

PORT ROYAL BOROUGH COUNCIL
March 10, 2025

The Port Royal Borough Council held their monthly meeting on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 7:00 pm at 111 East Eighth Street, Port Royal, PA 17082.

Members present were President Adam Bryner, Vice-President Glenda Leister, Council Members, John Towsey, Teresa Murphy, Grace Goss, and Daniel Stong. Mayor Dylan Cisney and council member Nick Walters were missing from the meeting.

Others present were Kimbra Jo Gray, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Brian Book, Engineer cb3 Solutions, Garrett Berry, Juniata County Conservation District, Joe Lyons and Bill Scott, Codes Assessment Professionals, Paulette Forry, Port Royal Times and Jeremiah from the Juniata Sentinel.

FIRST ON THE AGENDA

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

Garrett Berry from the Juniata County Conservation District updated council members about erosion and sediment control, storm water and permitting requirements. He will be available to assist with any needs regarding land development.

Joe Lyons and Bill Scott, Codes Assessment Professionals, discussed services they provide including code enforcement, zoning, property maintenance, and rental inspections. Bill Scott emphasized their educational approach and cost-effectiveness. The borough's ordinance requires rental inspections every two years. The proposed contract includes an hourly rate without a retainer. They estimated that it would take 2 ½ hours to cover the borough and access troubled areas including safety areas, blighted properties, junk/garbage. Initially letters would be sent out before other steps are taken. Assistance for residents would also be provided to get the help needed to make the improvements to become compliant with the borough ordinances.

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

MOTION was made by Grace Goss to approve Borough Bills for the month of February, 2nd by Daniel Stong, approved by all, motion carried.

Public Comments – There were no public comments.

Brian Book, Engineer cb3 Solutions, LLC

PUC Court Proceedings – SR 75 Stormwater – Solicitor Donald Zagurskie confirmed that the PUC did rule on the storm water making it the responsibility of Norfolk Southern to maintain the pipe underneath the railroad tracks. There is a 30-day period for anyone to oppose the decision and level up to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Milford & Eighth Street – MidState Paving still owes “Record Drawings” and other end of job paperwork

Juniata County Ag Society – Drawings have been submitted for an additional restroom near the new barn and are under review.

SCED LSA Grant Application – There is no word on if or when it will be reviewed.

Liquid Fuels – Meeting with Matt Kenepp – Meeting took place on February 27th. Cost estimates based upon PennDOT's unit pricing will be provided. It is expected that bid can be directly solicited. The use of Liquid Fuels has been approved. Several streets and alleys were accessed for rehab. Documents will be prepared and an invitation to bid sent out to the Juniata Sentinel. It would be possible to award the bid in May.

MOTION was made by Teresa Murphy to seek bids for the entire streets/alleys' rehabilitation project, 2nd by Grace Goss, approved by all, motion carried.

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

Maintenance Report

The first load of salt was received, one more load is required to complete the contract for 2025.

MOTION was made Grace Goss to approve the Maintenance Report for February, 2nd by Teresa Murphy, approved by all, motion carried.

Street Committee

The month of February was spent removing snow and ice.

A discussion was held about a curb in need of repair on Fifth Street. The owners were consulted, and they do not care what is done with it. It is approximately 36 feet and should be replaced because of the sidewalk above it. This project could be coordinated with the pad for the memorial bench for Steve Bargo at Moyer Park. The project could be scheduled after Spring Clean Up. Council members also suggested consulting Steve's son Eric about the placement of the bench.

OLD BUSINESS – Statements of Financial Interest are due on May 1, 2025.

Spring Clean Up – April 21st to 26th

Hours 21st to 23rd 8 am to 4 pm; 24th and 25th 8 am to 7 pm; 26th 8 am until noon

No tires will be accepted; Appliances and Electronics will be \$10 per item

Assistance will be provided for seniors by contacting the Borough Office

NEW BUSINESS

Port Royal EMS Support – Emergency personnel are facing financial difficulties. The municipalities were approached last Fall with a request to receive support designated toward payroll costs. The original plan was the creation of a tax that would go to them, but they were unable to have it approved. The current request is for a \$10 per person tax.

MOTION was made by Teresa Murphy to approve the \$10/per person tax for the Advanced Life Support Payroll to be reviewed and approved annually, 2nd by Glenda Leister. A roll call vote was held after John Towsey made a counter motion. Adam Bryner – Yes; Grace Goss – Yes; Teresa Murphy – Yes; Glenda Leister – Yes; Daniel Stong – Yes; John Towsey – No, motion carried.

MOTION was made by John Towsey to adopt the Resolution for the Juniata County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan contingent upon Brian Book's approval, 2nd by Grace Goss, approved by all, motion carried.

The Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 12, at 2 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

The 19th Annual Lion's Club Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, April 19th. Children up to 15 can register. Barbeque Chicken will be available for sale.

Military Banners were discussed. Glenda Leister has offered to assist with ordering banners.

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

Respectively Submitted,
Kimbra Jo Gray
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Next Meeting: Monday, March 10, 2025, at 7 pm