

PORT ROYAL BOROUGH COUNCIL
April 14, 2025

Members present were President Adam Bryner, Council Members John Towsey, Nick Walters, Teresa Murphy, Grace Goss, Daniel Stong and Mayor Dylan Cisney. Vice-President Glenda Leister was not in attendance.

Others present were Kimbra Jo Gray, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Randy Williamson, Borough Maintenance, Brian Book, Engineer cb3 Solutions, Juniata County Advisor Jessica Guyer, Paulette Forry, Port Royal Times and Becky Lock Juniata Sentinel.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Jessica Guyer, Juniata County Advisor delivered signs for America250PA and requested council members step outside for a photo.

FIRST ON THE AGENDA

President Adam Bryner opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm.

MOTION was made by Grace Goss to approve Minutes of the March meeting, 2nd by Nick Walters, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Teresa Murphy to approve Borough Bills for the month of March, 2nd by Grace Goss, approved by all, motion carried.

Public Comments – There were no public comments.

Brian Book, Engineer cb3 Solutions, LLC

Juniata County Ag Society – Drawings have been reviewed for an additional restroom near the new barn. The Ag Society needs to obtain a commitment of service from the Port Royal Municipal Authority. The Municipal Authority extended a commitment to serve 11 EDU's according to the number of urinals, toilets, sinks, showers, etc. The plans do not show how the building is attached to the utility system. There are numerous connections that are available, but they are all capped. The Ag Society will be required to provide documentation with new drawings to show how they will be connected to the water, sewer and stormwater systems.

The Municipal Authority met recently with JC Agricultural Society. Those present included Jason with ProLawn, Allen Zimmerman, Zimmerman's Excavation, Duane Hart, some of the authority members and some of the Ag board and their solicitor. The conclusion of the meeting was that both the borough and the authority need to see the drawing to be able to approve moving forward. It is recommended that any action be tabled until drawings are approved.

Liquid Fuels – John Towsey and Randy Williamson are inventorying the streets and alleys for rehab. Once decisions are made, Matt Kenepp needs to be notified to approve the use of funds.

DCED Small Water and Sewer Grant Program – An application in the amount of \$358,500 will be requested from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Stormwater Improvements on Main Street to Route 333 totaling \$358,500 to include a grant of \$304,720.00.

Continued discussion was held regarding the issues with the stormwater run-off in connection with the JC Ag Society's new barn. Members agreed to table decisions for the stormwater issues on Cross Street until a later date.

MOTION was made by Grace Goss to approve President Adam Bryner to sign Port Royal Borough Resolution #2025-2 to request a PA Small Water and Sewer Program Project in the amount \$358,500 to include a grant of \$304,720 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Stormwater Improvements on Main Street to Route 333, 2nd by John Towsey, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Teresa Murphy to accept the Engineers Report for March, 2nd by Grace Goss , approved by all, motion carried.

Maintenance Report

John Towsey and Randy Williamson completed an assessment of the street signs to see which ones needed replacement and placed an order with US Municipal for the replacements.

Hardware was inventoried for the Military Banners and 10 sets were ordered. Glenda Leister placed an order for the new banners that have been collected over the last year. All banners will be placed for the new season sometime in May. No new orders will be accepted until after Veterans Day in November for placement for the new season in 2026.

Discussion was held regarding the delayed removal of the Christmas lights. The weather was not cooperative to be able to remove lights and put up banners at the same time.

Preparation for Spring Clean Up the week of April 21st has been completed.

Moyer Park has been opened. The port-a-pots are being scheduled for servicing. The current service provider is in the process of being sold. It was unanimously agreed to keep the block restroom closed unless the park is rented due to potential vandalism.

MOTION was made John Towsey to approve the Maintenance Report for March, 2nd by Nick Walters, approved by all, motion carried.

Street Committee

Donated Silver Maple, Red Oak, Pin Oak and various other species of trees have been planted. The Eagle Scout project was sponsored by First Energy.

Various areas were discussed for cold patching potholes.

The stormwater pipe that comes out beside the old pump station on First Street that was displaced due to heavy rainfall last August was discussed. Water is currently going around or over the pipe for any type of rainfall now. Temporary solutions are going to be used to fix the issue due to the pending upgrades to the pump station.

OLD BUSINESS

Port Royal EMS – Grace Goss attended a meeting along with Commissioner Graybill, Senator Judy Ward, Representative Perry Shambaugh, various board members from Port Royal and Central Juniata EMS. Costs of services were discussed and how the state funding was appropriated equally regardless of rural or highly populated areas. Additional funds are needed for payroll to be able to provide more help. Currently there are only two paramedics that cover the county. The average wage in Juniata County is \$14.00 making it difficult to get qualified personnel.

A letter was sent out to all county municipalities requesting that they designate \$10 per person in their municipality. Some of the municipalities are deciding not to participate. The last line in the letter indicated that non-participating municipalities may not have access to life-saving services.

Concerns were raised about how much future requests could amount to. Many of the municipalities struggle to maintain and upkeep infrastructural repairs without additional burdens added to their budgets.

Code Assessment Professionals – Opinions were sought regarding the hiring of Code Assessment Professionals to take care of Code Enforcement and Zoning only. Some suggestions included having coverage for X number of hours per month or they could just ride around and look for issues a couple days. Another service they can offer is to have a link put on the website. Residents could then log on and file a complaint. No retainer is required. They would also perform the property rental inspections and requests for zoning board hearings. There would be no cost to the Borough and residents would be receiving the specialized help that they offer to smaller towns.

MOTION was made by Grace Goss to authorize Adam Bryner to negotiate with Code Assessment Professionals for use of their services for code enforcement, zoning and rental inspections on an as needed basis according to the Borough's specifications, 2nd by Teresa Murphy, approved by all, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The Mifflin County Borough's Association has invited members to their annual dinner meeting, Wednesday, April 23, at the Rec Park Community Center. It will begin with a social gathering at 6 pm, dinner to follow at 6:30 pm and a brief business meeting after the meal.

MOTION was made by Daniel Stong at 8:32 pm to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Nick Walters, approved by all, motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,
Kimbra Jo Gray
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Next Meeting: Monday, April 14, 2025, at 7 pm