

PORT ROYAL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

August 14, 2023

The Port Royal Borough Council held their monthly meeting on Monday, August 14, 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, and Mayor, Dylan Cisney. Council member Steve Bargo was not in attendance.

Others present were Kimbra Jo Gray, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Brian Book, Engineer cb3 Solutions, Becky Lock, Juniata Sentinel, Paulette Forry, Editor the Times, and Borough residents Grace Goss, Dave and Deb Martin. Officials representing PennDOT and HRI included Marc Maney, Timothy Nebgen, Steve Vinisky, and David Liptak.

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

The meeting opened with Marc Maney, PennDOT's District 2 Construction Manager, updating council members and town residents with Route 75 Bridge Project. Route 75 will not reopen on September 1st. Issues with saw cutting took nearly eight weeks, but the project scheduled for only two weeks. The deterioration was minimal after the deck was removed. Another delay stemmed from the safety concerns of Norfolk Southern. All work stops, men and equipment need to be clear of the work site when train are passing through. Beams are expected to be set the last week of August before the fair starts. Additionally, with the delay, there will be upgrades to the traffic plan for fair goers. They have identified additional intersections for flaggers, message boards will be placed on US22/322 to put travel times on. They are open to ideas to enhance safety measures concerning fair week September 2 to 9. Concerns were shared about the Tuscarora 50 and a Penn State home game being on the same day as there are other construction sites along US22/322. Small businesses have been hit hard and fair week is a major source of income for many.

MOTION was made by Nicholas Walters to approve Minutes of the July meeting, 2nd by Teresa Murphy, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Teresa Murphy to approve the Borough Bills for July, 2nd by John Towsey, approved by all, motion carried.

Public Comments – Grace Goss shared that she took bottled water and Gatorade to the PSP barracks on behalf of Port Royal Borough residents.

Brian Book, Engineer cb3 Solutions, LLC

Stormwater: Senators Casey & Fetterman have approved the Municipal Authority for funding and that request has made it through on the Federal Budget.

2021 MultiModal Grant Application: The Borough has been awarded \$250,000 under UID#8836199 for work on Milford & Eighth Street. Axis Surveying has been contacted to get surveying started.

2022 MultiModal Grant Application: Our \$401,814 grant request under the PennDOT Multimodal program remains open.

2023 COVID 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: We need to revisit the income study to gain eligibility..

Federal FY24 Appropriations Guidance: Package was submitted to Senator Casey for the Stormwater work outlined with the 2023 COVID-19 grant application.

Milford & Eighth Street Project: Survey Work began on July 26th. A “one line” drawing with the Streets Committee will be reviewed in September. Recommendation is to bid by a unit price and advertising should go out around Thanksgiving enabling an awarded bid by March 15. It was also discussed to meet with homeowners along the project area to update them with how the project will affect their properties and schedules.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to contract Brian Book, cb3 Solutions to prepare contracts, documents, and necessary information to move the Milford and Eighth Streets project forward, 2nd by John Towsey, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Brooks Gamble to accept the Engineers Report for July, 2nd by Glenda Leister, approved by all, motion carried.

Maintenance Report

Randy Williamson, Borough Maintenance, was unavailable.

MOTION was made by Teresa Murphy to accept the Maintenance Report for July, 2nd by Nicholas Walters, approved by all, motion carried.

Street Committee

Repainting the white line along Eighth Street was discussed for pedestrian traffic going to the fair. Repairing, straightening, and painting signposts will also be on the work schedule in coming weeks. A meeting date of Thursday, September 28, at 7 pm was scheduled to further discuss the Milford and Eighth Street Project. It was also mentioned as a possibility to speak with the JCAG/PR Speedway officials about installing a pedestrian gate near the telephone company building when the project is underway. The stormwater pipe repair on Fourth Street has been completed.

Ordinance Committee

The workshop to review and update the Ordinance Books has been rescheduled for Wednesday, August 29, 6pm at the Borough Office. Mayor Dylan Cisney does not have a book.

Old Business

The work on the tennis court at Moyer Park was reopened for discussion but tabled for a future meeting. It was agreed that more information is needed on actual costs for the project. Pressure washing and crack sealing will need to be completed prior to painting the court.

The mini-split system for the Borough Office was also reopened for discussion. A verbal quote has been submitted but a vote has been tabled until an official quote is received.

New Business

A workshop to prepare the 2024 Borough Budget is scheduled for Thursday, September 21, at 6pm

General Discussion

Parking on Court Lane
Projects for Community Services participants

MOTION was made at 9:16 pm by Glenda Leister to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Brooks Gamble, approved by all, motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,

Kimbra Jo Gray
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Next Meeting: Monday, September 11, 2023, at 7 pm