

PORTAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL AGENDA

Monday, October 7th, 2024

Regular Meeting

Please make sure to silence your cell phones during the meeting

PUBLIC HEARING FOR KENNETH SIMS

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Roll call and Pledge of Allegiance.

2. REPORTS:

- a. Borough Manager
- b. Solicitor

- c. Engineer
- d. Police Chief

- e. Public Works Director

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

4. CITIZENS INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

A period of not more than five (5) minutes will be allowed per visitor.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes from the September 3rd and September 16th, 2024 meetings were distributed prior to the meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the September 3rd and September 16th, 2024 meetings.

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Aff _____ Nay _____ Abs: _____

6. TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS TO BE PAID

Treasurers Report:

Tax Collector-Real Estate	\$4,366.92	Special Tax Collector-EIT	\$24,432.78
Meters/Other Svcs	\$ 347.01	Permits/Licenses/Cable	\$ 250.00
Fines, Forfeitures	\$ 759.80	Intergovernmental/Misc	\$51,523.03
Fire Escrow	\$	Sanitation	\$16,454.61
Total Revenue:		\$98,134.15	

Copies of the bills and Treasurer's report were distributed prior to the meeting.

MOTION: That the Treasurer's report be approved and the bills/additional bills be paid as presented in written form.

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Aff _____ Nay _____ Abs: _____

7. REPORTS FROM:

PAJPRC-July and August; Library-August; Sewer-Aug & Water-July & August.

MOTION: That the reports from the various boards be approved as received

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Aff _____ Nay _____ Abs: _____

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Update on Recreation Manager-on hold
- B. Update of Borough Building Roof-End of October with Mr. Rito
- C. Update on 2021 PennDot MTF grant for Phase 5 Sidewalk Replacement-Awarded
- D. Update on the Sonman Ave Bridge 12 Year Plan-Renewed with the County Planning Comm
- E. Update on Portage Sewer Authority resolution for testing-new draft
- F. Update on 2023 CFA MTF Phase 4 lighting grant-awarded/Engineer agreement-SMA
- G. Update on LSA Grant for a shared sweeper with Portage Township-not yet awarded
- H. Update on 2023 PennDot MTF Grant for Phase 5 Sidewalk Lighting-Awarded
- I. Update on hydrant fees from Water Authority-Response back from Solicitor
- J. Update on proposed mechanical amusement device ordinance-Fall
- K. Update on a location for a 10X20 shed for Winterfest decorations
- L. Update on new Waterline Project for the Portage Municipal Authority
- M. Update of Crichton McCormick Park, surveys, annex, selective cutting of trees

Buildings: See Mr. Emerick's summary

- A. Update on 933 Sonman Avenue (Mark Greenwalt) penalty calculations
- B. Update on 406 Caldwell Ave (Barclay/Ford) Letter sent by Mike 9/13/24/30 days
- C. Update on 718 Prospect (Sims) Public Hearing advertised
- D. Update on 705 Cambria Street (Ingleton) Imposition of fines/
- E. Update on 1304 Caldwell Avenue (Plummer/STR Land) Contact STR Land
- F. Update on 803 Cambria Street (McCarter) Proceed with LMIA complaint
- G. Update on 909/911 Jefferson Avenue (Nicholson) Proceed with Judge
- H. Update on 817/819 Jefferson Avenue (Plummer)
- I. Update on Double Bell LLC Building at 1017 Main Street-building secured
- J. Update on 608 Caldwell Avenue (Stewart) demo by G&R Excavating

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Review and approval to advertise a proposed ordinance Amending Ord. 2-2014 concerning Lateral Testing and repealing Ordinance 2-2013.

MOTION: To approve the advertising of a proposed ordinance by amending Ord. 2-2014 concerning Lateral Testing Ordinance and repealing Ord. 2-2013.

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Aff _____ Nay _____ Abs: _____

- 2. Review and approval to advertise a proposed ordinance for borrowing \$74,430.00
MOTION: To approve the advertising of a proposed ordinance authorizing the Borrowing of \$74,430.00 for the Purchase of a 2024 Ford F-600 Truck through 1st Summit Bank and naming George Wozniak; Council President and Robert Fox; Mayor, as signatories on the loan note to be adopted at the October 21st, 2024 meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Aff _____ Nay _____ Abs: _____

3. To approve the advertising for letters of interest expiring on December 31st, 2024
MOTION: To approve the advertising of boards, commissions, and authorities. The list is included.

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Aff _____ Nay _____ Abs: _____

4. Authorization to apply the 2024 State Aid into the non-uniform pension plan with PMRS.
MOTION: To deposit the State Aid of \$40,163.96 toward the non-uniform pension plan with The PA Municipal Retirement System for the 2024 MMO of \$33,493.00 and the balance into the municipal reserve account of \$6,670.96.

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Aff _____ Nay _____ Abs: _____

5. Request from the Portage Area Historical Society for two sign variances for the mural at the Lee Street Arch.

MOTION: To approve the advertising of a public hearing for the Portage Area Historical Society for two sign variances; 8X8 mural and an 18"X28" sign explaining the mural, on October 21st, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Aff _____ Nay _____ Abs: _____

6. Review and approval to advertise a proposed ordinance amendment for left hand turns
MOTION: To approve the advertising of a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 15, Section S208 turning at certain intersections prohibited or restricted.

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Aff _____ Nay _____ Abs: _____

GOOD OF THE BOROUGH

Harvest Fest on Sunday, October 13th, 2024 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat on Sunday, October 27th, 2024 Parade at 2 T&T 4:00-6:00

Lick or Treat in the Park on Sunday, October 20th, 2024 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Cambria County Borough Association Fall Meeting, 10/15/24, New Germany Grove Hall 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved _____ Seconded _____ Aff _____ Nay _____ Abs: _____

Adjourned at _____ PM