

**PORT ROYAL BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**September 9, 2024**

The Port Royal Borough Council held their monthly meeting on Monday, September 9, 2024, 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, Nicholas Walters, Teresa Murphy, Grace Goss, and Mayor, Dylan Cisney.

Others present were Kimbra Jo Gray, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Brian Book, Engineer cb3 Solutions, Becky Lock, Juniata Sentinel.

**FIRST ON THE AGENDA**

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

**MOTION** was made by Glenda Leister to approve Minutes of the August meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick Walters, approved by all, motion carried.

**MOTION** was made by Teresa Murphy to approve Borough Bills for the month of August, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grace Goss, approved by all, motion carried.

There were no new requests for information on Land Use Permits.

President Adam Bryner opened discussion for the vacant position on council. John Towsey nominated Daniel “Newt” Stong, resident of Tuscarora Street. He has served previously on Borough Council, the Municipal Authority and the Fair Board. Grace Goss mentioned that Michelle Bargo reached out to her, but there were questions as to whether she had interest. Ryan Hutchinson was also approached, but due to his schedule he declined. After further discussion, Grace Goss nominated Michelle Bargo, there was no second to the nomination. Requests were made for further nominations. There being no further nominations, discussion closed.

**MOTION** was made by John Towsey to nominate Daniel “Newt” Stong, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glenda Leister. A roll call vote was held John Towsey – yes; Nick Walters – yes; Teresa Murphy – yes; Grace Goss – no (reason being she did not know Daniel); Glenda Leister – yes; Adam Bryner – yes; approved by a majority vote, motion carried.

**Public Comments** – There were no public comments.

**Brian Book, Engineer cb3 Solutions, LLC**

**Milford & Eighth Street Project** – Grant funds have been received from DCED for Phase I. Money is back in place for funds borrowed. Mid-State will be working to complete the project before November 15<sup>th</sup> when the asphalt plants close.

**Community Center** – The grant application was submitted. Awards have been set back to the January Commonwealth Financing Authority’s meeting.

**PUC Court Proceedings – SR 75 Stormwater** – Stormwater drainage issues were discussed, including a rebuttal report to be submitted to the Public Utility Commission. Explanation of the Army Corps study

and the percentage of surface area drained by the pipe was explained. Brain mentioned potential costs associated with the rebuttal report and the need to ensure the Borough is not held responsible.

Norfolk Southern vs. PennDOT case has required Engineer Brian Book and Solicitor Donald Zagurskie to respond and to appear in PUC Court on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

Another area of concern is the ongoing issues of runoff after heavy rainfall in the area between Milford Street and Juniata County Agricultural Society properties. Discussion was held regarding a landowner's stormwater runoff issues, including the lack of permeability and the impact of the storm on the community. Stormwater runoff is starting- at the top of the hill and grows larger as it moves down. It was proposed to have a meeting with the Agricultural Society to address the stormwater runoff issues and to involve the County Conservation District along with the Ag Society's engineer. There was a strong emphasis on the importance of neighborly resolution and the potential involvement of the county and state if the issue escalates.

**Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2025** has been submitted to the Juniata County Conservation District. A call was received from the Conservation District enquiring about damages occurring from the heavy storms at the end of August. If Pima or FEMA declare the county an emergency, damage could be claimed.

**MOTION** was made by John Towsey to accept the Engineers Report for August, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Teresa Murphy, approved by all, motion carried.

#### **Maintenance Report**

**MOTION** was made by Glenda Leister to accept the Maintenance Report for August, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick Walters, approved by all, motion carried.

#### **Ordinance Committee**

Discussion was held regarding the hiring of a Code Enforcement Officer. Keith Palm has shown interest in providing those services. Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs provides training.

**MOTION** was made by Grace Goss to hire Keith Palm as the Code Enforcement Officer on an as needed basis at the rate of \$25.00 per hour, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Towsey, approved by all, motion carried.

**MOTION** was made by Glenda Leister to have Keith Palm participate in the PSAB training at the Borough expense of approximately \$45.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Teresa Murphy, approved by all, motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Eagle Scout Tree Planting Project is progressing. Potential locations were discussed, approval will be needed to plant around the baseball field. It was also mentioned that the Municipal Authority should be consulted regarding placement in certain areas. Funding for the project will be covered by First Energy.

**Budget Workshop** has been scheduled for Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00 pm.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Halloween Parade** – will start at McBarney's at 6 pm and end at the firehall with hotdogs and snacks. October 31 will be designated as town trick or treat night from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

## **General Discussion**

The bamboo has been removed from the First Street property.

A crosswalk was installed across Eighth Street to the main gate of the fairgrounds.

Grace Goss suggested looking into the possibility of installing a message board for public announcements.

**MOTION** was made at 8:07 pm by John Towsey to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glenda Leister, approved by all, motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,  
Kimbra Jo Gray  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Next Meeting: Monday, October 14, 2024, at 7 pm