

PORT ROYAL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

May 8, 2023

The Port Royal Borough Council held their monthly meeting on Monday, May 8, 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, Steve Bargo and Mayor, Dylan Cisney.

Others present were Kimbra Gray, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Randy Williamson, Borough Maintenance was unable to attend, Brian Book, Engineer cb³ Solutions, Becky Lock, Juniata Sentinel, Paulette Forry, Editor the Times, and Borough Resident Grace Goss.

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 May Meeting, 2nd by Glenda Leister, approved by all, motion carried.

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

Discussion was held regarding land use permits for yard barns and other smaller projects. President Adam Bryner feels that Commonwealth Code didn't need to be involved with all projects and he feels that their timeline sometimes is holding residents up. Steve Bargo shared that if it needs electricity or plumbing that would have to go to the county. Engineer Brian Book reminded everyone that the Borough waived keeping a full-time officer and that the Borough needs to follow BOCA Basic Building Codes enacted in the early 80's and suggested legal counsel be sought. Glenda Leister requested that the Borough investigate competitive services. Secretary Kim Gray will check with other firms.

Public Comments – There were no public comments offered.

Brian Book, Engineer cb³ Solutions, LLC

SR75 Bridge: PennDOT cannot do much regarding the vehicles who disregard the signs and still end up on First Street. They have established some additional signs and dropped the speed limit on SR35 along with a few other things. They are reporting that the project is on schedule for 9/1/2023 reopening. There are still issues concerning pedestrians who disobey warning signs.

Stormwater: The report from ACOE was review in committee. The three following improvements were discussed.

- 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

The project on Fourth Street to replace the Stormwater Pipe will proceed, but the Borough will await funding of the remaining infrastructure.

Point Service Station – There are no further updates for this project.

2021 MultiModal Grant Application: The Borough has been awarded \$250,000 under UID#8836199 for work on Milford & Eighth Street. This grant needs to be spent by December 2024. Axis Land Surveying will need to be contacted to survey.

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: Nothing new to report.

MOTION was made by John Towsey to accept the Engineers Report for May, 2nd by Steve Bargo, approved by all, motion carried.

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

Council members discussed getting core samples for Milford and Eighth Streets to better access the scope of the project. Samples will provide information on the extent of work to be done whether to mill and repave the streets or rebuild them.

MOTION was made by Steve Bargo to have Engineer Brian Book contact Axis Land Surveying to begin surveying Milford and Eighth Streets, 2nd by John Towsey, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Glenda Leister approve Brian Book and Maintenance Worker Randy Williamson to reach out to area paving companies for core sampling, 2nd by John Towsey, approved by all, motion carried.

Stormwater Pipe replacement on Fourth Street can be paid for with funds from Liquid Fuels. Matt Kenepf will need to be contacted for project approval.

Steve Bargo and Nick Walters reported basic information from a meeting to discuss Ordinance Fines and Fees. Steve will type up the information to present to the full council, they believe they were able to clear up areas open to question and structure an updated fee schedule.

Memorial Day Parade preparations are in order. The parade will begin at 9 am at the fire hall and proceed to Route 75. There will be flaggers and signage where necessary.

MOTION was made by Nick Walters to have President Adam Bryner sign to 2023 EMS Week Proclamation designating the Week of May 21 – 27, 2023 as Emergency Medical Services Week, 2nd by Glenda Leister, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to approve Glenda Leister an Abandoned Vehicle Permit for a vehicle being restored at her residence, 2nd by Teresa Murphy, approved by all but Glenda Leister abstaining due to personal interest, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Glenda Leister to discontinue the use of ZOOM for monthly council meetings due to the lifting of the COVID-19 mitigation restrictions in Pennsylvania, 2nd by Steve Bargo, approved by all, motion carried.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Resident speeding has become a more prevalent problem.

Residents in the area of Cross Street have been struggling with property damage from race traffic with excessive mud in the street following the events. Vehicles are crossing private property to leave the area. Teresa Muphy commented that in the past caution tape was used to barricade certain areas, but she has not seen that happening this year. Adam Bryner will contact Seth Koser and see what can be negotiated to control the issues.

MOTION was made at 8:45 pm by Nick Walters to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Glenda Leister, approved by all, motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,

Kimbra Jo Gray
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Next Meeting: Monday, July 10, 2023, at 7 p.m.