Next Meeting: Monday, July 11, 2022 at 7 p.m.