

PORT ROYAL BOROUGH COUNCIL

March 11, 2024

The Port Royal Borough Council held their monthly meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 7 pm at 111 East Eighth Street, Port Royal, PA 17082.

Members present were President, Adam Bryner, Vice-President Glenda Leister, Council Members, John Towsey, Nicholas Walters, Teresa Murphy, Grace Goss, Steve Bargo, and Mayor, Dylan Cisney.

Others present were Kimbra Jo Gray, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Brian Book, Engineer cb3 Solutions, Becky Lock, Juniata Sentinel, Paulette Forry, Editor the Times, Juniata High School Teacher, Johnna Towsey with students Nick & Josh, Borough Landlords, Dave & Kim Bomberger representing Republic Development Corp, and John Dorward.

FIRST ON THE AGENDA

Johnna Towsey along with two of her students were in attendance to present about their Grate Expectations Project. The students received a grant and completed a project in Mifflintown Borough. The project was to make people aware of how the water basin in the county area flowed to other areas. The students used stencils to mark the Mifflintown Borough storm drains with the message “No Dumping – Drains to the River.” The project will be completed during school hours.

MOTION was made by Steve Bargo to accept the offer from the Juniata High School Students to proceed with the Grate Expectation for Stormwater Awareness, 2nd by Teresa Murphy, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Teresa Murphy to approve Minutes of the February meeting, 2nd by Grace Goss, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Glenda Leister to approve Borough Bills for February, 2nd by Nick Walters, approved by all, motion carried.

There were three new Land Use Permits applied for.

- 616 Milford Street – Addition above the garage
- 407 Main Street – Remove a roof above the back addition and raise the roof
- JC Ag Society – Concession Stand
- JC Ag Society – Little League Field passed the initial inspections; approval to continue

Public Comments – Representatives from the Republic Development Corp addressed the council again about their concerns with the fees for the inspection, what would be inspected and the credentials for those doing the inspections. A workshop has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 1st, at 6 pm.

Brian Book, Engineer cb3 Solutions, LLC

Milford & Eighth Street:

A job conference will be held on Tuesday, March 12, with the contractor for Mid-State Paving LLC who was awarded the bid for the Milford & Eighth Streets project. The contract is ready for signatures. There

will be no active job site for a few weeks. Work will begin approximately the second to third week of May.

Point Service Station – Underground Storage Tank Clean Up: Solicitor Donald Zagurskie has an agreement prepared for Converse Consultants that President Adam Bryner can sign. Converse will be granted permission to close a portion of Eighth Street adjacent to The Point Service Station for two days during a two-week window so the firm would be able to drill on Eighth Street to complete the remediation process. A commercial road closure fee was discussed.

MOTION was made by John Towsey to approve the Council President Adam Bryner to sign the agreement prepared by Solicitor Donald Zagurskie for Converse Consultants for the remediation necessary in the area of Eighth Street adjacent to The Point Service Station, 2nd by Glenda Leister, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Glenda Leister to establish a Commercial Road Closure Fee for \$250.00 per event, 2nd by John Towsey, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Nick Walters to accept the Engineers Report for February, 2nd by Glenda Leister, approved by all, motion carried.

There was a request for a streetlight on the corner of Tuscarora and Fifth Streets. The discussion was tabled until further information could be obtained.

Also, on the subject of Fifth Street, there is a large tree in the Borough right of way that is becoming a hazard. Estimates will be sought for the removal and will be available for the April meeting.

Maintenance Report

Borough storage areas are completely full, and the COSTARS Salt Contract will need to be adjusted. The contract is due by Friday, March 15th. The council was asked to consider lowering the normal 75 tons to 40 tons. The Borough is bound to purchase 60% minimum of the amount contracted; the Borough is also able to purchase 140% maximum if needed at the contracted price.

MOTION was made by John Towsey to amend the COSTARS Salt Contract to 40 tons, 2nd by Teresa Murphy, approved by all, motion carried.

Moyer Park Tennis Court estimate for sealing the cracks is \$300.00. Approval was given to accept the estimate, schedule the pressure wash, select a paint crew and set a date to begin the project.

MOTION was made by Steve Bargo to accept the estimate provided by B & B Sealcoating for \$300.00 to repair the Moyer Park Tennis Courts, 2nd by Nick Walters, approved by all, motion carried.

Two dumpsters have been reserved for the Spring Clean-Up that has been scheduled for April 22-27 for Borough residents only. No tires will be accepted. The fees will remain the same as last year for electronics, small furniture, and mattresses. Hours will be 8 am to 4 pm on Monday and Wednesday, 8 am to 3 pm on Tuesday, due to Election Day; Thursday and Friday will be 8 am until 7 pm; Saturday 8 am until noon.

MOTION was made by Teresa Murphy to accept the Maintenance Report for February, 2nd by Glenda Leister, approved by all, motion carried.

Ordinance Committee

Council members agreed to have President Adam Bryner compile a table of contents for the ordinance books. Copies will be distributed to each council member to access what is missing from the individual books. Missing pages will then be copied for insertion into each book.

Old Business

Council members were requested to put together a list of ideas for the dedication ceremony to be held at the Parklet Parcel adjacent to the new bridge over the railroad tracks and bring those ideas to the next council meeting on Monday, April 8th.

Port Royal Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, March 24th at 2 pm with a visit from the Easter Bunny. Hotdogs, ham & bean soup, and drinks will be available. Approximately 7,000 eggs have been filled for the hunt.

Spring Clean-Up – Council agreed to keep the same fees and items for acceptance from last year, except for tires. Times have been revised due to Tuesday, April 23rd being election day. Monday and Tuesday, 8 am until 3 pm; Wednesday, 8 am until 4 pm; Thursday and Friday, 8 am until 7 pm; and Saturday from 8 am until noon.

New Business

Port Royal Speedway made a request to host a short list of Sunday races.

MOTION was made by John Towsey to approve the provided list of Sunday races, 2nd by Nick Walters, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Glenda Leister to move to an emergency Executive Session regarding a legal matter at 8:30 pm, 2nd by Teresa Murphy, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Glenda Leister to exit the Executive Session at 9:22 pm, 2nd by John Towsey, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Grace Goss to approve President Adam Bryner speak with the Juniata County Agricultural Society/Port Royal Speedway regarding a building permit that had been submitted for construction of a concession stand, 2nd by Glenda Leister, approved by all, motion carried.

General Discussion – There were no other concerns presented.

MOTION was made at 9:25 pm by John Towsey to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Grace Goss, approved by all, motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,
Kimbra Jo Gray
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Next Meeting: Monday, April 8, 2024, at 7 pm