

PORT ROYAL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

November 8, 2021

The Port Royal Borough Council held their monthly meeting on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 7 pm at 111 East Eighth Street, Port Royal, PA 17082.

Member's present were President, Mary Hubler, Vice-President, Brooks Gamble, Council Persons, Adam Bryner, Bonny Ellis, Linda Pray, Nick Walters, Mayor Bryan Baker.

Other's present were Solicitor Randy Zimmerman, Kimbra Gray, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Brian Book, Engineer cb3 Solutions, Becky Lock, Editor Juniata Sentinel, Paulette Forry, Editor Port Royal Times, and approximately 26 attendees, (separately attached).

President of Council, Mary Hubler, brought the meeting to order and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance at approximately 7 pm.

First Order of Business was for President Hubler to address the Council Members as well as persons in attendance the requirements of conduct expected during the meeting. Any persons conducting themselves in a disrespectful or disorderly manor will be requested to leave the meeting. Those refusing to leave would be escorted by the State Police.

Public Comment Period consumed most of the meeting lasting approximately one hour. Port Royal residents and a few other concerned individuals crowded the Borough Office to express concerns with the agreement between the Juniata County Agricultural Society/Port Royal Speedway and the Port Royal Zoning Hearing Board.

Dylan Cisney spoke on behalf of the group by saying everyone was upset about the new location of the campers and how it was tied to the barn project. He stated that the general feeling was in favor to nullify the part of the agreement of moving the "campground." Solicitor Zimmerman responded that the Ag Society had only requested a variance for the camper parking, he went on to explain that the Ag Society did not come to the hearing prepared and then ask for a continuance. Mr. Cisney continued saying that he was told the building permit for the barn would not be issued until the agreement was signed. He didn't know where the idea came from to relocate the campers and relayed that the Ag Society spent approximately \$100,000 on that area. He didn't understand how the two projects were tied together.

Elizabeth Armstrong spoke about her property and questioned why it was necessary to move the campground since it was out of the way. Few residents commented that it was only two households that opposed the current location. Zack Bomberger is the closest resident to the campers and he is not opposed. John Towsey, former councilmember, stated that the current area for campers is zoned the same as the fairgrounds and the area they will be moved to is in a floodplain. He also went on to say that there is nothing in the zoning ordinances about campers and anything regarding would be grandfathered. President Hubler informed the audience that the permit received for the area was for a parking lot with safety lighting.

Teresa O'Neal questioned "how can we all work together?" President Hubler continued that the trust between the Borough and the Ag Society has been challenged and things are being done without approval of the Borough.

Teresa Murphy stated that "you're not going to please everyone." She questioned about having a meeting between Council, the Ag Society, racetrack and residents coming together to address concerns.

Track promoter, Steve O'Neal, also a resident of Ninth Street, stressed that he is an independent contractor, and the track's impact effects more than Port Royal Borough and Juniata County. The need for motels and other services brings millions of dollars to surrounding counties as well. There were also questions of how people would safely move between the relocated campers and the track. The move makes no sense to him.

Borough Engineer, Brian Book, stated that there are inconsistencies in Ag Society's plans and both the Ag Barn and the campground are not currently consistent with zoning. Improvements shouldn't be done prior to approval and its incumbent upon the property owner to make their case.

Solicitor Zimmerman noted that the first thing is to have a meeting. He has been contacted by the Ag Society's new lawyer to set up a meeting.

Teresa Murphy asked if the council had any information for residents on the trash collection. President Hubler shared that research was being conducted on the matter. Resident Gladys Boyer would like Council to take into consideration senior citizens who would be getting a bill that otherwise would not due to the small amount of trash verses that of a family.

MOTION was made by Adam Bryner to approve Minutes of the October Meeting, 2nd by Brooks Gamble, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to approve the Borough Bills for October, 2nd by Adam Bryner, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Adam Bryner to approve the Code Enforcement Officer's Report for September, 2nd by Nick Walters, approved by all, motion carried.

Brian Book, Engineer cb³ Solutions, LLC

Grants: There have been no new updates.

Stormwater Issues on 4th Street: Members of the Borough and Authority met with Army Corp of Engineers to study the Stormwater and Sewer throughout the Borough. Awaiting a proposal.

Opportunity with Army Corp of Engineers to study the Stormwater and Sewer throughout the Borough. Region 3 (Baltimore/Chesapeake) will be contacted to set up a meeting to recommend and advise a plan of action for improvements. This meeting is no cost, to implement a design will involve a 50% cost share that could be paid with ARPA Funds.

Ag Barn: County and Brian Book visited the project site and found work complied with the submitted plans. There is a revision that needs addressed.

There was no Maintenance Report available for October. Position is vacant as of this meeting.

Five applications were received for the maintenance position and are scheduled to be reviewed and interviews set up.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to place an ad for the 2022 Budget, 2nd by Adam Bryner, approved by all, motion carried.

STREET COMMITTEE:

M & J Paving have completed the paving areas for Milford & Ninth Streets, Milford & Eighth Streets, and Fourth Street at Moyer Park.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Baker thanked the organizers for the Veterans Parade. It was a great day with beautiful weather. He also noted that there should be proper lighting outside the office for the flagpole. He again expressed his concerns about police coverage.

Salt Contracts: Secretary, Kimbra Gray was authorized to place an order for the delivery of salt.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas Lights will be put up the weekend before Thanksgiving and will be lite on Thanksgiving Evening.

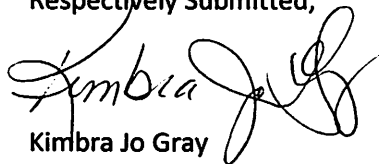
MOTION was made to move to an Executive Session for discussion of Legal and Staff matters at 8:47 pm by Adam Bryner, 2nd by Brooks Gamble, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made Brooks Gamble to end the Executive Session at 9:12 pm, 2nd by Adam Bryner, approved by all, motion carried.

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

MOTION to adjourn by Adam Bryner, 2nd by Brooks Gamble, approved by all, motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,



Kimbra Jo Gray
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Next Meeting, Monday, December 13, 2021 at 7 pm

Becky Lock
Paulette Forry
Gladys Boyer
Teresa Murphy
Brent Leach
Bob & Karen Krieder
Ashton Kauffman
Angela Snyder
Daniel Halderman
Elizabeth Armstrong
Jamie Sheaffer
Dave & Deb Martin
Steve & Teresa O'Neal
Trent Brenneman
Caleb Shertzer
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