PORT ROYAL BOROUGH COUNCIL
August 10, 2026

Members present were, President Adam Bryner, Vice-President Glenda Leister, Council Members John Towsey, Nick Walters, Teresa Murphy, and Mayor Travis Long. Council members Grace Goss and Daniel Stong were not in attendance.

Others present were Kimbra Jo Gray, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Brian Book, Engineer CP Engineers, Commander Jared Hartsock, Pennsylvania State Police, and Becky Lock, Juniata Sentinel.

FIRST ON THE AGENDA
President Adam Bryner opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 pm.

Commander Jared Hartsock provided a 12-month summary of activity in the borough, noting 151 total calls for services.

Crime Statistics: 13 crimes against society (disorderly conduct, warrants), 10 crimes against persons (harassment, minor-related offenses), and 18 property crimes (theft, fraud).

Traffic Safety: 12 motor vehicle crashes occurred, though only 3 were "reportable" (involving Injury or requiring towing).

Community Concerns: Council members raised significant concerns regarding illegal dirt bikes and high-voltage e-bikes on public roads. **Commander Hartsock clarified that e-bikes must be pedal assisted to be legal and noted that the local patrol would address "well-mannered" enforcement to discourage illegal riding without immediate heavy-handedness.

Speeding: Market Street was identified as a high-speed zone, particularly for "big rigs" and professional drivers.

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

MOTION was made by Glenda Leister to approve Borough Bills for the month of July, 2nd by Teresa Murphy, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Teresa Murphy to renew the 20-Month Special CD that will be renewed on August 28th, 2nd by John Towsey, approved by all, motion carried.

Land Use – Current projects include the Boone Garage (Main Street) and an additional Concession Stand for the Juniata County Ag Society/Port Royal Speedway.

Public Comments – There were no public comments.

Brian Book, Engineer -- CP Engineers, LLC

2026 Streets Project – Bid documents were presented for this year's street work. The council approved advertising the project for a September 2nd bid opening. The estimated cost is between $40,000 and $55,000 and is eligible for Liquid Fuels funding.

MOTION was made by Teresa Murphy to approve the advertisement for the 2026 Streets Project be run as soon as possible to allow a bid opening on September 2nd, 2nd by Nick Walters, approved by all, motion carried.

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

MAINTENANCE REPORT

MOTION was made by Nick Walters to approve the Maintenance Report for July, 2nd by Glenda Leister, approved by all, motion carried.

STREET COMMITTEE
Asphalt Borings: To determine if Main Street requires full excavation or simple resurfacing, pricing for approximately 10 borings (estimated under $2,000) to check the rock base.

OLD BUSINESS
Moyer Park Gazebo Upkeep: Council discussed removing "ugly" mildew-prone bushes at the park gazabo. Suggestions included pressure washing the structure and replacing the bushes with perennials or hanging baskets to honor a promise made to the late Barb Bergstresser. A few council members volunteered to evaluate the bushes and decide if the bushes should be trimmed or removed. Various low maintenance suggestions were made depending on the outcome of the inspection.

NEW BUSINESS
Annual Budget: Discussion was held and it was agreed that little has financially changed from 2025 to 2026. A workshop will be held before the September monthly meeting.

MOTION was made by John Towsey to approve the advertisement for the Annual 2027 Budget Workshop to be held before the September 14th meeting at 5:30 pm, 2nd by Teresa Murphy, approved by all, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Nick Walters at 7:07 pm to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Teresa Murphy approved by all, motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,
Kimbra Jo Gray
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Next Meeting: Monday, September 14, 2026, at 6:30 pm