

## PORT ROYAL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

April 10, 2023

The Port Royal Borough Council held their monthly meeting on Monday, April 10, 2023, at 7 pm at 111 East Eighth Street, Port Royal, PA 17082.

Members present were President, Adam Bryner, Vice-President, Glenda Leister, Council Members, Brooks Gamble, Nicholas Walters, Teresa Murphy, John Towsey, and Mayor, Dylan Cisney. Steve Bargo was not able to attend due to a medical issue.

Others present were Kimbra Gray, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Randy Williamson, Borough Maintenance was unable to attend, Brian Book, Engineer cb<sup>3</sup> Solutions, Becky Lock, Juniata Sentinel, Paulette Forry, Editor The Times, and Borough Residents, Grace Goss, Bill & Phyllis Wagner, Stacy Myers, and Sharon McIlhenny.

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

### FIRST ON THE AGENDA

**MOTION** was made by Brooks Gamble to approve Minutes of the March Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glenda Leister, approved by all, motion carried.

**MOTION** was made by Brooks Gamble to approve the Borough Bills for March, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick Walters, approved by all, motion carried.

**MOTION** was made by Brooks Gamble to approve the Borough's Treasurer Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Teresa Murphy, approved by all, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Land Use Permit for 408 West Fourth Street to add additional storage area to the current residence.

**MOTION** was made by Glenda Leister to reject the permit for 408 West Fourth Street until the property owner could provide a legal survey showing that the addition would meet the Borough set back regulations and not encroach on the neighboring property, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Towsey, approved by all, motion carried.

**MOTION** was made by Brooks Gamble to approve the Land Use Permit Report for April, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glenda Leister, approved by all, motion carried.

**Public Comments** – Residents from First Street shared their concerns with drivers not paying attention to detour signage provided by PennDOT regarding the Route 75 Bridge Project and the bridge being open to local traffic only. Stacy Myers shared that a tractor and trailer with a double was hung up for 4 to 6 hours before it could get turned around and be on its way. Numerous cars, trucks, race car haulers, and service trucks have ended up on First Street due to drivers neglecting signage. Phyllis Wagner shared photos of the incidents. Vehicles have been damaging yards and a tree trunk when trying to get turned around.

Council members also discussed several accidents that occurred at the intersection of Route 75 and Route 333 and Route 333 and Route 35. There is also an issue of traffic backing up on Mowrey Street in Mifflin waiting to pull onto Route 35.

Mayor Cisney brought to everyone's attention that the Borough could only make suggestions, but ultimately PennDOT would decide on any changes to current signage.

President Adam Bryner shared the attempts for PennDOT's suggestion of one way in/one way out to funnel race traffic being unsuccessful even with signs on certain streets that were only open to local traffic.

**Brian Book, Engineer cb<sup>3</sup> Solutions, LLC**

**SR75 Bridge:** We have been getting updates on the work progress. Brian remains concerned about the schedule. To be specific, the schedule "Start Date: 3/27/2022 - Target end: 9/15/2022". Dave Liptak was questioned about this, and he responded: "Yes there is a difference in the dates. We're using the 9/15 date as of now for the contract completion date. The actual bridge opening date is 8/31 or hopefully sooner. The original bridge opening date was 6/31 and the contract completion date of 7/15. With the delay we had with the railroad we just pushed those dates two months. There still may need to be some work that needs to take place beyond the bridge opening date, but that work would be Second Street work like the parklet, topsoil, seeding, cleanup, and just some general touch up work. Our main focus and priority are having the bridge and 75 safe and open as soon as possible for you."

**Stormwater:** The draft final report was received on March 30th. The report is comprehensive and ultimately has 3 suggested improvements:

- Construction of Rip Rap Channel & E/S controls on PRS/JCAS Property - \$15-30,000
- Additional Inlet & Infrastructure on West 4th Street - \$35-50,000
- Infrastructure Improvements at the Milford Street & West 8th Street Intersection - \$25-40,000

I believe Ed Benish (ACOE) is waiting for a reply with comments. He will come up if necessary for a presentation.

A Workshop is scheduled for Monday, May 1, at 6 pm to review the stormwater report provided by the Amry Corps of Engineers.

**Point Service Station** – Underground Storage Tank Clean Up: Received an email from Orion Cook, PE from Converse Consultants that Kim is no longer with their firm. Moving forward we will be in contact with Tim Emerick. There was no additional information as to the timing of the work, but he did acknowledge that SR75 Bridge work and schedule limitations.

**2021 MultiModal Grant Application:** The Borough has been awarded \$250,000 under UID#8836199 for work on Milford & 8th Street. This grant needs to be spent by December 2024.

**2022 MultiModal Grant Application:** The Borough \$401,814 grant request under the PennDOT Multimodal program remains open.

**2023 COVID 19 Small Water, Sewer Grants:** The grant application for \$ 489,673 is under review. This covers the projects outlined in the ACOE Study and more.

**Juniata County CDBG:** Based upon discussions at last meeting, Kim and I will take this over.

**Federal FY24 Appropriations Guidance:** A grant package was submitted to Sen. Casey for the Stormwater work outlined above (2023 COVID-19).

**MOTION** was made by Brooks Gamble to accept the Engineers Report for March, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glenda Leister, approved by all, motion carried.

**Spring Clean Up:** Clean Up is underway this week for Borough residents. Items can be brought to the Borough Building or arrangements can be made by contacting Randy Williamson or a Borough Council Member if a resident is unable to transport items. John Towsey will be available to help Randy when necessary.

**MOTION** was made by Brooks Gamble to accept the Maintenance Report for March, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Towsey, approved by all, motion carried.

**For Information Only:** The Street Committee will be starting on the smaller improvement projects around town until we hear back on the grant funding.

**MOTION** was made by Brooks Gamble to adopt the updated the **Burn Ordinance**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Towsey, approved by all, motion carried.

#### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Council members discussed upcoming activities for Memorial Day. Military Banners will go up at the convenience of available council members in the next few weeks. Dylan Cisney reported that all permits and required planning has been completed and permits have been obtained from PennDOT.

Mayor Cisney opened a discussion about improvements to Moyer Park. He is interested in installing playground equipment and asked to see the plan that was created as a master plan in 2019 that included a list of possible projects.

Speeding is a current problem every day.

**Ordinance Fees and Fines:** Steve Bargo, Nick Walters and Brooks Gamble met on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm to discuss updating the fines and fee schedules to be able to consistently be applied to ordinance/zoning violations.

**MOTION** was made by Brooks Gamble to enter a short Executive Session at 8:50 pm to discuss the legal aspects of Ordinance Fees and Fines meeting from Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Towsey, approved by all, motion carried.

**MOTION** was made to exit Executive Session and adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm by John Towsey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brooks Gamble, approved by all, motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,

Kimbra Jo Gray  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Next Meeting: Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7 p.m.