

PORT ROYAL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

October 11, 2021

The Port Royal Borough Council held their monthly meeting on Monday, October 11, 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.

Other's present were Solicitor Randy Zimmerman, Kimbra Gray, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Brian Book, Engineer cb3 Solutions, Becky Lock, Editor Juniata Sentinel.

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.

Solicitor Zimmerman updated Council on the issues with the Juniata County Agricultural Society/Port Royal Speedway with drainage design and issues on Fourth Street.

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

MOTION was made by Adam Bryner to approve the Borough Bills for September, 2nd by Bonny Ellis, approved by all, motion carried.

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

George Henry of 503 Main Street shared concerns for maintenance in the area of his home. He removed 4 to 5 buckets of mud from the storm drain that was completely hidden by weeds. He also removed weeds from several sidewalks in the area. Council members thanked him for his service to the Borough but requested that in the future to please call with any issues regarding the storm drains.

Brian Book, Engineer cb³ Solutions, LLC

Grants: There have been no new updates.

Stormwater Issues on 4th Street: Design seems to be appropriate. The events of Hurricane Ida are considered to be a 500-year storm. The county does not have records of any post construction inspection or any recorded drawings filed. Homeowners have filed complaints with the Borough Office on numerous occasions after heavy rains. Storm waters come through the fence from under the silt socks. Everything is currently being done that can be done until further investigation of the area in question is conducted.

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: Met with Allen Zimmerman to review and discuss issues regarding the Stormwater and construction activities at the Ag Barn. Current design for storm water to Ninth Street includes a trench behind the school to Cross Street. Pipe goes approximately 9" above ground. This issue can't be built as approved. Discussion requested to be moved to Executive Session.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to accept the September Maintenance Report, 2nd by Adam Bryner, approved by all, motion carried.

Temporary/Part-time Maintenance Employee, Todd Oberlin, quit. He sent a message to President Hubler on Sunday, October 10, stating his intentions and returned his keys.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to place advertisements in both local papers and run two consecutive weeks for a Borough Maintenance Person, 2nd by Adam Bryner, approved by all, motion carried.

STREET COMMITTEE:

Salt Contracts: There have been no updates on the current year contract. Brooks cleaned up the shed and everything is ready for delivery.

M & J Paving: Plans are to complete areas contracted before the end of October.

OLD BUSINESS:

Moyer Park Family Restroom Project: A claim was filed with the insurance company. PIRMA requested copies of the invoice with detailed description of failure and a certificate of occupancy. The adjuster is questioning as to when the restroom was scheduled on the policy. After talking with the current insurance agency, we are to decide if it is worth the effort to gain \$290.00. We have a \$500.00 deductible.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to drop the current insurance claim and pay Parsons Septic and Porta Pot Service contingent on all the work being completed, 2nd by Nick Walters, approved by all, motion carried.

Mayor Baker revisited the idea of having a police force. He feels that the "free money" that we receive from the Amusement Tax will more that cover the costs. Bonny Ellis reminded him that he wanted to abolish the Amusement Tax at the August meeting. She also stated that those funds could not be depended upon. Council members were frustrated that the idea was being brought up again as they were not in favor in the past and they certainly were not in favor of sharing personnel from Mifflin Borough. Mayor Baker made remarks that he would speak with Becky Lock of the Juniata Sentinel later, then addressed the council stating that he would like the "record to show that the Council Members of Port Royal Borough did not care about the safety of the residents." Council members remarked that they felt that the Pennsylvania State Police were taking care of all the necessary problems that occur. The Juniata County Sheriff's Office has also been on call in the area addressing the issues with speeding. If future statics show increases in local crimes, they would be open to other options at that time.

The new account has been set up at the Juniata Valley Bank for the ARPA Funding.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to have Engineer Brian Book oversee the construction at the Ag Barn Project, 2nd by Adam Bryner, approved by all, motion carried.

Solicitor Zimmerman will review the cyber security requirements for insurance purposes.

Budget Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 13, at 6 pm.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to send the \$100.00 Halloween Donation to the Ladies Aux, 2nd by Linda Pray, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Adam Bryner to make donations to the Friendship Fire Company \$4000.00 and to the Port Royal EMS \$3000.00 same as last year, 2nd by Bonny Ellis, approved by all, motion carried.

The Borough received the Fire Insurance Premium for 2021 in the amount of \$3,791.78. The funds have been forwarded to the Friendship Fire Company Relief Fund and Form 706B has been approved by the DCED.

Funds of \$214.23 have been received from PURTA for the CenturyLink Property. These funds are a reimbursement from the Public Utility Realty Tax Account.

New Bulbs for the Christmas Lights have arrived and will be changed out on Friday, October 22, when help will be available.

Preparation of Refuse Hauling Permits/Garbage Service Contracts were discussed as general discussion. Solicitor Zimmerman agreed to provide some research and discovery to see if this service would be beneficial to our Borough. If this service does become something of interest there will be full disclosure and public input will be encouraged and will carry a lot of weight in determining the final decision.

Due to not having a current Borough Maintenance Person, the Leaf Pickup will not be conducted this year.

Mayor Baker excused himself from the meeting before Executive Session with the parting remarks that executive sessions were not transparent.

MOTION was made to move to an Executive Session for discussion of Legal and Staff matters at 8:24 pm by Brooks Gamble, 2nd by Adam Bryner, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made Brooks Gamble to end the Executive Session at 9:00 pm, 2nd by Nick Walters, approved by all, motion carried.

There being no further discussion the meeting ended at 9:01 pm by **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 pm by Brooks Gamble, 2nd by Adam Bryner, approved by all, motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,

Kimbra Jo Gray
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Next Meeting, Monday, November 8, 2021 at 7 pm